

SPRiNG Alliance Shelter Movement:

Expanding Shelter Options for Abused and Neglected Older Adults



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Learning Objectives

1: Learn about the elder abuse shelter model movement and various models

2: Learn how shelters work within multidisciplinary teams to coordinate community responses to elder abuse

3: Discuss ways to assist new and emerging shelter communities



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We are pioneers of safe shelter for people who experience elder abuse. It is our mission to champion justice and dignity for older adults.

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The nation's first elder abuse shelter

The Weinberg Center is integrated into the campus of the Hebrew Home at Riverdale, a 600 bed long-term care facility on 19 acres in Riverdale, NY.

Flexible, low-cost model created without bricks and mortar.

Five pillars of our work:

1. Shelter
2. Replication
3. Legal Initiatives
4. Outreach and Training
5. Partnerships

Going Home



How our model works

Referral

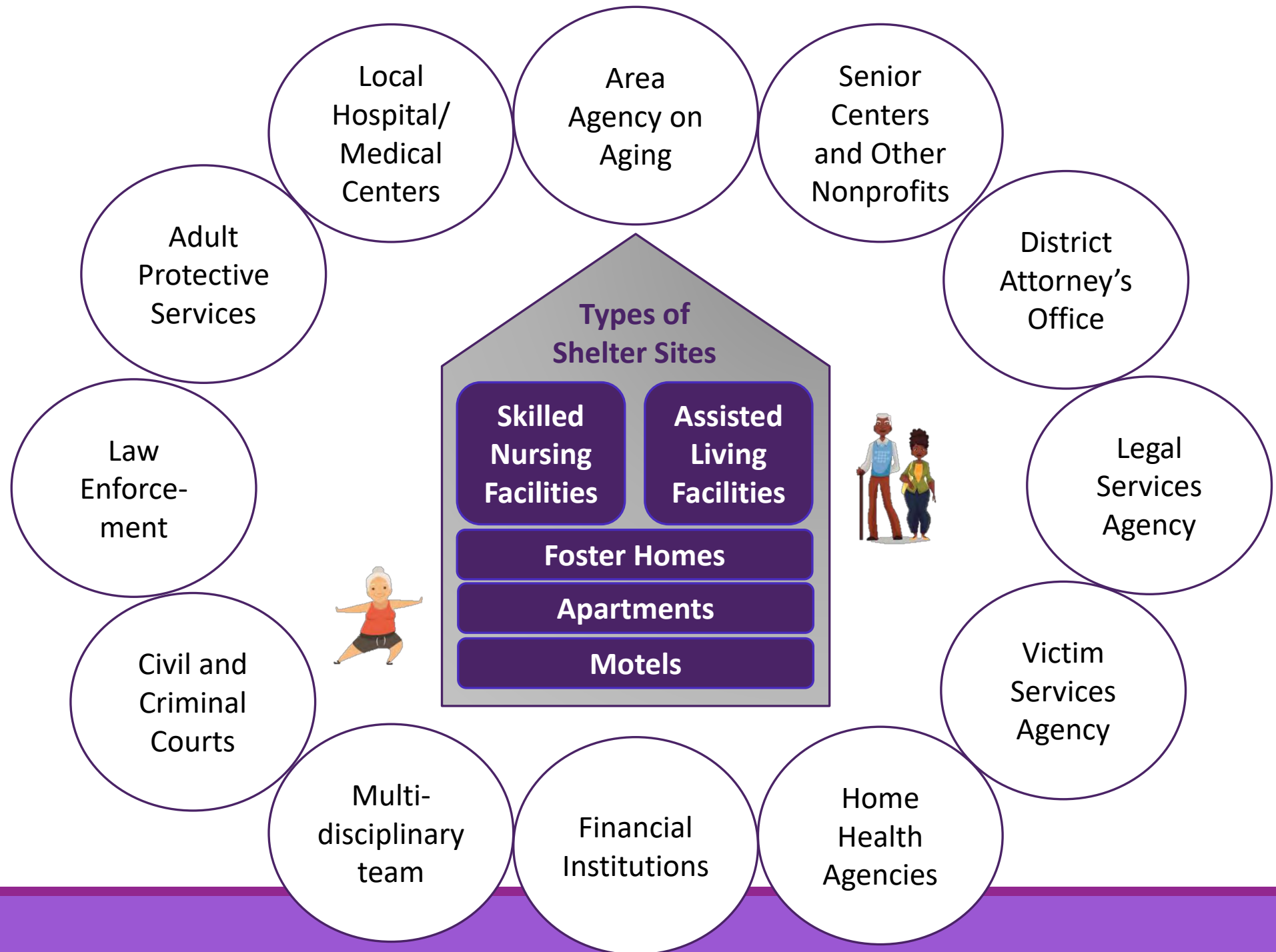
Admission

Assessment

Provision of
Social and
Legal Services

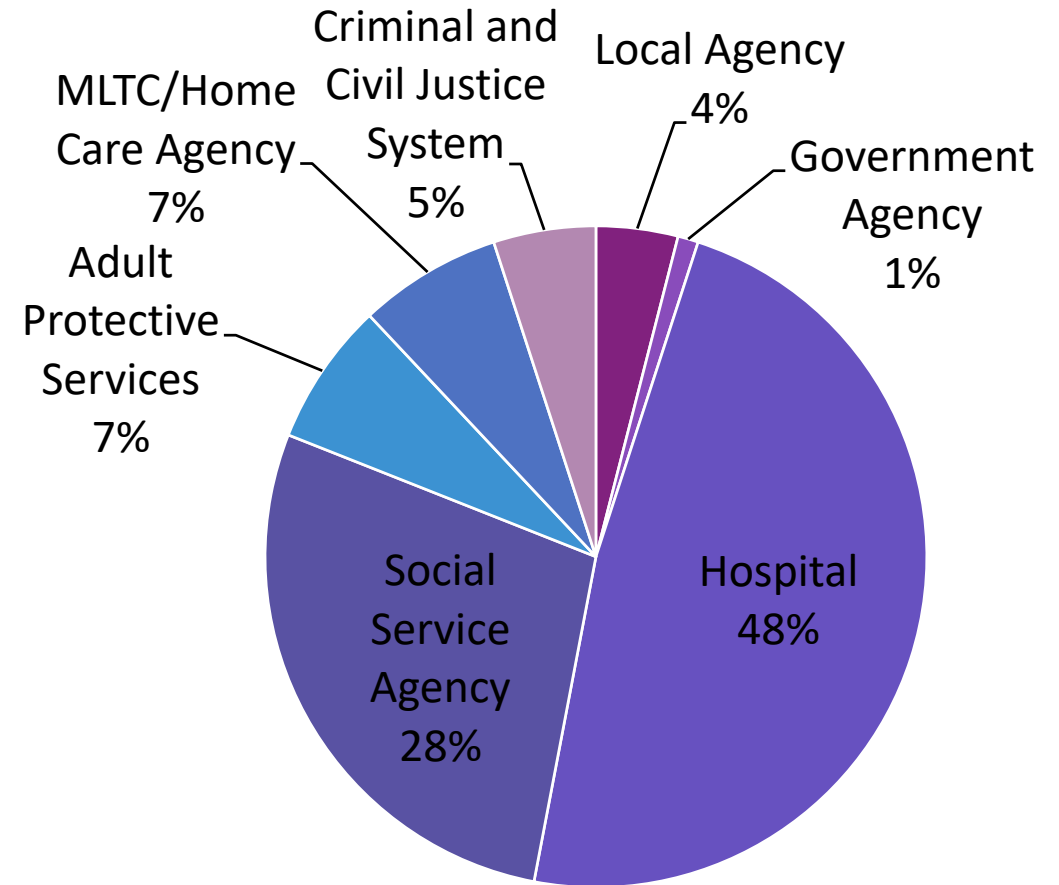
Discharge to
Safe Living
Environment





2018 Referrals

In 2018, 82 older adults were referred to the shelter program, with more than 3/4 (76%) coming from hospitals and social service agencies.



Criteria for Admission

- Older adult must be 60+
- Experiences one or more types of abuse or is at serious risk of abuse
- Professional referral
- In need of temporary shelter and agrees to be placed in facility
- No contact with the person(s) who caused harm

Payment Sources

- Medicaid/Medicare
- Insurance
- Foundation grants
- City, County, and/or Federal Funding
- Private funders
- Annual fundraiser

