



# Elder Justice Center Open Now!

The Eliza Bryant Village Elder Justice Center provides a temporary safe space for the growing population of elders who are experiencing some form of abuse, violence, trauma, or criminal victimization. To ensure clients return to a safe environment, we work with our community partners to connect clients and their families to legal, financial and social service supports and find safe, permanent housing.

## What is elder abuse?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, elder abuse is an intentional act or failure to act by a caregiver or another person in a relationship involving an expectation of trust that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult.

**Physical:** Use of force causing pain or injury; inappropriate use of medications or physical restraints.

**Sexual:** Non-consensual sexual contact.

**Psychological:** Mistreatment that affects emotional or mental health, intimidation, threats, harassment, humiliation, isolation, or belittlement.

**Neglect:** Deprivation of food, clothing, shelter, medicine or personal hygiene. Self-neglect involves seniors or adults with disabilities who fail to meet their own essential physical, psychological or social needs, which threatens their health, safety and well-being.

**Financial Exploitation:** Misuse of money, property, or resources.



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**\$1.7 billion**  
in actual losses or attempted thefts

According to a report released by the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the number of reports of financial fraud against older adults has quadrupled since 2013, with 63,500 filed reports describing more than \$1.7 billion in actual losses or attempted thefts in 2017.



The innovative Eliza Bryant Village Elder Justice Center will be the first provider of these unique and needed services in Ohio.



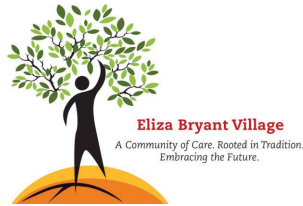
The Center for Community Solutions reports that for every case of abuse that occurs, it is estimated that 23 remain veiled. Individuals may hide their abuse for a myriad of reasons ranging from fear, shame, love or loyalty. Thus, it can often be difficult to understand the full scope of the problem in Ohio, and throughout the country.

“At Eliza Bryant Village we believe aged adults have the right to live in a safe and secure environment where they are treated with dignity and respect.”

- Danny, R. Williams,  
JD, MNO, LNHA,  
President & CEO

From July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, a total of 19,492 reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation were received by the county departments of Job and Family Services for adults 18 years of age and over. Of the 19,492 reports, 14,597 were reports for adults age 60 and over.

- Ohio Department of Job  
and Family Services



## Mission

To provide quality services, outreach programs and a dignified, compassionate and secure living environment for seniors.



## Admission Criteria

- **62 years of age** or older.
- **Experienced one or more of the following types of abuse** (*physical, sexual, psychological, financial*) **or is at risk** for experiencing such abuse.
- **Referred to the Elder Justice Center** by an agency or program.
- **In need of a temporary safe space** and agrees to be placed in a temporary safe space.
- **Victim will not contact** abuser through any form of communication during stay.
- Victim will **keep shelter location confidential**.



## Affiliation

### SPRiNG Alliance

*Shelter Partners: Regional. National. Global.*

The mission of the SPRiNG Alliance is to create a network of regional elder abuse shelters and other similar service models with close working relationships, shared resources and technical assistance, common standards of excellence and a vibrant community of support.



## Support

The Elder Justice Center is funded, in part, by the Ohio Attorney General's Victims of Crime Act Fund.

## Contact Information

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