

**Topic:** Preventing Elder Abuse, Neglect  
and Financial Exploitation

**Date:** Tuesday, June 12, 2018

**Time:** 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

**Location:** Willoughby Hills Community Center  
(35400 Chardon Rd, Willoughby Hills)



Elder mistreatment is often described as a Silent Epidemic because it often goes unreported. Victims are too frightened or ashamed to ask for help and community members may not want to get involved.

Certain professions are designated by Ohio law as Mandated Reporters of suspected elder abuse, neglect or exploitation. The Ohio legislature recently expanded the list of Mandated Reporters.



**An estimated 2,260 older adults in Lake County are abused, neglected or financially exploited each year** (Ohio Family Violence Prevention Project 2014)

**Only one in 14 cases of elder abuse ever comes to the attention of authorities** (National Research Council, 2003)

**U.S. seniors lose an estimated \$36.5 billion each year to elder financial abuse & exploitation** (True Link Report on Elder Financial Abuse 2015)

The Association of Specialists in Aging and the Lake County Council on Aging are co-hosting this event to promote awareness of Elder Abuse and provide concrete ways for community members to prevent it. We hope to help answer the following questions:

- What does it mean to be a Mandated Reporter?
- Which professions are required to report suspicions of elder mistreatment?
- What are the risks of reporting your suspicion?
- What happens after you tell authorities you suspect elder abuse, neglect or exploitation?

Speakers include professionals from the Ohio Attorney General's Office, L.C. Adult Protective Services, L.C. Prosecutor's Office, L.C. Probate Court, Lake Health, Financial Services and a Retired Mentor Fire Fighter.

**Please join us to learn how you can make a difference  
in the lives of these vulnerable members of our community.**

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