



10th Annual NYC Elder Abuse Conference

Elder Abuse:
Promoting Resolution
and Resiliency

Wednesday, June 3, 2015
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

The New School
Alvin Johnson/J.M. Kaplan Hall
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PROGRAM

8:00 – 9:00 AM • REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:45 AM • GREETINGS

Martha H. Pollack, LCSW-R

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9:45 – 11:00 AM • KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Finding Your Resilience When Dealing with Burnout, Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma

Flora Colao, LCSW

Introduction by Risa Breckman, LCSW-R,

Executive Director, NYC Elder Abuse Center

The keynote presentation will explore the impact and management of burnout, compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma on practitioners in the field of elder abuse. Strategies to recognize and address symptoms as well as enhance capacity to meet clients' needs will be addressed.

Flora Colao, LCSW, is a nationally renowned and internationally recognized social worker and therapist, specializing in the treatment of abuse, trauma and vicarious traumatization. Her pioneering work in the treatment of victims includes founding the first Manhattan hospital — based rape victim program at St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center and developing the first program to use self-defense training as a therapeutic intervention for juvenile crime victims. She is a highly respected author and advocate, who has served as an expert witness and consultant for federal, state and local agencies serving crime victims. Ms. Colao has also appeared in several television specials and documentaries.

MORNING WORKSHOPS

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

1. Using Breath and Meditation for Stress Relief

An experiential learning experience with facilitated breath and meditation practices. Participants will learn how to use simple breath and meditation techniques to alleviate stress in all areas of life.

PRESENTER: **Joy Solomon, Esq.**, Certified Yoga Instructor, Director and Managing Attorney, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at the Hebrew Home at Riverdale

MODERATOR: **Brooke Santoro, MSW**, Community Outreach Specialist, Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at the Hebrew Home at Riverdale

2. Roadmap to Change: Strategic Planning for Elder Justice

The groundbreaking 2014 Elder Justice Roadmap Project and Report provides recommendations at the practice, organizational and policy levels. Opportunities for collaboration and new multi-disciplinary partnerships among elder abuse professionals will be identified.

PRESENTERS: **Risa Breckman, LCSW-R**, Executive Director, NYC Elder Abuse Center; **Evelyn Laureano, PhD, LMSW**, Executive Director, Neighborhood Self Help by Older Persons Project, Inc.

MODERATOR: **Agnes K. Halarewicz, LMSW**, CUNY/Graduate Center and Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College

3. Reaching Vulnerable Populations CLE

Vulnerability to abuse and exploitation may be exacerbated by social marginalization. Cultural and legal obstacles that hinder identification, engagement and resolution of the problem, particularly for undocumented individuals, will be explored.

PRESENTERS: **Susanna Saul, Esq.**, Supervising Attorney, Her Justice; **Celia Au, MHS**, Later in Life Program Manager, New York Asian Women's Center

MODERATOR: **Dianne Woodburn, Esq.**, Senior Staff Attorney for Legal Services for the Elderly in Queens, JASA

4. Healing through Spirituality

Spirituality facets include awareness, gratitude, compassion and loving kindness towards yourself and others. This workshop will focus on what participants can do to promote their spiritual health and resilience.

PRESENTERS: **Flora Colao, LCSW**, Social Worker and Therapist; **Sally N. MacNichol, PhD**, Co-Executive Director, CONNECT

MODERATOR: **Amy Chalfy, LMSW**, Director of Programs, JASA

5. Working with Law Enforcement

This panel will focus on outreach, training and coordination between law enforcement agencies and community based providers to address elder abuse cases.

PRESENTERS: **Deputy Chief Juanita Holmes**, Chief, Domestic Violence Unit, NYPD; **Catherine A. Christian, Esq.**, Elder Abuse Unit, Special Victims Bureau/Financial Frauds Bureau, New York County District Attorney's office; **Ariella Beer, MSW**, Manhattan LEAP, JASA

MODERATOR: **Bobbie Sackman, MSW**, Director of Public Policy, LiveOn NY

6. Evicting the Abuser CLE

Resolution of abuse may be more complicated when the abuser and victim live together. This workshop will examine the legal issues which arise when an elder abuse victim seeks to remove an abuser from a house or apartment.

