Community Referral Agency

Since 1979 has promoted the rights & interests of all persons surviving domestic violence and sexual assault. This includes those who are over the age of 60 & are experiencing sexual or domestic violence which may include any activity which degrades your physical and/or mental well being and forces you to do something you do not want to do such as give up your property, your money or isolates you from your family or friends.



Shelter 715-825-4414

We are here to help CRA provides:

Crisis advocacy **One on one advocacy** Safety planning **Assistance** with restraining orders Information on other elder related services Accompaniment to court Advocacy & referrals on eldercare issues Help applying to Crime Victim Compensation Support groups **Referrals to counselin**

ELDER ABUSE

FREE & CONFIDENTIAL HELP FOR OLDER VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

ABUSE IGNORES AGE

Seniors may be abused by adults children, grandchildren, spouses, former spouses, intimate partners, other relatives or care givers Often Seniors are most vulnerable to those who are supposed to keep them safe. Violence against older adults can occur in the home or in other residential settings.

MAKING IT STOP

Taking action to end abuse can be difficult. It is not uncommon to feel ashamed, guilty or confused. The older adult may worry about sending the abuser to jail especially if the abuser is your caregiver. There are options-let us help you.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT WARNING SIGNS

HIT, KICKED, STRANGLED OR BITTEN? **THREATENED WITH A WEAPON?** FORCED TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTS? **STALKED OR CAUSED TO FEAR PHYSICAL INJRY?** HUMILIATED OR MISTREATED? **TOUCHED IN PRIVATE BODY PARTS** WITHOUT PERMISSION? FORCED INTO HANDING OVER MONEY OR PROPERTY? THREATENED TO HAVE YOUR **PROPERTY DESTROYED? PREVENTED FROM LEAVING YOUR** HOME OR FROM VISITING FAMILY **OR FRIENDS? CONFINED AGAINST YOUR WILL? DENIED FOOD, CLOTHING OR MEDICATIONS?**

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER CALL 911

> IT'S OK TO BE SCARED. BEING SCARED MEANS YOU'RE ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING REALLY, REALLY BRAVE.

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THE ADVOCATES & STAFF AT CRA ARE HERE TO ASSIST YOU 715-825-4414