Length of Stay

30-120 days on average

Our Team

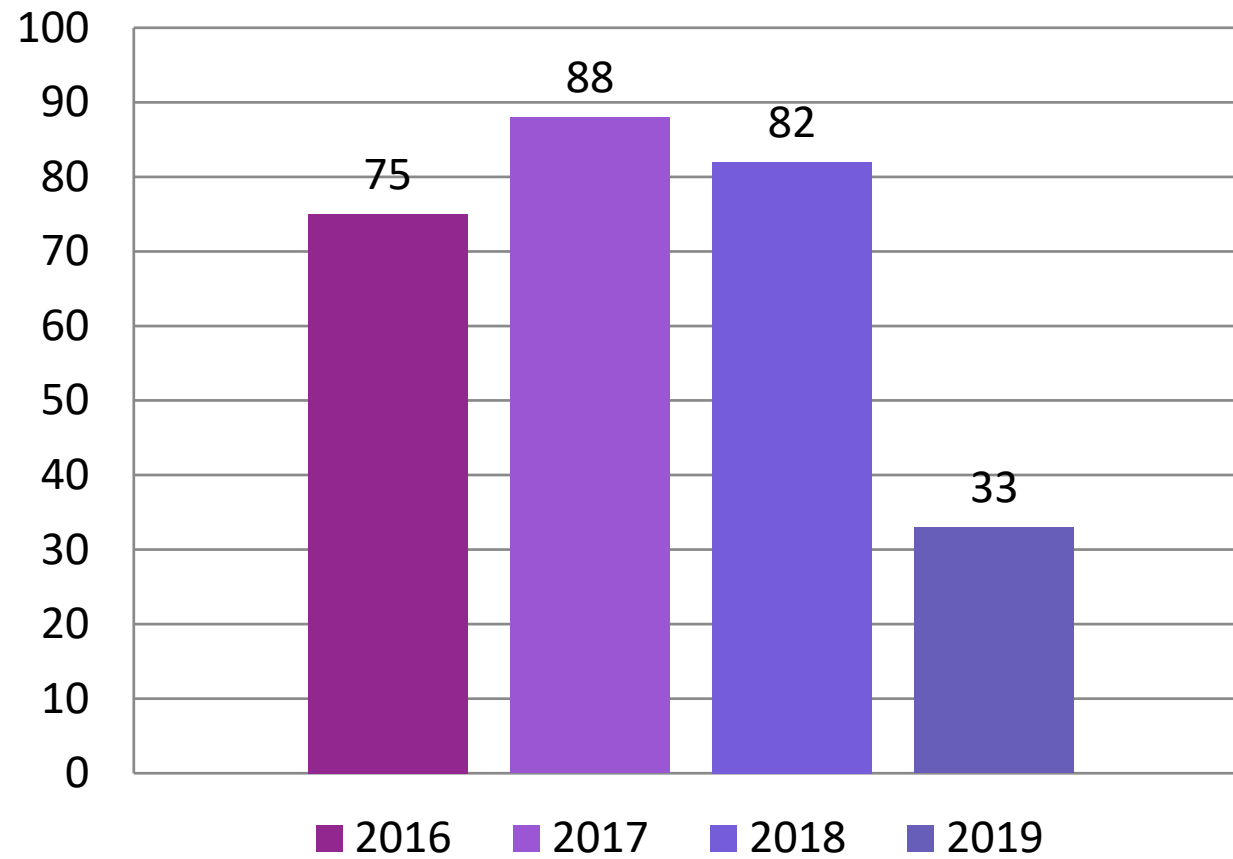
Inter-disciplinary team consisting of:

- Attorneys
- Licensed social workers
- Public health specialist
- Case coordinator
- Legal and social service interns

