

Shelter: A Communities Response to Elder Abuse



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The Missing Link in an Coordinated Community Response to Elder A Abuse (January 2019)



Why Shelter

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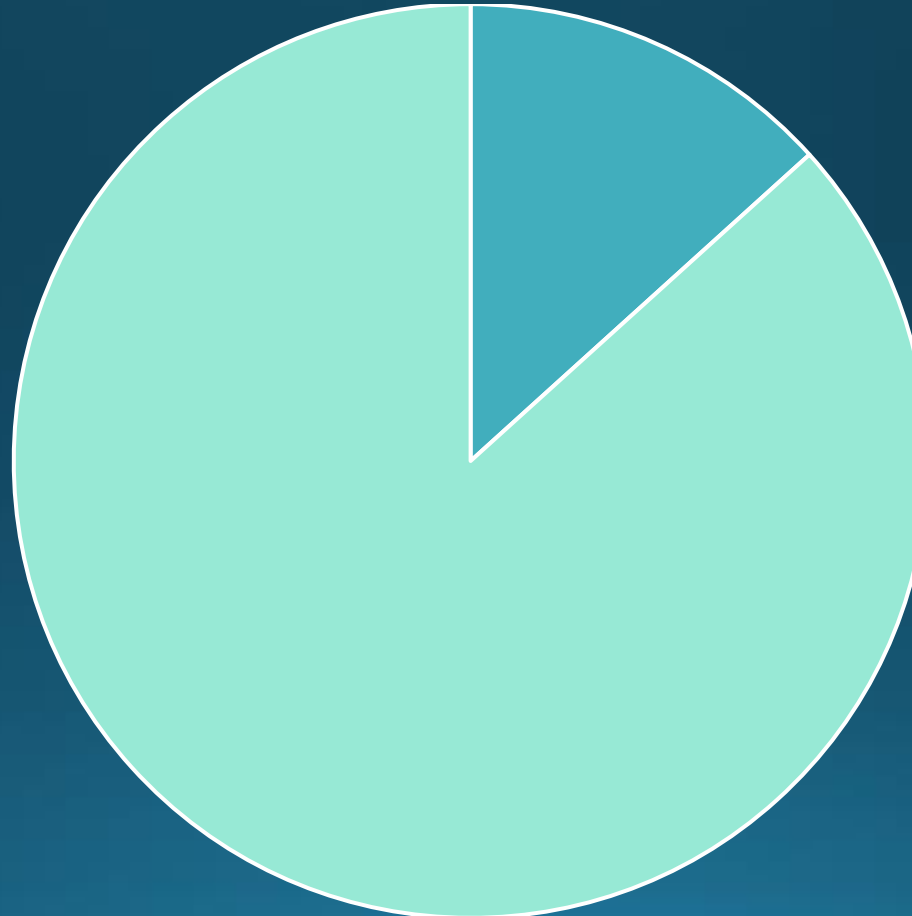
Going Home