PRESENTERS: **Alexander Ryley, Esq.**, Director, Elderly Project at Volunteers of Legal Service; **Donna Dougherty, Esq.**, Attorney-in-Charge of Legal Services for the Elderly in Queens, JASA

MODERATOR: **Geoff Rogers**, Director of Learning and Development, Brookdale Institute for Healthy Aging of Hunter College

LUNCH

12:45 – 1:45 PM

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

2:00 – 3:30 PM

7. Worker Safety

Home visits are an invaluable, yet potentially risk-laden strategy for informing elder abuse work. Participants will learn safety basics, how to assess danger, and ways to de-escalate potentially explosive situations.

PRESENTERS: **Thomas Adamski, EdD, APRN**, Director of Psychiatric Consultation, Jewish Home Life Care; **Judy Willig, LCSW**, Executive Director, Heights and Hills

MODERATOR: **Jeanne Zieff, MSW**, Elder Abuse Program Coordinator, Community Agency for Senior Citizens

8. Resources at the Office of Victim Services

The Office of Victim Services provides a wide range of services and support for eligible crime victims, essential to helping elderly victims of abuse as they strive for independence and safety. An overview of these resources will be presented.

PRESENTER: **Darcy Blake, BA**, Program Monitor, Office of Victim Services

MODERATOR: **Aurora Salamone, MPS**, Director, Elderly Crime Victims Resource Center

9. Working with Cognitively Impaired and their Families

Cognitive impairment may increase vulnerability to abuse and exploitation. Individual and family interventions to improve outcomes will be presented.

PRESENTERS: **Robin Fenley, PhD**, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Long-Term Care, NYC Department for the Aging; **Matt Kudish, LCSW**, Vice President, Alzheimers Association of New York

MODERATOR: **Michelle Galligan, LMSW**, Director, CEMAPP, Carter Burden Center for the Aging

10. Guardianship – Benefits and Limitations **CLE**

Guardianship may be an option for resolving exploitation. Participants will review client eligibility, the application process, and other alternatives to assist elderly victims.

PRESENTERS: **Rebekah Diller, Esq**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Law and Director, Guardianship Clinic, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law; **Patricia L. Kaufman, MBA**, Managing Director, Senior Communities at Selfhelp Community Services, Inc.; **Jean Callahan, Esq, MSW**, Director of the Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging of Hunter College;

MODERATOR: **Lin Saberski, JD**, Deputy Commissioner, NYC HRA Adult Protective Services

11. Prosecuting Fraud and Neglect Cases **CLE**

Financial fraud and active neglect present particular challenges faced by prosecutors and civil attorneys in responding to difficult types of abuse. The presentation will cover approaches used by criminal law enforcement and legal advocates to pursue remedies and resolve the abuse.

PRESENTERS: **Kristen Kane, Esq**, Chief of the Elder Fraud Unit, Queens County District Attorney's Office; **Ann L. Goldweber, Esq**, Director of Consumer Justice for the Elderly: Litigation Clinic St. John's University School of Law; **Arlene M. Markarian, Esq**, Bureau Chief, Domestic Violence Bureau / Elder Abuse Unit, Kings County District Attorney's Office

MODERATOR: **Dianne Woodburn, Esq**, Senior Staff Attorney for Legal Services for the Elderly in Queens, JASA

12. Addressing Depression and Suicide Prevention When Working with Victims of Elder Abuse

Clients may reveal suicidal ideation to attorneys. Ethical obligations, interventions, and resources for assistance will be identified.

PRESENTERS: **Deirdre Lok, Esq**, Assistant Director and General Counsel, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at the Hebrew Home at Riverdale; **Zachary Palace, MD, FACP**, Medical Director, Hebrew Home At Riverdale

MODERATOR: **Peg Horan, LMSW**, Elder Abuse Prevention Specialist/Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator

WORKSHOPS

Please select one choice for each session:

11:15 am – 12:45 pm • Morning Workshop

- #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6

2:00 – 3:30 pm • Afternoon Workshop

- #7 #8 #9 #10 #11 #12



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