

With people age 50 and over controlling 70% of the nation's wealth, seniors can be an attractive target for financial abuse or exploitation from predators in the form of scammers, con artists, and even family members and caregivers.

The National Center on Elder Abuse estimates that there are as many as five million abuse cases each year, with 13% of those cases being some form of financial abuse. However, it is estimated that only 1 in 5 cases are reported.

Financial abuse is one of the most difficult forms of abuse to prove because of the lack of overt physical symptoms. Because there are often no physical symptoms, most people do not realize the abuse has occurred until it is too late.

For elderly victims, financial abuse can be especially devastating, because they are unable to recover their losses by returning to work. Losing homes and life savings are likely have a negative impact on seniors' physical and emotional wellbeing.

In order to help shield seniors from financial and physical harm, the Raleigh County Commission on Aging is working to bring together resources and educate our community members on how to protect the seniors of southern WV.

Through these efforts we truly can continue helping seniors hold on to what they value most...their independence.



Proudly Presents

Annual Elder Abuse Conference

Protecting Our Seniors From Physical and Financial Harm

Friday, 24 September, 2010

**At the
Raleigh County Senior Center
1614 S Kanawha St
Beckley, WV 25801**



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AGENDA

Friday, 24 September

- 8:30 AM Registration & Vendor Exhibits
- 9:00 AM Welcome & Opening Remarks
Jack Tanner; Executive Director, Raleigh County Commission on Aging
- 9:15 AM Morning Session I: Understanding and Combating Crimes Against the Elderly;
Kristen Keller; JD Raleigh County Prosecuting Attorney
- 10:45 AM Break
- 11:00 AM Morning Session II: Identity Theft and How to Protect Yourself; Kimberly Stitizinger-Jones, JD
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Afternoon Session I: Why HIPPA Matters to You; Dana Hitchcock, RHIT, CCS
- 2:30 PM Break
- 2:45 PM Afternoon Session II: Adult Protective Services: Working With the Community;
Clarence Mizell, MSW
- 4:00 PM Closing Remarks

Continuing Education Credits

Nursing Continuing Education Credit is provided by MSU Nursing Department. The maximum credit hours for this event is 5.5 credit hours.

Occupational Therapy Continuing Education Credit is provided by MSU OT Department. The maximum credit hours for this event is 5.5 credit hours.

Social Work Continuing Education Credit is provided by MSU Social Work Department. The maximum credit hours for this event is 5.5 credit hours.

Law Enforcement Continuing Education Credit is pending
Respiratory Therapy Continuing Education Credit is pending

Kristen Keller, JD was raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. After graduating from Bowdoin College, Brunswick Main, she received her juris doctor degree from the University of California Law School in 1975. After law school, she moved to Washington, DC where she worked as a staff attorney for US Senator Ted Stevens. In 1980, she moved to Beckley to become managing attorney for WV Legal Services. Kristen became an assistant prosecuting attorney for Raleigh County in 1983, and from the mid-80s through 2008, she served as Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. In 2008, she was elected to her present position of Raleigh County Prosecuting Attorney.

Kimberly Stitizinger Jones, JD received her juris doctorate from WVU College of Lay in 1994. From 1995 through 1999, she represented the State of WV in Kanawha County as the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. From 1999-2004, Kimberly served as the Assistant Attorney General. In 2004, she served as Senior Counsel to the WV Worker's Compensation Fund until the agency was privatized in 2006. Since then, she has served as the Assistant Attorney General.

Dana Hitchcock, RHIT, CCS, is a graduate of the American Health Information Management Association. She obtained her CCS certification in 1998 and her RHIT certification in 1999. She worked as a Coding Specialist at John Randolph Hospital in Hopewell, VA from 1988-1990, and Montgomery Regional Hospital in Blacksburg, VA from 1990-1997. Dana worked as the Coding Supervisor at Raleigh General Hospital in Beckley, WV from 1997, until she became the Assistant Director of Health Information Management at Raleigh General in 1998. Since 2000, she has been working as the Director of Health Information Management at Raleigh General.

Clarence Mizell, MS, received his Master's of Social Work from WVU in 2006. He has worked with the Department of Health and Human Services for several years serving as a Protective Service Worker in Child Protective Services from 1992-2003 and in Adult Protective Services through 2004. Since 2004, Clarence has been serving as a Social Services Supervisor for both Adult Protective and Youth Service Units. He is a member of the SHAPED Youth Coalition, Raleigh County, Board Member and Southern Representative of the WV Chapter of National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and an Advisory Board Member of Mountain State University's Social Work Program and WV Aging and Disability Resource Centers.

Registration and CEUs are FREE

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