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The Perils of Pauline (and Paul)

Elder Abuse/Elder Protection

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Issues and Answers

Friday Nov 15, 2019

8:45 Registration for 9:00 am – 4:30 pm.

CentreCare

2302 -2308 Albany Highway, Gosnells

Free Parking Available

Elder abuse is an emerging issue in Australia today.

- Do you work with elderly clients?
- Do you provide services to families where their elderly relatives live with them?
- Do you sometimes wonder if that bruise under grandma's eye is really from slipping and falling?
- Have you ever asked yourself how come grandpa used to look so clean and presentable but now his clothes are ragtagged and dirty?
- Could it be they are being assaulted, neglected, or financially exploited either by their relatives or people employed to care for them?

Attend this workshop and you'll know the answers to these questions as well as learn what you should do when you suspect an elderly person is abused or neglected.

This workshop focuses on elderly people who reside in their own home, are in an aged care facility, or live with their family who provides some support and care to the elderly person.

This workshop will help you to

- Learn what is elder abuse
- Recognize what are some of the signs that suggest that an elderly person may have been or is being abused/neglected or exploited or is at risk of such harmed
- Gain an understanding of why some relatives or carers sometimes 'bash' granny or grandpa or help themselves to their hard earned money
- Become aware of the two distinct types of perpetrators of elder abuse
- Learn what current WA legislation protects elders in Western Australia
- Hear about what other legislation and policy may be required to ensure the safety and well-being of elders
- Understand what you should do when you suspect an elderly person has been harmed or is at risk of harm from the people who care for them
- Appreciate what is confidentiality and what are the limits to confidentiality

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