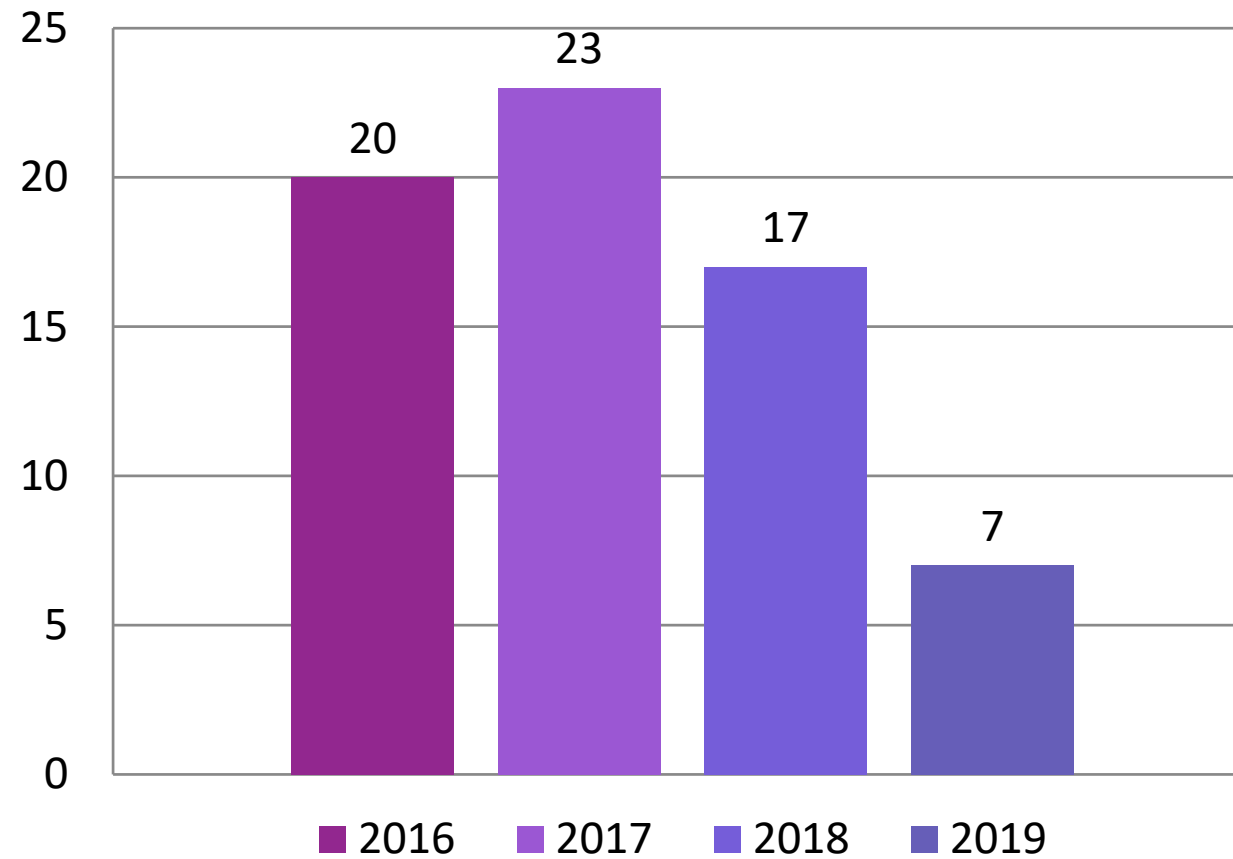
Full Integration

- Clinical Team
- Security Personnel
- Housekeeping
- Food Services
- Finance Department
- Development Team
- Therapeutic Activities Staff

