

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse



17th Annual Conference

June 1-3, 2011

Virginia Beach Resort & Conference Center
2800 Shore Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Online Registration at VCPEA.org

36 Scholarships are available!
See inside for more details.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2011

2:30-5:00 REGISTRATION
3:00-5:00 PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF ADULT PROTECTION

This workshop is an introduction to the basics of adult protection and prevention of abuse, neglect, and exploitation for those new to the field of adult protection and abuse prevention. Presenters: Joyce Martin, Adult Protective Services Supervisor, Charlottesville Department of Social Services; Joani Ferguson, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman; and Kathy Pryor, Elder Law Attorney.

ADVANCED WORKSHOP - PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP

Guardians are individuals appointed by a court to protect an "incapacitated person." An "incapacitated person" is a person who is unable to make decisions about their own care. Only a judge can decide that a person is "incapacitated," and only a judge can appoint someone to be a guardian. Guardianship restricts the decisions that a person may make. A guardianship should be sought as a last resort, when there are no other options left. This workshop provides an overview of the legal process to guardianship in Virginia, alternatives to guardianship, and the Public.

Presenter: Janet James, Esq., State Legal Services Developer & Public Guardian Program Coordinator, Virginia Department for the Aging

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2011

7:30-10:30 REGISTRATION
9:00-10:30 WELCOME
Speaker: Joyce Martin, President, VCPEA

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Abuse Across the Lifespan: Domestic Violence, Stalking and Sexual Assault in Later Life

Until recently, domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault were viewed as acts typically committed against younger persons. More recently, these acts have begun to be understood as lifespan issues affecting victims of all ages. This presentation will describe the extent of the problem, the characteristics and tactics of perpetrators, and the impact on victims. It will also highlight effective investigative practices.

Presenter: Candace Heisler, JD, Retired San Francisco Prosecutor and national elder abuse expert

10:30-10:45 REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:45-12:15 BREAKOUT SESSION I:

A. FROM SOUP TO NUTS: HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTE AN ELDER ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASE

Hear from a detective, prosecutor, and guardian about how they turned a tragic neglect situation into a successful prosecution and a happy ending for the victims. They will talk about the role of community policing, adult protective services, police investigation, advocates, and prosecutors in working collaboratively to help some of our most vulnerable victims.

Presenters: Julie McConnell, JD, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney; Detective Tish Edmonds, Domestic Violence Investigator; and Jeannie Biedler, guardian

B. SEVEN COMMON MISTAKES IN NURSING HOMES

As the population in Virginia ages, the need and demand for quality long-term care will increase. This presentation will address some of the more frequent and serious problems encountered by residents of Virginia's nursing homes.

Presenter: Dan Frith, Attorney, Frith & Ellerman Law Firm, P.C., Roanoke, VA

C. FOSTER CARE. . . IT'S JUST NOT FOR KIDS ANYMORE: STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS!

This seminar will cover various aspects of the Adult Foster Care (AFC) program from both a rural and urban perspective. AFC serves the same population as Adult Services while offering those who meet requirements for assisted living level of care an alternative to traditional placement options. Participants will learn how to build their own provider network as well as strategies to encourage client success. We will share problems encountered along the way and how we overcame those issues to reach success!

Presenters: Marie Gustafson and Wendy Swallow of Virginia Beach Department of Social Services and Linda Eaton and Dianne Rhody-Scott of Montgomery County Department of Social Services.

12:30-1:45 LUNCHEON SPONSORED BY:

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VCPEA Business Meeting during lunch, including the presentation of the Helen Napps Award of Excellence

