



**ELDER ABUSE HURTS EVERYONE**

# **JASA Elder Abuse Training Institute**

**Understand  
Respond  
Protect**

## About JASA

For over 45 years, JASA has sustained and enriched the lives of tens of thousands of older adults in the New York area so that they can remain in the community with dignity and autonomy by providing a continuum of support services designed to meet the changing needs of older adults.

JASA is an innovative leader in the field of elder abuse with two programs that respond to this important issue:

**Legal/Social Work Elder Abuse Program (LEAP)** is comprised of a team of attorneys and social workers who help hundreds of victims of abuse each year.

**Sally & Henry Pearce Help Center** is staffed by multilingual social workers who respond to thousands of calls from seniors and their families annually. For help call 212-273-5272.



## Elder Abuse Training Institute

Sponsored by JASA and funded in part by UJA-Federation of New York, the Elder Abuse Training Institute is a comprehensive, interdisciplinary training program to improve understanding of and response to the various forms of elder abuse. The Institute educates agency professionals and community gatekeepers who have ongoing contact with elders. These professionals utilize their training for identification, prevention, and service delivery to those seniors affected. The training curriculum was developed by professional experts from several agencies and disciplines (participating agencies are listed on Page 8).



Each year, hundreds of thousands of older New Yorkers are abused, neglected, and exploited. Older adults are particularly vulnerable due to physical frailty, loss of mental capacity, isolation, and loneliness.

Abusers are often adult children, caregivers, “friends”, and neighbors.

The shocking statistics referenced on this page are from “**Under the Radar: New York State Elder Abuse Prevalence Study**” (2011)

prepared by The New York City Department for the Aging, Weill Cornell Medical Center of Cornell University, and Lifespan of Rochester, Inc.

## Elder Abuse: A hidden, but pervasive problem

- The most common form of elder abuse is **financial abuse**
- Other common forms of abuse are **psychological** and **physical**
- **76** out of every **1,000** older New Yorkers are victims of elder abuse in a one year period
- **9%** of all New York City residents age **60+** are elder abuse victims
- An estimated **260,000** older adults statewide have been victims of at least one form of elder abuse in the past year

# Training Schedule

FALL 2013 – SPRING 2014



All courses are geared to professionals in the fields of health, mental health, medical, legal, financial, and social services.

## Elder Abuse 101

**Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013**      **9am–12pm**

This introductory module will explore the unique dynamics of elder abuse and is designed for individuals working in agencies providing services to older adults.

**Suggested attendees:** professionals from social service organizations, schools of social work, housing management (including public housing), settlement houses, local government, advocacy coalitions, hospitals, and geriatric care managers.

### Topics will include:

- Types of abuse and warning signs
- Factors leading to and/or causing abuse
- Intervention strategies for working with victims and abusers
- Community resources

## Legal Workshop – Working with Law Enforcement

**Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013**      **2pm–5pm**

This module will present strategies for developing good working relationships with law enforcement and dealing with the constraints of the criminal justice system.

**Suggested attendees:** individuals who provide legal services to older adults and those who work with victims of elder mistreatment such as case managers, geriatric care managers, and social workers.

### Topics will include:

- Prevention, intervention, and warning signs
- Legal options for addressing abuse
- Fact patterns that highlight successful collaborations with law enforcement

## The Role of Social Service Professionals

**Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014 9am–12:30pm**

This module is a comprehensive overview for service professionals.

**Suggested attendees:** social workers, case managers, geriatric care managers, and housing staff.

**Topics will include:**

- Types of elder abuse and risk factors
- Interviewing and counseling techniques
- Prevention and intervention strategies
- Interdisciplinary referral resources



## Power of Attorney and Exploitation of Older Adults

Co-Sponsored by NY Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)

**Wednesday, Mar. 19, 2014 2pm–5pm**

*Scholarships available!*

This module explains the Power of Attorney (POA) instrument for individuals who have formal and frequent fiduciary interactions with older adults.

**Suggested attendees:** accountants, financial managers, attorneys, and daily money managers. Experienced and newly admitted attorneys are welcome to attend.

**Topics will include:**

- Advantages and disadvantages of POA
- Fiduciary responsibilities
- New regulations
- Potential risk factors

# Physical Health and Mental Health Perspectives

Thursday, May 1, 2014

2pm–5pm

This module is designed for health and mental health providers who regularly serve an older adult population.

**Suggested attendees:** professionals in the fields of internal, family and geriatric medicine, psychiatry, nursing, psychiatric social work, and geriatric care managers.

## Topics will include:

- Definition of elder mistreatment and types of abuse
- Identifying red flags
- Role of the provider in assessment and intervention
- Interview strategies for older adults who are potential victims of abuse
- Comprehensive documentation
- Referral of victims to appropriate community resources

All trainings will be held at UJA-Federation of New York, located at 130 East 59th Street, NYC

## Registration for each training module:

\$30 per individual

\$25 per person for groups of 10 or more

## A light breakfast or afternoon snack will be served

All participants will receive training materials containing the curriculum, information specifically related to the type of elder abuse presented in the module, a list of available resources, and other guides for detecting and addressing abuse.



# JASA's Elder Abuse Training Institute

Register Now

**Pre-registration is required.** Fee for each module is \$30 per individual or \$25 per person for groups of 10 or more

Module #1 November 19, 2013:

**Elder Abuse 101**

*Registration Deadline: November 15, 2013*

**Fee: \$30**

Module #4 March 19, 2014: **Power of**

**Attorney and Exploitation of Older Adults**

*Registration Deadline: March 17, 2014*

**Fee: \$30**

Module #2 December 18, 2013:

**Working with Law Enforcement**

*Registration Deadline: December 16, 2013*

**Fee: \$30**

Module #5 May 1, 2014: **Physical Health**

**and Mental Health Perspectives**

*Registration Deadline: April 29, 2014*

**Fee: \$30**

Module #3 February 13, 2014:

**The Role of Social Service Professionals**

*Registration Deadline: February 10, 2014*

**Fee: \$30**

TOTAL

Checks should be payable to **JASA**

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**Class size  
is limited.**

**Please  
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now!**

**JASA's Elder Abuse Training Institute operates as an interdisciplinary consortium and reflects the contributed expertise of the following agencies:**

Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging of Hunter College

Fordham University Graduate School of  
Social Service/Institute for Women and Girls

Geriatric Mental Health Alliance

Human Resources Administration/Adult Protective Services

Jewish Home Lifecare

Kings County District Attorney's Office

Montefiore Medical Center

New York City Department for the Aging

New York County District Attorney's Office

New York Legal Assistance Group

Pace Women's Justice Center

Selfhelp Community Services, Inc.

Visiting Nurse Service of New York

Weill Cornell Medical College

**JASA's Current Conference  
Partners Include:**

Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging

Carter Burden Center  
for the Aging

Council of Senior Centers  
and Services of NYC, Inc.

David Berg Center  
for Law and Aging

Fordham University Graduate  
School of Social Service

The Harry and Jeanette  
Weinberg Center for Elder  
Abuse Prevention at The  
Hebrew Home at Riverdale

The New School Institute for  
Retired Professionals

New York City Department  
for the Aging

New York City Elder Abuse Center

The New York City Human  
Resources Administration/  
Department of Social Services



# Save The Date

# 9th Annual New York City Elder Abuse Conference

Tuesday, June 3, 2014  
8:30am–4:00pm