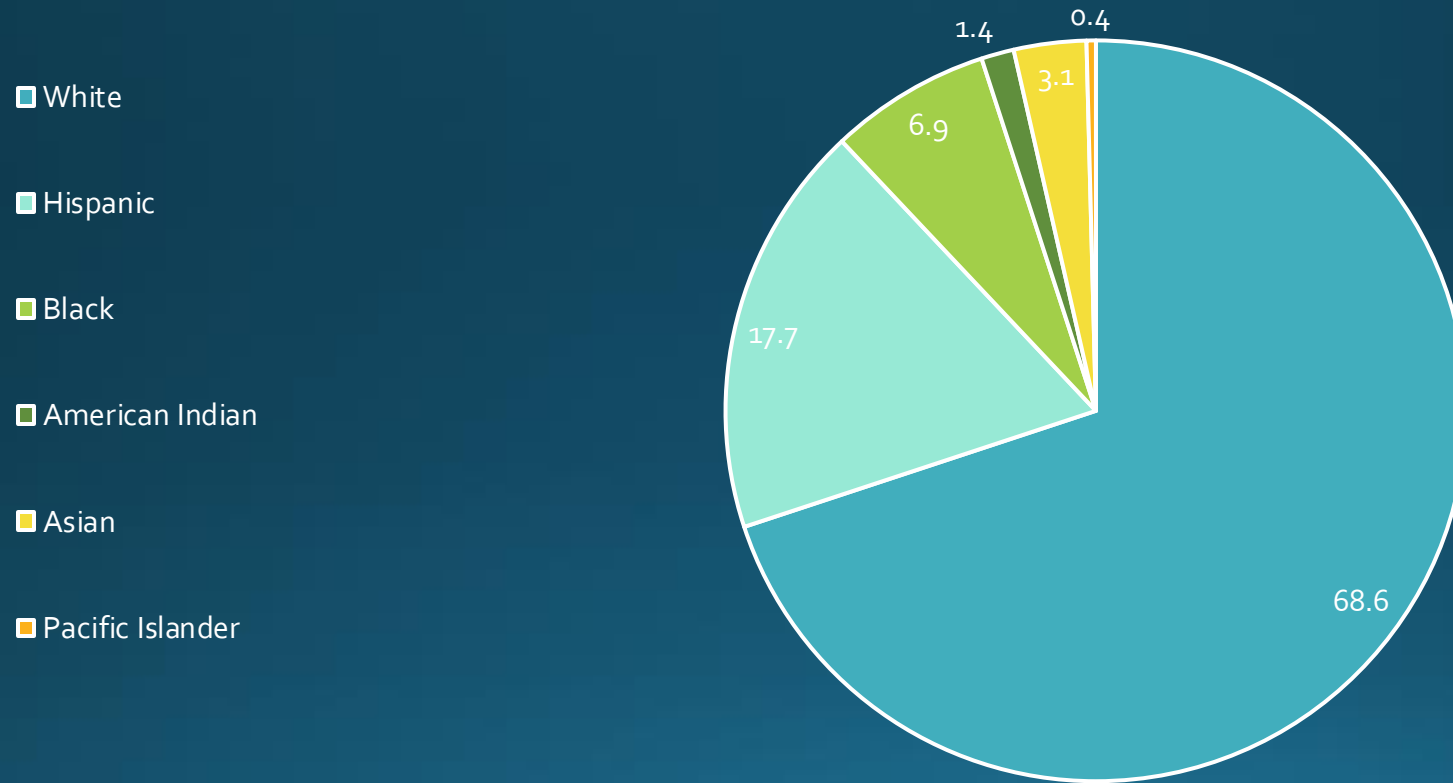
El Paso County Demographics

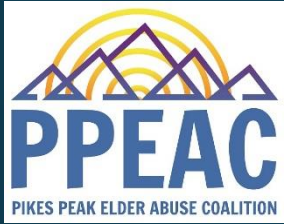
Populations: 737,354

■ 65 Years and Older



El Paso County Demographics





Vision and Mission

VISION: A community in which people in later life can live in safety, dignity and with respect.

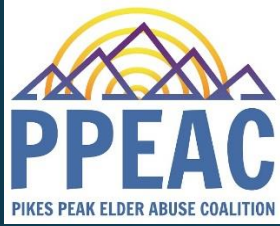
MISSION: To reduce mistreatment of people in later life in the Pikes Peak region through education to improve community understanding, coordination, and response.

Founded in October 2005 as the Colorado Coalition Against Abuse in Later Life.

- With technical assistance from Bonnie Brandl of the National Clearing House on Abuse in Later Life.
- Started with 10 different agencies and professionals.
- Now have 43.
- Name changed in 2013.

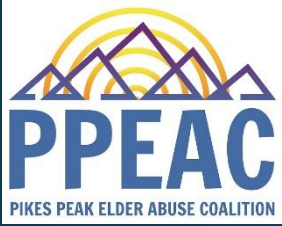
Pikes Peak Elder Abuse Coalition Mission

A community collaboration working toward preventing and eliminating mistreatment of elder & at-risk adults in the Pikes Peak region.



Accomplishments

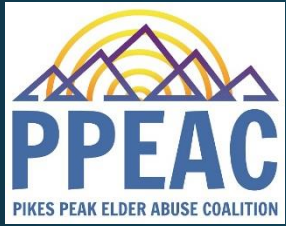
- Education and Outreach since 2005.
- Survey of Individuals age 50 and over.
- OVW Grant 2007-2010.
- Annual World Elder Abuse Day Event.
- Presentations at national and state conferences.
- Elder Shelter Network in 2016.
- Guardianship Volunteer Advocate Program in 2018.



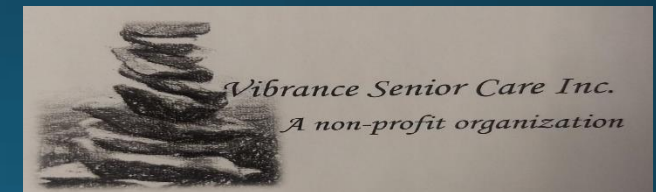
Elder Shelter

- Started February 2016.
 - Challenges
 - 24 hour access for placement.
 - PASRR
 - Medicaid Application
- 8 skilled nursing facilities and 4 assisted living facility
- 1 nonprofit that provides shelter for victims who don't require SNF or AL.
- Next steps:
 - Pursuing non-profit status to encompass the shelter program, a guardianship assistant program, and an elder abuse MDT.

