



**Staying Connected:
Adult Maltreatment Prevention &
Awareness News**

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**World Elder Abuse Awareness
Day Across The State**

Yarn Wrapping

Local senior centers and clubs crocheted purple and white wraps to go around telephone polls, columns, and street lights.

TRACE Balloon Release

Knox, Laurel and Whitley counties released purple balloons simultaneously.

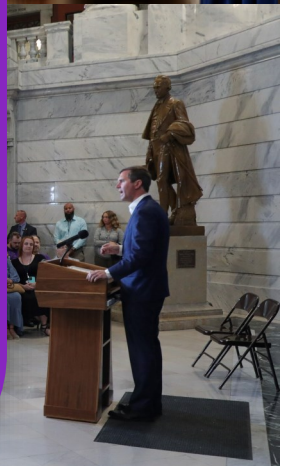
Conferences

Several communities held conferences to spread awareness and promote education about abuse, neglect and exploitation of adults.

Capitol Event

The garden was painted with a purple ribbon and the WEAAD logo. Governor Beshear attended, spoke and presented the CHAMP award (see page 3 for more on that). Secretary Friedlander, Commissioner Elridge and Commissioner Dennis all spoke. APS Supervisor Brittany Barker and LTCO Waynanne Caudill read Governor Beshear's proclamation.





This is me...

Mr. Paul Troy is currently overseeing the Senior Victim Crime Services program administered by Jewish Family & Career Services (JFCS). The program reduces barriers seniors face accessing the legal justice system. JFCS Crime Victim Services' goal is to promote recovery from crime and increase awareness of elder abuse and potential threats.

Over the past 20+ years Paul has been working to raise awareness of adult maltreatment and has been advocating on behalf of older adults who have been victims of crime and elder abuse. Over the course of his career, Paul has provided court advocacy, safety planning, case management to survivors of domestic violence, coordination of in-home protective order hearings to ensure safety of homebound victims of domestic violence, domestic violence training to Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) new recruits, law students, and volunteers. He has created and presented original professional training to community partners like UofL Law School, KASAP/KCADV, Project SAFE, and the Human Rights Commission and has provided training on elder abuse, financial abuse, and fraud to different community groups. Additionally, Paul has collaborated with LMPD, State and County Prosecutors, Family Court personnel, and Adult Protective Services. He served as Chair of Elder Abuse Services Coordinating Committee, participated on Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinating Council, and DV Fatality Review Committee.

Mr. Troy has also written and managed the application of federal VOCA grants which secured over \$750,000 in total funding for crime victim services. He has also provided technical assistance and instruction concerning grant report writing techniques and grant funding sources.

Mr. Troy's contributions and commitment to raising awareness of adult maltreatment and serving older adults who have been victims of crime make him an ideal candidate for the CHAMP Award.

- Nomination by KIPDA.



Defining Words! How do we communicate?

The Oxford Dictionary defines awareness as the knowledge or perception of a situation or fact.

Awareness of abuse, neglect and exploitation of adults is extremely low all around the world.

If you ask those same people about abuse and neglect of children, they will often tell you a story of someone they know or have heard.

So how do we ensure that people are aware of the signs and indicators of abuse, neglect and exploitation of adults?

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In all seriousness, it is extremely important we make sure that we provide opportunities for people to learn more about abuse, neglect and exploitation of adults in Kentucky.

The adult protection branch offers trainings on KRS 209, the signs and indicators of abuse, neglect and exploitation, and the caregiver misconduct registry. Just visit the [KY ESTEAM - Education/Training](#) to request one soon.

Local Coordinating Councils on Elder Abuse (LCCEA) meet monthly in a community near you to discuss ways to promote awareness on a grass roots level.

Each LCCEA is unique and tailors their responses to what is going to work best for their community. Some of the wonderful engagement that LCCEA's have done recently are purchasing billboard space, setting up conferences, participating in senior games, disseminating promotional materials and promoting partnerships.

One of the easiest ways to spread awareness is to share your knowledge through word of mouth. Talk with your friends, neighbors and family members. This can start a ripple effect that will impact many others.



Advance Planning Guides for People Living with Dementia

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New Lessons For Elder Justice Networks

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Mistreatment of People with Dementia

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All in This Together: Adult Protective Services and Financial Institutions' Efforts to Combat Elder Financial Exploitation

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What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish?

“Swimming Trunks”



July 11, 2023 3:00—4:00pm (ET)
Human Benefits Tracking: What APS Needs to Look For

[Register Here](#)

July 20, 2023 2:00—3:00pm (ET)
Safety in APS—Physical and Emotional

[Register Here](#)

On-Demand (NCEA Podcast)
The Critical Role of Faith Communities in Working for Elder Justice

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