

California Department of Aging

Elder Abuse Prevention Program Narrative

Program / Element / Component – 30.20

Description

The Elder Abuse Prevention Program's goal is to improve the protection of older persons who are in danger of abuse, neglect or exploitation by providing public education, outreach, inter-agency coordination, and abuse investigation.

Benefits

The Program provides funding to educate the public about elder abuse issues in the community and in long-term care settings.

Eligibility

All persons, 60 years and older, who are likely to be subject to abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including older individuals who live in state licensed facilities, or domestic or community-based settings, are eligible for services under this Chapter.

Access

Persons desiring information about elder abuse may contact their local Adult Protective Services agency, or their local Long-Term Care Ombudsman program office. Additional information can be obtained by calling the statewide toll free line at **1-800-510-2020**; the local Area Agency on Aging listed in the blue-bordered pages of the Community Services Section of the telephone book under Senior Information and Referral, or access the California Department of Aging (CDA) website at www.aging.ca.gov.

Background

Authorized under Title VII, Chapter 3, of the Older Americans Act, as amended in 1992, this program in consultation with the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, and coordination with Adult Protective Services, and other state and local elder abuse prevention and protection entities, provides public education, outreach, referral, and receives complaints on behalf of vulnerable older persons.