



## PIKES PEAK ELDER JUSTICE CENTER

**MISSION** The Pikes Peak Elder Justice Center will support and enhance the safety, stability and security of older adults.

**VISION** We envision a world where older adults are recognized, respected and supported; where compassionate care and community advocacy allow them to live free from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

### OUR PROGRAMS

**ELDER SHELTER:** Temporary emergency shelter for mistreated older adults

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:** Behavioral health care and counseling for older adults and their caregivers

**FIDUCIARY:** Training for guardians, conservators and power of attorneys

**ELDER ABUSE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM (E-MDT):** A forensic team of professionals resolving complex elder abuse cases

*All of our programs are provided at no cost to the recipient. If you or someone you know could benefit from one or more of our programs, please visit our website to complete a referral intake form.*

## IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.

Contact the law enforcement agency & Adult Protective Services where the client resides.

- El Paso County Adult Protective Services (APS) at 719-444-5755.
- Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) at 719-444-7000.
- El Paso County Sheriff's Office at 719-390-5555.



*The PPEJC is not a crisis, intake or housing center. We partner with community resources to address the mistreatment of older adults. PPEJC is not a reporting site for the Mandatory Reporting Law CRS 18-6.5-108.*



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EMPOWERING OLDER ADULTS & PROTECTING THEIR DIGNITY

## PIKES PEAK ELDER JUSTICE CENTER

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS...

- Being mistreated
- Being taken advantage of financially
- Being abused emotionally, physically or sexually
- Suddenly without housing

## WE CAN HELP.



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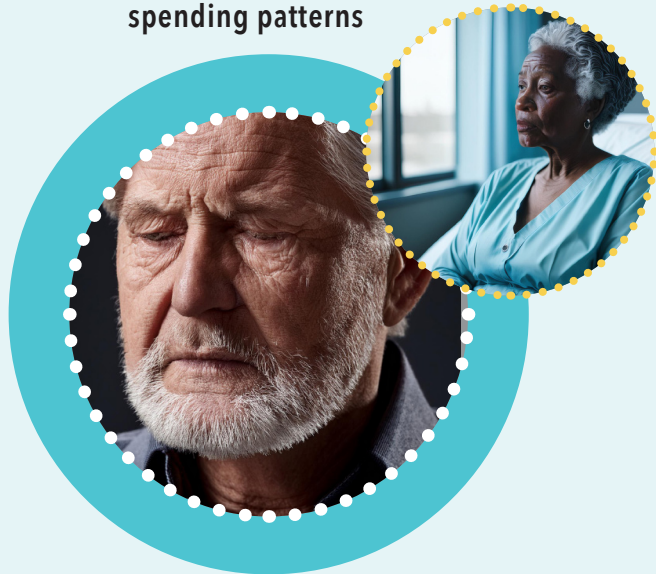
## WHAT IS ELDER ABUSE / MISTREATMENT?

Elder abuse is "a single, or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust, which causes harm or distress to an older person." The term "mistreatment" includes physical abuse and neglect, willful deprivation, unlawful confinement, psychological or sexual abuse, financial exploitation and violation of rights.

## WARNING SIGNS



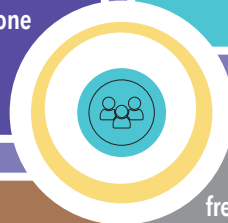
- Seems depressed, confused, or withdrawn
- Experiences weight loss, appears unkempt
- Lacks access to eyeglasses, hearing aid, walker
- Has bedsores or unexplained bruises, burns or scars
- Isolated from family and friends
- Recent changes in banking or spending patterns



## DID YOU KNOW?

Approximately 1 in 10 Americans aged 60+ have experienced some form of elder abuse, typically by someone they know.

It is estimated that only 1 in 24 cases of abuse are reported to authorities.



Estimates range as high as 5 million older adults who are abused each year.

The trauma of elder abuse frequently results in health issues such as depression, illness, hospitalization, increased mortality, and suicide for our older adults.



## OUR PROGRAMS

### ELDER SHELTER

Elder Shelter is a coordinated effort to place adults who are 60 and over, or have a disability, in safe shelter while they are recovering from abuse or neglect. Our shelters are a collaboration with long term care communities and a non-profit home-based program.

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The Behavioral Health program provides no cost behavioral health services to underserved and underinsured older adults living in the community. Services include mental health care and counseling for older adults and their caregivers seeking support with depressive symptoms, adjustment to illness and loss, bereavement counseling, anxiety disorders, family transitions, and other areas of need.

### FIDUCIARY

The Fiduciary Program is a cooperative effort of the Pikes Peak Elder Justice Center and the Pikes Peak Elder Abuse Coalition. Our goal is to provide quality education for both professional and non-professional fiduciaries including Guardians, Conservators, Powers of Attorney, and Medical Proxies.

### E-MDT

The Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team (E-MDT) consists of a group of professionals from diverse disciplines that review and resolve complex elder abuse cases. The goal is to address system problems, overcome barriers and improve cooperation among diverse agencies in Colorado.