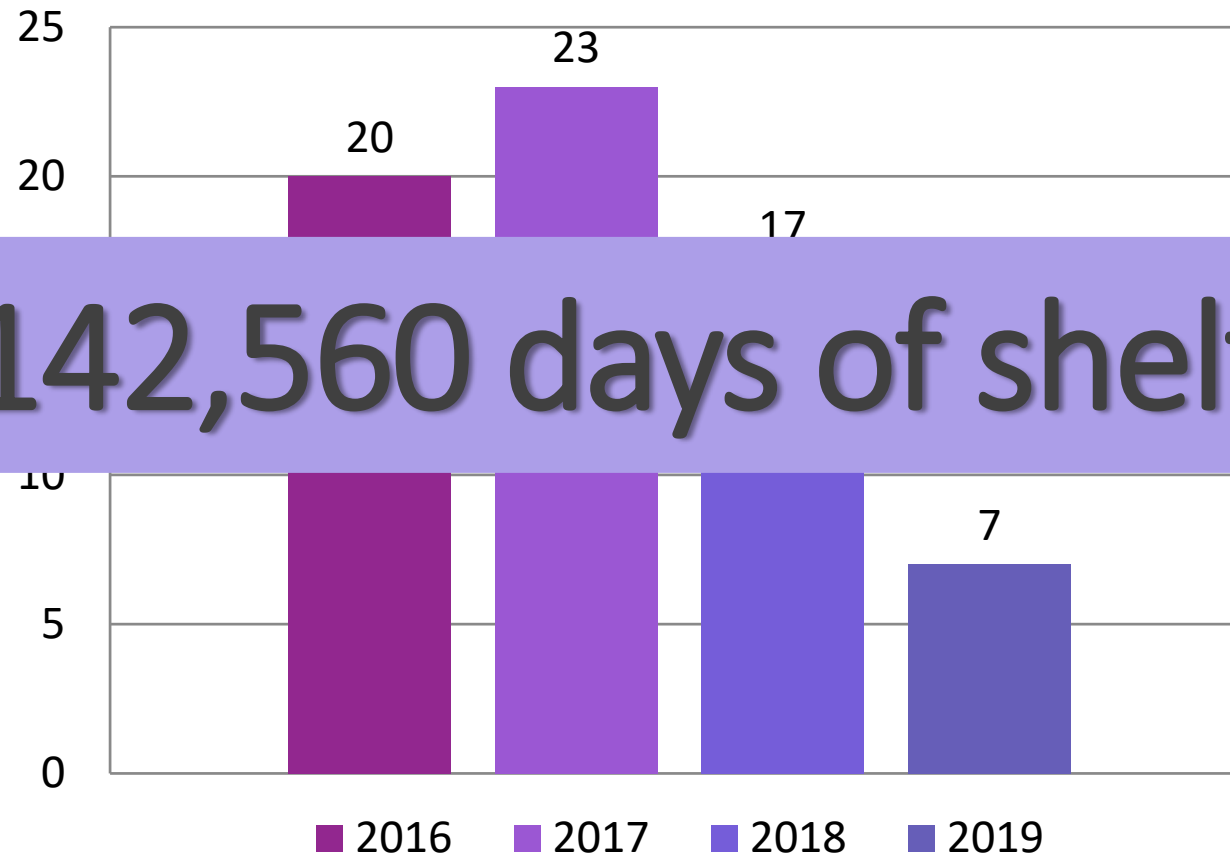
Referrals



Admissions



Admissions



142,560 days of shelter

Weinberg Center Risk and Prevention Screen (WC-RAPS)

- # of positive screens on sub-acute rehab
- 50 of 474 screens completed in 2017
- 54 of 595 screens completed in 2018

1 in 10

5 Elements Necessary for Shelter

1. A Champion
2. Appropriate Housing
3. A Network of Support Services
4. Widespread Awareness
5. Reliable Funding

Lessons Learned

- Shelter is critical component of a coordinated community response
- Trauma matters
- The shelter program needs a team, a champion, and supportive leadership
- Older people have unique and diverse needs
- Data is your best friend

[SPRiNGAlliance.org](https://SPRINGAlliance.org)

“To create a network of regional elder abuse shelters and other similar service models with close working relationships, shared resources and technical assistance, common standards of excellence and a vibrant community of support.”



We are leaders in a global network of elder abuse shelters



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ElderSAFE Center Model

Client
Services

Education

Advocacy

Client Services

Language-accessible helpline

Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm

301-816-5099

Temporary, safe shelter



Client Eligibility

- 60 years of age or older
- A victim of one or more of the following types of abuse (physical, sexual, psychological, financial, neglect) or is at risk for experiencing abuse
- Referred by an agency or program
- Willing to be placed in temporary shelter
- Agree to not contact abuser during shelter stay

Accepts referrals from Maryland, Washington DC and Northern Virginia

Please note:

**ElderSAFE will accept clients without insurance

**Self neglect and homeless cases are not accepted

Services in Shelter

- Medical
- Psychological
- Physical, occupational and/or speech therapy
- Spiritual support
- Social Services (safe discharge)
- Legal referrals
- Specialized trauma therapy
- Holistic Therapy Program (yoga, music, art)



Community Education

- First Responders
- Financial Institutions
- Legal Service Providers
- Hospitals and Medical Offices
- Senior Centers
- Faith Based Organizations
- Home Health Agencies
- Social Services Agencies
- Government Agencies
- Academic Institutions
- Cultural Programs



Collaboration is the Key to Success!

- Hospitals
- First Responders
- Adult Protective Services
- Social Services Agencies
- Transitional Housing Programs
- Domestic Violence Programs
- Programs Serving Older Adults