As of 5/10/2020 161 clients have received safe haven from abuse or neglect.



Elder Shelter Collaboration



Criteria for Admission

- Older adult must be 60+
- Experiences one or more types of abuse or is at serious risk of abuse
- Professional referral
- In need of temporary shelter and agrees to be placed in facility
- No contact with the person(s) who caused harm

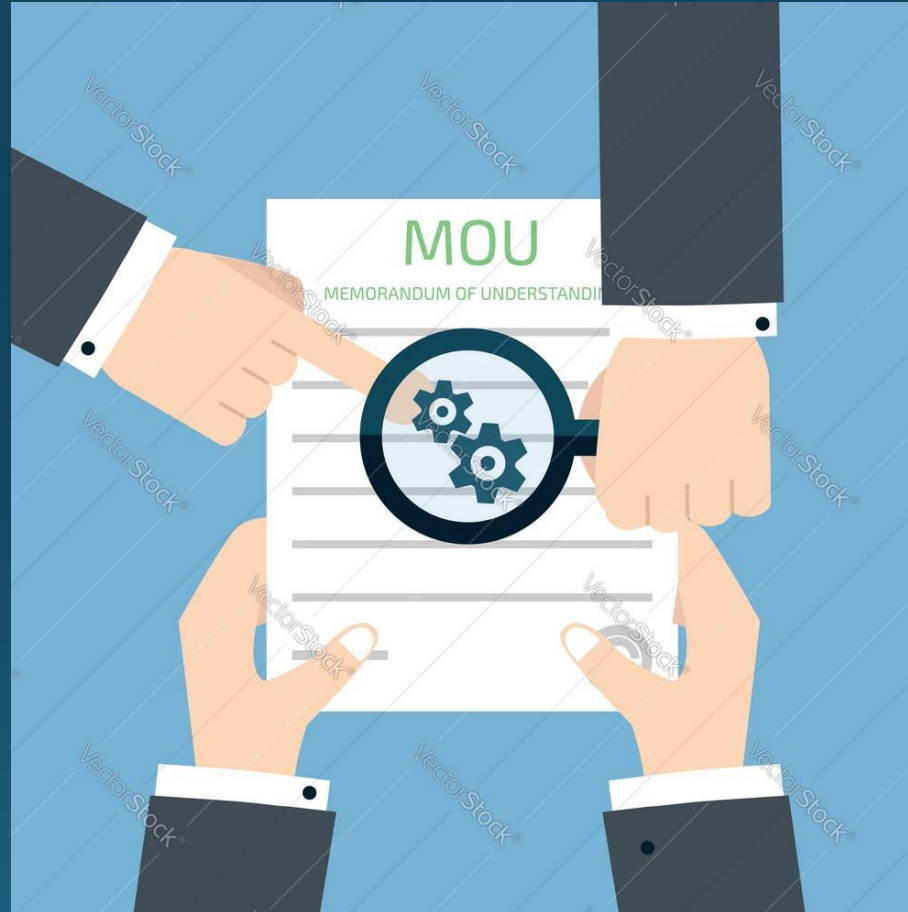
APS Procedure

- Client must meet criteria of being at-risk
 - Unable to perform or obtain services or lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate responsible decision
- Situation requires an immediate response due to client's health/safety
- Rotating staff coverage Monday-Friday from 8-5
- Client must be willing to go
- Local hospital collaboration process

APS Medicaid Process

- Internal process developed to expedite emergency applications
- Lead Intake worker oversees and works closely with assigned APS staff
- Online system allows APS staff to submit Medicaid application the same day as the shelter placement is required
- APS staff works with client and/or supports to obtain necessary verifications
- APS client services funds

Memorandum of Understanding



Intake Form

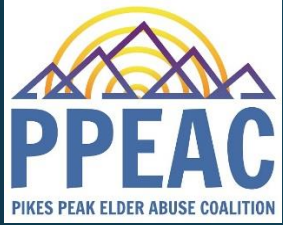


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- “To create a network of regional elder abuse shelters and other similar service models with close working relationships, shared resources and technical assistance, common standards of excellence and a vibrant community of support.”



We are leaders in a global network of elder abuse shelters



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