

19<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**ELDER ABUSE CONFERENCE**  
**COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY: Creating Connections**

Fri., Sept 30, 2016

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**DoubleTree Hotel**  
 6301 State Route 298  
 E. Syracuse, NY

presented by: The Syracuse Area Domestic & Sexual Violence Coalition's Elder Justice Committee

▼ **KEYNOTE SPEAKER** ▼



**Kerri Kasem**

Kerri Kasem, Daughter of radio icon Casey Kasem and founder of Kasem Cares. Her legal battle regarding the visitation and medical care of her father has brought awareness and attention to the cause of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

▼ **CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS** ▼

**NEW THIS YEAR!** Starred workshops have been approved by the Onondaga County Bar Association for CLE credits (total possible = 4 credits) for an additional fee of \$40.

**AGAIN THIS YEAR!** CE hours for keynote and workshop sessions will be provided by Syracuse University School of Social Work, an approved NYSED CE provider (total possible hours = 5) for an additional fee of \$25.



▼ **AGENDA** ▼

- **8:00 am - 9:00 am**  
Registration, Resource Tables, Networking & Continental Breakfast
- **9:00 am - 10:00 am**  
Opening Session & Keynote Address
- **10:00 am - 4:00 pm**  
Workshop Sessions, Lunch & Resource Tables

**Thank you to our GOLD SPONSORS:** The Armory Group at Morgan Stanley; Bank of New York Mellon; Loretto; Onondaga County Dept of Adult & Long Term Care Services.

**Thank you to our SILVER SPONSORS:** At Home Independent Living; Bousquet Holstein, PLLC; Community Bank; Christopher Community; Elder Transitions Mediation Program, New Justice Conflict Resolution Services; Fulton Savings Bank; Syracuse Jewish Family Service; Syracuse University, Falk College, School of Social Work; Upstate University Hospital GEM Care; Wegmans.

**Thank you to our BRONZE SPONSORS:** Alzheimer's Association of CNY; Crouse Chemical Dependency; Embracing Age; Fidelis Care New York; The Hearth Communities; The Marrone Law Firm, PC.; The Salvation Army; Silver Fox Senior Social Club.

▼ **WORKSHOP SELECTIONS - FULL DESCRIPTION ON REVERSE SIDE** ▼

▼ Session 1 ▼ 10:15 am - 11:15 am	▼ Session 2 ▼ 11:30 am - 12:30 pm	▼ Session 3 ▼ 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	▼ Session 4 ▼ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
<b>E * Capacity &amp; Self Determination</b>	<b>C * Legal Ethics in Elder Abuse Cases</b>	<b>D Community Resources</b>	<b>A * Legal Responses to Financial Exploitation</b>
<b>F * Criminal &amp; Civil Remedies in Cases of Elder Abuse &amp; Exploitation</b>	<b>H Working with Dementia</b>	<b>E * Capacity &amp; Self Determination</b>	<b>B * Elder Abuse 101</b>
<b>I I Forgot Where I Put My Keys... Am I Getting Dementia?</b>	<b>K NYS Cost of Financial Exploitation Study</b>	<b>G Mental Health &amp; Elder Abuse Issues</b>	<b>J Discharge Planning with Older Adults</b>
<b>M Trauma Informed Care and the Older Population</b>	<b>L Working with LGBT Older Adults</b>	<b>N Understanding the Family Dynamics of Elder Abuse</b>	<b>O Spirituality and the Aging Population</b>

▼ **REGISTRATION** ▼

**REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.VERAHOUSE.ORG** or return completed form with registration fee(s) (payable to Vera House, Inc.) by 9/16/16 to:

**Vera House, Inc.**  
 6181 Thompson Rd., Ste 100  
 Syracuse, NY 13206

Your registration is your commitment to attend. If you must cancel, please do so at least one week before the event to receive a refund.

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Attendee Name (please print clearly)

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**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS**

I require the following special accommodations to participate:

**WORKSHOP SELECTIONS (Circle 1<sup>st</sup> choice for each session)**

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**REGISTRATION FEE(S)**

**Total**

Conference Fee (includes breakfast, lunch and snack)	\$50	
SOCIAL WORK CE HOURS	\$25	
* LEGAL CLE CREDITS	\$40	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED</b>		

## Workshop A

### Legal Responses to Financial Exploitation

**Presenter:** Anthony A. Marrone, II Esq., The Marrone Law Firm

Through presentation and review of case studies, this workshop will review how to identify warning signs of financial exploitation, litigation, and other legal responses including a review of powers of attorney and guardianship.

## Workshop B

### Elder Abuse 101

**Presenters:** Jenny Hicks, MSW, Vera House, Inc. & Susan Griffith, Esq., Hiscock Legal Aid Society

This workshop will examine a variety of topics related to elder abuse, neglect and exploitation including types of abuse, indicators, and dynamics. Community resources will be highlighted.

