

We Care!

Active Aging staff care about the older adults of Crawford County. There is a belief that our duty is to solely “throw people in nursing homes”. This is not the case.

We promote self determination and independence. Along with protective services, there are many other programs that older adults are eligible for in Crawford County . If you or someone you know could benefit from these programs, please call 336-1792 or 1-800-321-7705



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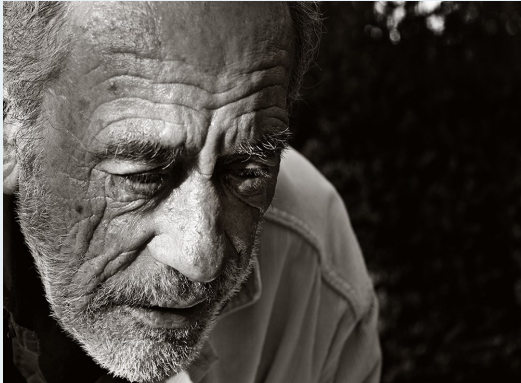
Older Adult Protective Services



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Statewide Elder Abuse Hotline
1-800-490-8505



Abuse Happens!!

Each year, thousands of older Pennsylvanians are being abused, neglected, exploited or abandoned by members of their families or others. Older adults are often individuals who are vulnerable and are unable to help themselves and rely on others to meet their daily basic needs.

Pennsylvania's Older Adult Protective Services program can assist these older adults. Active Aging staff will investigate reports of need to determine what services can be offered to the older adult to eliminate or mitigate the risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

What to look for.

Abuse-Physical, Sexual or Emotional

- **Cuts, Bruises and Broken Bones**
- **Complaint of pain in pelvic area**
- **Emotionally Withdrawn**
- **Fearful or intimidated**
- **Isolation and Anxiousness**

Neglect- By Self or Caregiver

- **Malnutrition and Dehydration**
- **Untreated medical condition**
- **Inadequate clothing or personal hygiene**
- **Inadequate living situation**

Exploitation-

- **Unpaid bills, homelessness, lack of food or medication**
- **Missing money from bank accounts**
- **Unusual use of credit cards**
- **Missing possessions**

Abandonment-

- **Desertion by a caregiver or family member**

How to Report

Anyone who witnesses or suspects abuse may call Active Aging at 814-336-1792 or 1-800-321-7705. Trained staff is available to take a report on the older adult. Name and address of the older adult is helpful but not necessary.

What Happens Next?

Trained staff will locate the older adult and begin an investigation into the allegations on the report. If the older adult is found to be in need of protective services, staff will offer services to that individual to eliminate or mitigate the risk.

The older adult does have the right to decline services. Protective services may not be involuntarily provided unless there is evidence that the older adult is at risk of death or serious physical harm.

