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Dear,

On behalf of the Androscoggin County Elder Abuse Task Force (ACEATF) I would like to invite you to attend one of our meetings. The Androscoggin County Elder Abuse Task Force is a community partnership dedicated to ending elder abuse, generating resources, educating the community, and advocating to meet the needs of elder abuse victims. The ACEATF works to achieve this mission by providing educational programming for seniors and service providers, and raising awareness of the issue in the larger community through a variety of projects.

Because of the work that you do, your expertise and perspective would be a valuable addition to the task force. The ACEATF meets on the third Friday of each month at 9:00 am. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, at Seniors Plus in Lewiston. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely and on behalf of the Androscoggin Elder Abuse Task Force,

Southern Aroostook Elder Abuse Task Force

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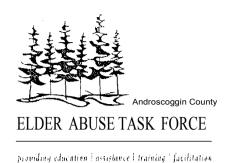
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Agenda:

- Introductions: Name, Role and Organization (please describe briefly how you work with victims of elder abuse)
- Background on the Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention and support for newly forming
 EATFs (Jaye Martin, Executive Director, Legal Services for the Elderly)
- Background about why we are meeting, examples of what has been done in Androscoggin and Franklin Counties (Jill Randall, Lewiston Staff Attorney, Legal Services for the Elderly)
- Who will be the group chair and how will it rotate (duties of chair include: meeting facilitator, creating and circulating an agenda, keeping and circulating minutes, sending meeting reminders)
- Establish meeting place and schedule of meetings
- Discuss the purpose of the group (Education? Awareness? Training? Multidisciplinary team case review?)
- Identify other community partners to invite
- Draft mission statement



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To,

The Androscoggin County Elder Abuse Task Force (ACEATF) would like to invite you to take advantage of a sponsorship opportunity to raise awareness of elder abuse in our community. The ACEATF is hosting the fourth annual Senior Resource Fair on Thursday, June 13th in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, and we are seeking sponsors to help cover the cost of the event.

Maine has the oldest population in the nation, 19% over the age of 60, and each year there are over 14,000 calls to Adult Protective Services. The ACEATF is hosting this event to reach out to local seniors and let them know what kinds of resources and services are available. The Senior Resource Fair will be taking place at St. Mary's LePage Center in Lewiston from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on June 13th. The event will feature local organizations providing services for seniors. In addition to tables featuring information, resources, and services, there will be speakers addressing topics such as Financial Scams, Prosecuting Cases, and presentations on services.

The Senior Resource Fair will be promoted in local media outlets, as well as online. Sponsors will be listed in all promotional materials. The suggested sponsorship amount is \$200.

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We appreciate your consideration; a sponsorship of any size is an important contribution towards raising awareness of the issue of elder abuse in our community. I will be contacting you soon to follow up and answer any questions.

Sincerely and on behalf of the Androscoggin County Elder Abuse Task Force,

RED FLAGS OF ELDER ABUSE AND/OR EXPLOITATION

- Physical Abuse inadequately explained fractures, bruises, welts, cuts, sores, and burns. Pressure "bed" sores.
- Neglect lack of basic body hygiene, adequate food, medical aids (glasses, walker, teeth, hearing aid, needed medications), or clean clothing.
- Unsafe/unsanitary environment home cluttered, filthy, in fire and safety hazards. Home lacking minimum equipment and facilities (stove, refrigerator, heat, cooling, plumbing, and electricity). Animal hoarding.
- person could afford. Inappropriate reimbursement for care/companionship. Control of money but failure to provide for needs. Property transfers, Power of Attorney, new will, etc., when unable to comprehend the transaction. Frequent/excessive credit card offers.
- Psychological Abuse caretaker isolates victim: restricts visits and phone calls.
 Caretaker is violent, aggressive, controlling, addicted, or uncaring.
- A person who seems:
 Afraid of family or caregiver
 Nervous around others
 Withdrawn/isolated from family/friends
 Hesitant to speak in front of others
 Exhibits frequent bruising
 Deprived of their mobility

ELDER ABUSE EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Emergency Response: 911

Police Departments:

Lewiston	784-6421
Auburn	333-6650
Androscoggin Sheriff	784-7361
Lisbon	353-2500
Sabattus	375-6952
Mechanic Falls	345-9021
Livermore Falls	897-3424
State Police	1-800-482-0730
Cell Phone to State Po	lice *77

Adult Protective Services

1-800-624-8404

Safe Voices 1-800-559-2927

Sexual Assault Crisis Center

1-800-871-7741

Tri-County Mental Health Crisis Intervention

1-888-568-1112

Elder Abuse Response Team

Non-emergency calls only Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00 784-5272

Being Safe Staying Safe

Everyone has the right to be safe from abuse





providing education | assistance | training | facilitation

GET THE FACTS

Elder abuse can by physical, emotional, sexual, financial and psychological.

- Maine has the oldest population in the nation, 19% over the age of 60. (Maine DHHS/OES. 2006)
- Elder abuse has no boundaries. It affects women and men of all cultural and socioeconomic groups and people with all levels of physical and mental functioning.
- There are over 14,000 calls to Adult Protective Services each year. (Maine DHHS/OES. 2006)
- In Maine, it's estimated that only 7% of elder abuse cases are reported.
 (Legal Services For the Elderly, 2001)

EATE MISSION



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MEMBER AGENCIES

Auburn Housing Authority
Auburn Police Department
Legal Services for the Elderly
Lewiston Housing Authority
Lewiston Police Department

Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Adult Protective Services

Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Nursing

Safe Voices

S.E.A.R.C.H (Seek Elderly Alone, Renew Courage & Hope) a program of Catholic Charities Maine

Seniors Plus

Sexual Assault Crisis Center
St. Mary's Lifeline
United Ambulance
TD Bank