Advocacy

- Legislative advocacy
- Coalition building
- System improvements



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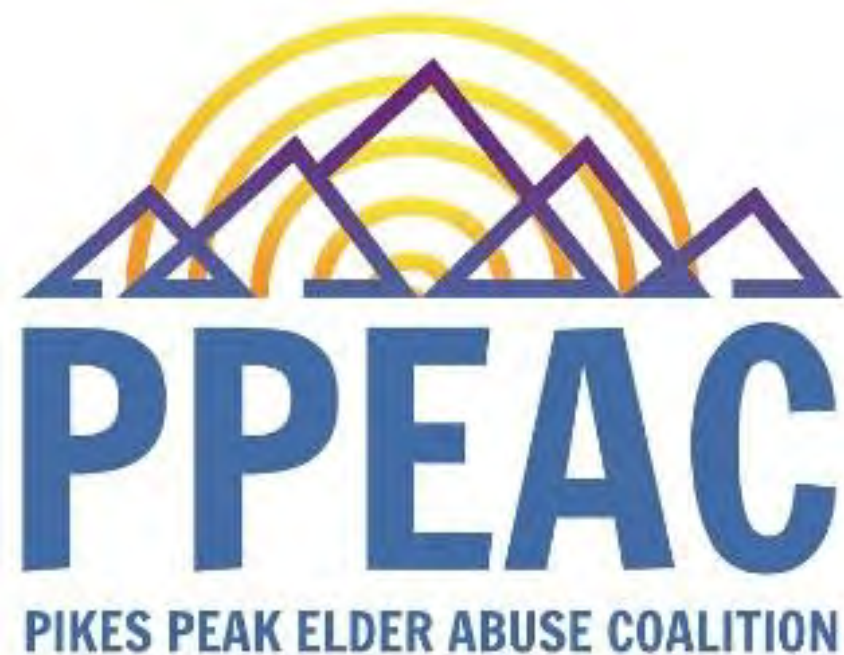
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Pikes Peak Elder
Abuse Coalition
Elder Shelter Program



Elder Shelter Program



Vision and Mission

VISION: A community in which people in later life can live in safety, dignity and with respect.

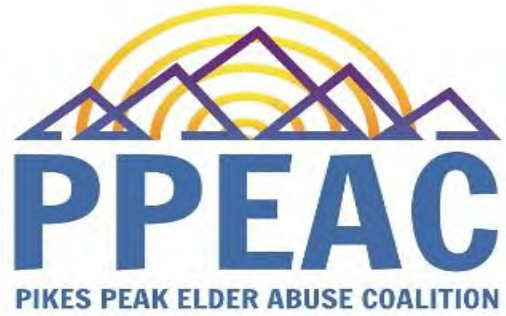
MISSION: To reduce mistreatment of people in later life in the Pikes Peak region through education to improve community understanding, coordination, and response.

Founded in October 2005 as the Colorado Coalition Against Abuse in Later Life.

- Started with 10 different agencies and professionals.
- Now have 21.
- Name changed in 2013.

Pikes Peak Elder Abuse Coalition Mission

A community collaboration working toward preventing and eliminating mistreatment of elder & at-risk adults in the Pikes Peak region.

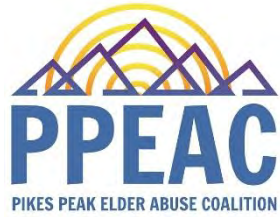


History

2005: Colorado Coalition to Address Abuse in Later Life (CCALL) developed with technical assistance from Bonnie Brandl of the National Clearing House on Abuse in Later Life.

Started with 10 members. Currently 21 members.

2013: Name Change to Pikes Peak Elder Abuse Coalition (PPEAC)



Accomplishments

Education and Outreach since 2005.

Survey of Individuals age 50 and over.

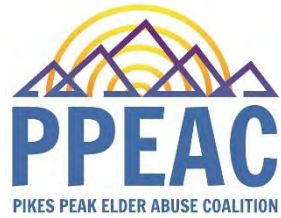
OVW Grant 2007-2010.

Annual World Elder Abuse Day Event.

Presentations at national and state conferences.

Elder Shelter Network in 2016.

Guardianship Volunteer Advocate Program in 2018.



Elder Shelter

Started February 2016.

- Challenges
 - 24 hour access for placement.
 - PASRR
 - Medicaid Application

9 skilled nursing facilities and six assisted living facilities.

1 nonprofit that provides shelter for victims who don't require SNF or AL.

Next steps:

- formalize process and agreement through a MOU.
- Funding for a full-time coordinator.
- 3-5 year strategic plan.

As of 6/10/2019 over 125 clients have received safe haven from abuse or neglect.

