



SFEAFC Program Information

Our Mission

The San Francisco Elder Abuse Forensic Center will prevent and combat the abuse, neglect and exploitation of elders and dependent adults in San Francisco. This will be accomplished with the following strategies:

- Improve communication and coordination among the legal, medical, social services professionals who investigate and intervene in cases of elder and dependent adult abuse.
- Increase access to potential remedies and justice for those who have been victimized.
- Educate policy makers, professionals, caregivers, older adults and their families about preventing, reporting and stopping elder and dependent adult abuse.

Who

Public/Private partnership between the non-profit Institute on Aging and the following City and County of San Francisco Agencies: Department of Aging and Adult Services (Adult Protective Services and the Public Guardian), District Attorney's Office, City Attorney's Office and the San Francisco Police Department.

Services

- Forensic Review meetings – Formal case consultation by our multi-disciplinary team of professionals
- Coordinated Homevisits – Two or more participating FC team members go to the client's home together i.e. the police and an APS social worker, Geriatrician and Geropsychologist
- Medical evaluations – Geriatrician evaluates medical/mental status at the request of the team
- Medical record review – Geriatrician reviews to determine medical status/standard of care inquiries
- Psychological/Neuropsychological Assessments – Geropsychologist conducts per request of the team
- Collaboration with community partners and city agencies on elder abuse public awareness campaigns and education to professionals

Accomplishments

- We have reviewed approximately 300 complex cases of elder and dependent adult abuse
- Referrals to the District Attorney's Office have doubled since the beginning of the program
- Conducted 70+ medical and psychological evaluations throughout the life of the program
- Strengthened understanding and collaboration between partner agencies
- Enhanced investigation, safety, and preserved assets for victims
- Collaboration with other Elder Abuse Forensic Centers in California on aggregate data collection and program evaluation

How To Contact

- For more information or to present a case, contact Talitha Guinn, Program Manager, Elder Abuse Prevention Services, IOA: (415) 750-4140 x222 or tguinn@ioaging.org
- See our website: www.sfeafc.org

EAP Program Information

Objectives:

The objectives of IOA's Elder Abuse Prevention Program are to: (1) Promote public awareness on elder abuse issues; (2) Provide training and education to seniors and professionals; and (3) Advocate for policies and services that increase safety for vulnerable adults.

Services

- Mandated reporter trainings – In-service
- Elder Abuse Prevention trainings to seniors
- Gatekeeper eNewsletter
- Advocacy for elder abuse policy and programs
- Public awareness campaigns and public speaking
- Development of elder abuse prevention and intervention educational materials
- Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings (MDT)
- Informal case consultations
- Collaboration with community partners and city agencies on elder abuse public awareness campaigns and education to professionals

Accomplishments

- In 2010 provided comprehensive trainings on elder/dependent adult abuse awareness and intervention to approximately 1000 individuals (lay public, seniors, mandated reporters and professionals) free of cost.
- May Elder Abuse Awareness Month activities including production (with translation assistance from Adult Protective Services) of 100 bus shelter advertisements in English, Chinese and Spanish
- Convened quarterly combined Forensic Center and Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings that provide community providers the opportunity to confer on complex cases, update others about agency developments and participate in relevant educational presentations from local providers.
- Produced the quarterly e-newsletter *The Gatekeeper* with local, state and national information about elder and dependent adult abuse. See our e-archive at:
http://www.ioaging.org/professionals/elder_abuse_consortium_san_francisco.html
- Enhanced collaborations with local providers, including participation in the Family Violence Council, Elder Death Review Team and partnerships with UCSF's Geriatric Education Center, La Casa de las Madres' Abuse Later in Life Trainings and the Harm Reduction Therapy Center's Cultural Sensitivity and Community Violence trainings for community behavioral health staff.

How To Get Involved

- Request an in-service or speaker
- Volunteer (train-the-trainer opportunities, public information campaigns)
- Present a case
- Make an educational presentation at the MDT
- Get or make a resource consultation

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