RESTORING LIVES

A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND THE HEALING PROCESS

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Restoring Lives

People who fleece elders also steal their lives, their feelings of safety, self-worth and well-being.

But these can all be restored.
Stages of Recovery

For any abuse victim, the process of recovery can be divided into three stages:

1. Discovery
2. Intervention
3. Healing
Jack Baxter

Fleeced by phone investment advisor

Theft was discovered after his hospitalization for a fall
Jack lost function due to depression, shock and shame

He nearly died

This is a common pattern
Talking Points

Ways to start a healing process during discovery phase:

- This is not your fault.
- Help is available.
- Society knows how to fix these problems.
More Talking Points

- Who are you?
- Tell me about your life
Intervention

Several crucial steps need to be taken here

Appointment of a fiduciary; family, public or professional

Ideally potential fiduciary should be established in the discovery phase
More Intervention Steps

Restoration/preservation of assets

Establishment of a secure living situation

Home or care placement?
A supportive social life is crucial, as is weaning the victim from social dependence on the perpetrator.
Types of Perpetrators

Opportunistic; family or friends
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Predatory; the fake investment advisor, “new best friend,” or younger love interest
Healing is a Long Term Process

Supplemental therapies such as art and music are useful

ex. Jack baked cookies
Healing

When the pieces come together

Restoration of assets, self worth and joy in life

“I’m the luckiest guy alive!”