APS Procedure

Client must meet criteria of being at-risk

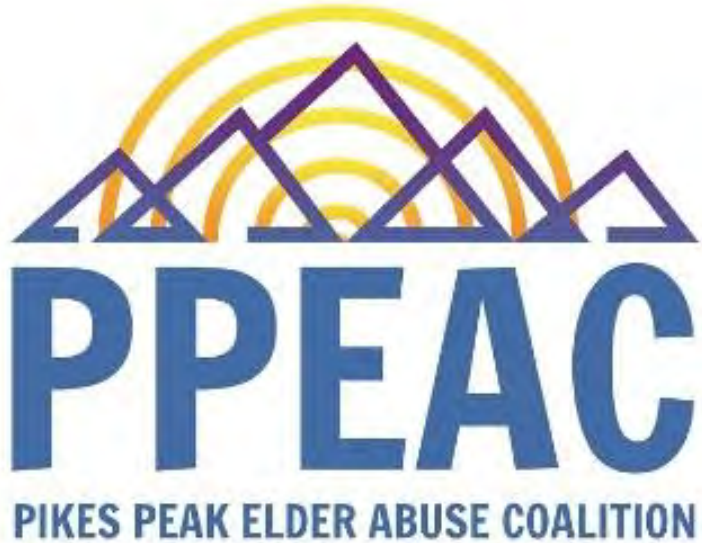
- Unable to perform or obtain services or lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate responsible decision

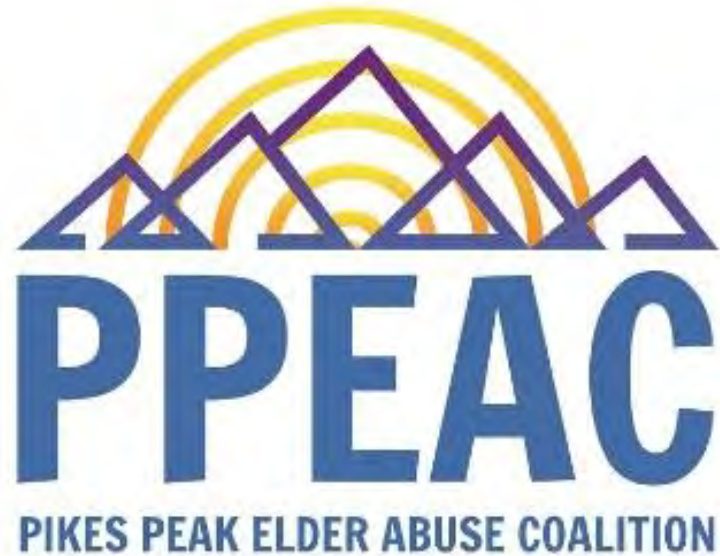
Situation requires an immediate response due to client's health/safety

Rotating staff coverage Monday-Friday from 8-5

Client must be willing to go

Local hospital collaboration process





APS Medicaid Process

Internal process developed to expedite emergency applications

Lead Intake worker oversees and works closely with assigned APS staff

Online system allows APS staff to submit Medicaid application the same day as the shelter placement is required

APS staff works with client and/or supports to obtain necessary verifications

APS client services funds



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Referring Agency Information

Name and title of person making referral _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Has abuse been reported to Police/APS? Who? _____

Has the Victim been admitted in past _____ if yes, which facility _____

Agency making referral: ☐ Adult Protective Services ☐ Police ☐ Hospital ☐ (others?)

Agency Address: _____

Demographic Information of Victim

First Name _____ MI. _____ Last Name _____

☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____

Type of Abuse: ☐ Physical ☐ Sexual ☐ Psychological ☐ Neglect ☐ Financial ☐ Other

Current Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____ Is it Safe to Contact? _____

Cell Phone _____ Is it Safe to Contact? _____

Married ☐ Yes ☐ No Dating Partner ☐ Yes ☐ No

Spiritual Preference _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone Number _____

Relationship to Victim _____ Is it safe to contact this person? _____

Intake Form

Medical Information

List of Medical Conditions/Diagnosis _____

List of Medications _____

Allergies

List and dates of recent hospitalizations _____

List of Psychological Conditions/Diagnosis _____

Psychological/Mental Health Hospitalizations list and dates _____

History of Substance Abuse or Alcohol Abuse _____

Current Usage (indicate what) _____

Current Smoker _____ Tobacco _____ Marijuana _____

Social History, include any potential for violence and suicidal ideations _____

Information Regarding Abusive Situation

Name and Relationship of Person(s) Committing Abuse _____

Address of person(s) Committing Abuse _____

Does Person committing Abuse have access to guns or weapons? ☐ yes ☐ No ☐ unknown