## Workshop C

### Legal Ethics in Elder Abuse Cases

**Presenters:** Mary Helen McNeal, SU College of Law & Emilee K. Lawson Hatch, Bousquet Holstein PLLC

This workshop will address ethical issues that arise in the context of representing and assisting seniors who experience elder abuse and financial exploitation. Issues include identifying who is the client, conflicts of interest, confidentiality, and legal capacity determinations.

## Workshop D

### Community Resources: Adult Protective Services and Office for Aging

**Presenters:** Tom Burgess & JoAnne Spoto Decker, MA., Onondaga County Dept. of Adult & Long Term Care Svcs & Loren Cunningham, MSW, Vera House, Inc.

The workshop will look at the role of County Programs that support older adults, including Office for Aging and Adult Protective Services (APS). This will include discussion on how a case is reviewed by APS.

## Workshop E

### Capacity & Self Determination

**Presenter:** Morgan Thurston, Esq., Onondaga County Department of Law

Through case studies and a review of case law, this workshop will review the right of self-determination and examine legal capacity and the option of guardianship.

## Workshop F

### Criminal and Civil Remedies in Cases of Elder Abuse & Exploitation

**Presenters:** Luke Beata, Esq., Hancock Estabrook, LLP & Michael Kasmarek, Esq., Onondaga County DA's Office

Elder abuse & exploitation is a growing and often unreported problem. It can be difficult to identify the warning signs of elder abuse. Speakers will discuss various types of abuse, warning signs, preventative steps, and provide an overview of available remedies, both civil and criminal.

## Workshop G

### Mental Health and Elder Abuse Issues

**Presenter:** Nanette Dowling, PhD., SUNY Upstate Medical University

This workshop will examine a variety of topics related to mental health issues in older adults including common risk factors in abused and neglected adults, consequences of elder abuse and recent innovations in prevention and treatment. Community resources will be reviewed.

## Workshop H

### Working with Dementia

**Presenter:** Katrina Skeval, LMSW, Alzheimer's Association, CNY Chapter

This workshop will discuss signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and best practices for working with individuals with a form of dementia. It will include communication strategies and techniques for providing the best care possible. Alzheimer's Association resources will also be reviewed.

## Workshop I

### I Forgot Where I Put My Keys... Am I Getting Dementia?

**Presenter:** A. James Ciaccio MD, FACEP, SUNY Upstate Medical University GEM Care

This presentation will review the effects of aging on various body systems, the spectrum of symptoms in normal aging, what mild cognitive impairment and dementia is. Signs of Elder Abuse that may mimic normal aging will be a focus.

## Workshop J

### Discharge Planning with Older Adults

**Presenters:** Elizabeth Bisbo, LMSW & Elizabeth Hamm, LCSW, Upstate University Hospital

This lecture will include information on how hospital staff, particularly the social work department at Upstate University Hospital addresses concerns regarding elder abuse/neglect when patients who are elderly present to the hospital and outpatient clinics including considerations when developing discharge plans.

## Workshop K

### NYS Cost of Financial Exploitation Study

**Presenters:** Alan Lawitz, Esq., Bureau of Adult Services of the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) & Yufan Huang, PhD., Bureau of Research, Evaluation, and Performance Analytics for NYS OCFS

The workshop will cover the key findings of the NYS Financial Exploitation Study, one of the most comprehensive studies to quantify both the financial and the non-financial costs of financial exploitation of vulnerable adults.

## Workshop L

### Working with LGBT Older Adults

**Presenters:** Kim Dill, Sage Upstate & Tyler Sliker, LMFT, Vera House, Inc.

This workshop will discuss common successes and barriers for LGBT older adults accessing services and general day-to-day life. Participants will walk away with ways to address these barriers and improve practices to create safe spaces. Participants will also become aware of resources for LGBT older adults.

## Workshop M

### Trauma Informed Care and the Older Population

**Presenters:** Bill Cross PhD, LMFT & Betsy Ferner, Vera House, Inc.

The workshop will look at Trauma Informed Care based on the Community Resiliency Model from the Trauma Resource Institute. It will include the definition of Trauma Informed Care along with the characteristics and impact of trauma in the aging population. Concepts and skills will be taught to help stabilize and reduce symptoms of traumatic stress with older adults.

## Workshop N

### Understanding the Family Dynamics of Elder Abuse

**Presenter:** Mary Anne Corasaniti, MACH Consultants

90% of abuse of the elderly occurs at the hands of a family member. This workshop will assist participants in recognizing the signs of elder abuse, exploring the dynamics of families who abuse, and intervention methods for assisting victims and their families.

## Workshop O

### Spirituality and the Aging Population

**Presenter:** Rev. Gary E. Ferner

Spirituality plays a significant role in the lives of the elderly and it can be used as a way to support and protect seniors who may be experiencing elder abuse. Participants will be provided resources for facilitating spiritual growth for the aging as well as ways to collaborate with faith communities.

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