

The National Center on Elder Abuse reports that **one in ten** seniors are victims of elder abuse. This is likely to be an underestimation, as only **1 in 24** cases of elder abuse is reported, in part because older people are often afraid to report cases of abuse to family, friends, or to the authorities.

Who are the abusers?

- Abusers can be men or women
- Approximately 2/3 of abusers are family members.
- Abusers can be caregivers in any setting.
- Many times, abusers have a history of alcohol, drug or other abuse, or they may suffer from mental illness.
- Abusers exert excessive control over their victims.

The abused have a 300% higher risk of death, as a consequence of abuse. Other consequences include isolation, intimidation, mental anguish, physical pain and financial ruin.

There is HOPE...

- Help is available.
- The **Elder Justice Center** is a safe space for elderly victims of crime, abuse, violence and/or trauma.

“Here, you can focus on you. There is no particular demographic that will fall victim. You can be from anywhere. I want to thank Eliza Bryant Village for having the foresight to realize that this is needed.”

- *Guest of the Elder Justice Center*



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Elder Justice Center

Open Now!

Elder Justice Center

The Eliza Bryant Village Elder Justice Center provides a temporary safe space for the growing population of older adults who are experiencing some form of abuse, violence, or criminal victimization. To ensure clients will 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.



The innovative Eliza Bryant Village Elder Justice Center is the only provider of these unique and needed services in Ohio.

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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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 a community or governmental organization.
- **In need of a temporary safe space** and agrees to be placed in a temporary safe space.
- **Victim will not contact** alleged abuser through any form of communication during stay.
- Victim will **keep shelter location confidential.**

SPRiNG Alliance

Shelter Partners:
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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

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