Is there a Court order in place? _____ Kind _____

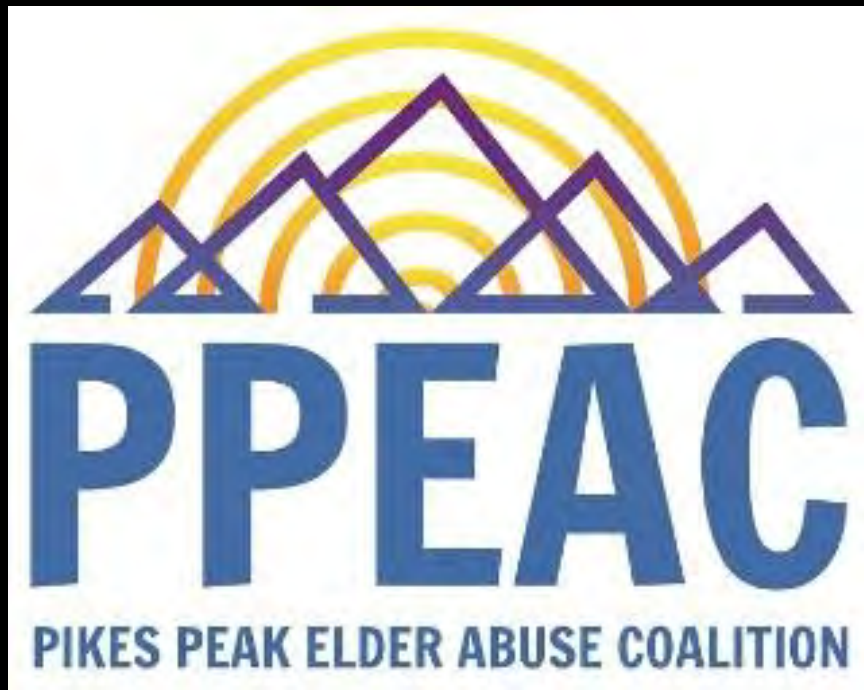
Facility to Review & Contact Person

*Please Provide any copies of Power of Attorneys, medical cards, Identification cards, Court Orders, (other?)

Facility Address /fax/phone _____

Facility acceptance /decline section

Notes:



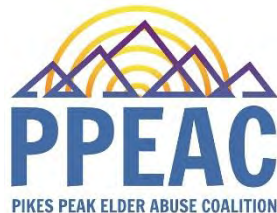
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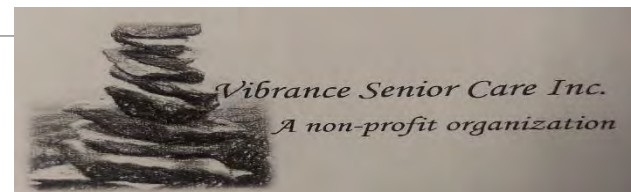
- 42 clients served from 6/21/16 to present
- 12 transitioned to different location (Assisted Living or Apartment)
- 30 converted to LTC
- 9 Expired at facility (6 required Hospice services at admission).
- 21 still reside at community

Facility collected through collaboration with the APS and DHS expedited Medicaid application, a total of \$1.82M in Medicare, Medicaid and Private Pay revenue.

Success is a result of constant collaboration between APS, CSPD, key hospital emergency personal, Judicial Magistrate and Emergency Guardianships, Dept of Human Services (Medicaid funding expedited), and the participating communities.



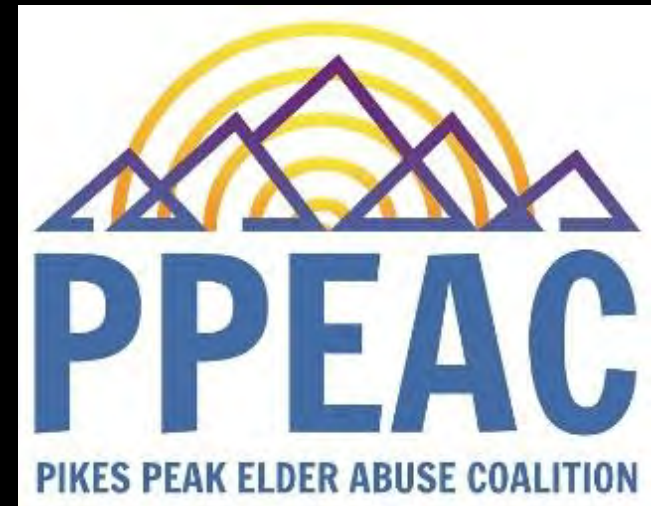
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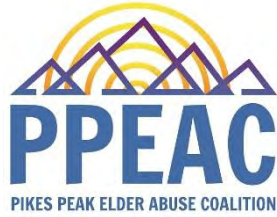


Web Link

Learn more about Pikes Peak Elder Abuse Coalition:

<https://humanservices.elpasoco.com/adult-elder-abuse-prevention/>





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Questions?

Thank you!
