

Elder Abuse in Oregon: Building Awareness and Encouraging Action

Pre-Teaching Notes for Faculty

Before teaching this lesson you may wish to:

- Locate contact information for the agency in your area that provides Adult Protective Services. To find out, contact your local Department of Human Services (DHS) office or call the Eldercare Locator toll-free at 1-800-677-1116. Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM (ET) and tell them your state and county or counties, and they will look up the agency for you.
- Find out if there is a local agency that provides Lifespan Respite Care services. These can be useful for caregivers of elders who need a break.
- Find out if your local area has caregiver support groups, who sponsors them, and where and when they meet.
- Find out which of your local long term care facilities need an ombudsman volunteer. There is a great need for volunteers in the Long Term Care Ombudsman program throughout the state. If you are interested in using this lesson to help create interest among the study group members, you can call the Ombudsman office at 1-800-522-2602 for information.
- Order supplemental brochures. Debra Minar Driscoll has a supply of brochures from the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman that can be given to lesson leaders. There are two titles: “Reaching Out for Quality Care” and “Volunteer Opportunities”. E-mail Debra at debra.driscoll@oregonstate.edu and request copies for your counties. Two copies of each title are available per study group.

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