

2019 WEST VIRGINIA ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY SEMINAR



AN ANNUAL SEMINAR ON ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND
FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION AGAINST
WEST VIRGINIA'S MOST VULNERABLE ADULTS

“Caring for Those Who Cared for You”

June 19, 2019

7:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center

Classrooms 202 - 205

200 Civic Center Drive

Charleston, WV 25301

West Virginia Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WVEAAD) webpage:

<http://dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Services/Pages/Elder-Abuse-Awareness-Day.aspx>

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SEMINAR LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The West Virginia Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WVEAAD) Seminar is designed to provide quality education on elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation for both novice and experienced professionals. WVEAAD's learning objectives include:

- ❖ Build upon professionals' capacity of resources available to combat abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation;
- ❖ Promote intervention and prevention; and
- ❖ Raise public awareness.

ABOUT WVEAAD

WEAAD was launched on June 15, 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons. WVEAAD began in 2010 and partners with multiple organizations to bring awareness of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation to the public eye, and to educate professionals on how to combat them.

CONTINUING EDUCATION – APPROVED

Social Work: 6.75 hours (1 hour in ethics and 2 hours in veteran's mental health).

Nursing: 6 hours (1 hour in ethics and 2 hours in veteran's mental health).

Law Enforcement: 8.0 hours

Lawyers: 7.20 credits (1.20 in ethics)

Domestic Violence Advocates: 6.75 credits

Licensed Professional Counselor: 6.75 hours (1 hour in ethics and 2 hours in veteran's mental health).

All professionals seeking continuing education (CE) must sign-in, attend each session, and complete an evaluation. The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Children and Families is the CE provider for social work, law enforcement, and lawyers, and DHHR's Bureau for Behavioral Health is the CE provider for licensed professional counselors. The West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence is the CE provider for nursing and domestic violence advocates.



REGISTRATION & CANCELLATION POLICY

The seminar is **free of charge and open** to West Virginia professionals, but **pre-registration is required** and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. If registration capacity is reached, a waiting list will be implemented.

To register for the seminar, use the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/west-virginia-elder-abuse-awareness-day-wveaad-tickets-55578443621?aff=eac2>

If you do not receive an email confirmation upon registration, you may not be registered. Please contact Evan Sprigle at Evan.C.Sprigle@wv.gov or 304-356-4578 for registration confirmation, to cancel registration, or for additional information regarding the seminar.

LOGISTICS AND PARKING

- ❖ **Parking:** Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center Garage: \$3 per day. Contact the Center's office for a re-entry pass if desired. Town Center Mall Garage: \$1.75 each entry. Hotel parking is for registered guests only.
- ❖ **Participants will be on their own for lunch.**
- ❖ Travel expenses are the responsibility of participants and/or their organization.
- ❖ Dress in layers, as temperatures vary.
- ❖ The agenda and speakers are subject to change.
- ❖ **Handouts will not be provided.** Presentation materials will be available online after the seminar at <http://dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Services/Pages/Elder-Abuse-Awareness-Day.aspx>.

2019 WVEAAD SEMINAR AGENDA

- 7:30 – 8:00 AM** **Registration**
- 8:00 – 8:15 AM** **Opening Remarks: Commissioner Robert E. Roswall, BA, MA**
- 8:15 – 9:15 AM** **Vulnerable Adults and U.S. Federal Policy: Diagnosis, Prognosis and Prescription**
AM KEYNOTE **William “Bill” Benson, BA**
Benson will provide an overview of the current federal policy landscape concerning vulnerable older adults and people with disabilities, focusing on major statutes and programs including the Elder Justice Act, Older Americans Act, Social Services Block Grant, Victims of Crime Act and others. He will detail initiatives to increase efforts and resources directed to states and communities to address elder and dependent adult abuse. He will describe barriers to progress in this area including those that are external to the aging field and those that emanate from within. Benson will close with insights from his decades working in this arena and provide prescriptions for protecting and achieving justice for those who have been abused, exploited or neglected.
- 9:15 – 10:15 AM** **Helping Those Who Are Hurting: Understanding Control**
Sgt. Anthony “Tony” Craigo
This presentation will look into the tactics of control utilized by abusive people on elderly patients and those dynamics that can help investigators recognize abusive people. The presentation will cover the similarities of crimes in which abusers control their victims, but also identify the differences in crimes of elder abuse. The presentation will evaluate what are some common techniques of control and how to identify the way an abuser will employ them to manipulate their victims and the investigators. The presentation will also establish that many times these investigations will be much larger than one agency can easily bear and how a multi-disciplinary approach to investigations can benefit not only the investigating agencies with information sharing but also the most important person in the investigation, the victim.
- 10:15 – 10:30 AM** **Break**
- 10:30 – 11:30 AM** **Are You Still Ethical?**
Shawn Allen, BS, MSW, LGSW
Technology has changed the way we communicate with family, friends, colleagues, and clients. This is something that the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) has recently addressed with changes to the Code of Ethics that went in to effect on January 1, 2018. This interactive workshop will look at the recent revisions to the NASW Code of Ethics, with special consideration given to how these changes impact practice with rural older adults and how we communicate with colleagues. It will examine the use of technology and how it has changed the way we communicate. The workshop will be very interactive with participants having a chance to discuss how they feel the revisions will impact the way they practice and to discuss issues and concerns that they have concerning the revisions. Participants will also share examples of how they use technology as a communication means in their practice. The workshop will be beneficial to anyone who is a practicing social worker, regardless of practice experience.
- 11:30 – 11:45 AM** **Ronald Nestor Award Presentation**
Ronald Nestor, BS, MSW
The Ronald Nestor Award is presented to an individual who has advocated to end elder abuse and helped raise awareness of the issue in the state of West Virginia.
- 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)**
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM** **Exploring Financial Exploitation and the Opioid Problem**
PM KEYNOTE **Pamela Teaster, Ph.D.**
The opioid crisis is devastating parts of rural America, where over 10 million persons aged 65+ reside in small towns and other rural areas. Although rural older adults suffer fewer opioid-related deaths than other age groups, they are not immune to the effects of the problem. The purpose of our study was to explore professionals’ experience with elder financial exploitation in light of the opioid epidemic. We conducted four one-hour focus groups with 20 service providers in Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia and conducted an analysis of Adult Protective Services cases involving drug use in Kentucky. Findings suggest that the problem of elder financial exploitation and opioid abuse is escalating in scope and severity. Beyond the Kentucky information, little reliable data exist on the scope of the problem and current training and resources are dangerously insufficient to address this epidemic. The presentation focuses on the relationship between opioid use and elder financial exploitation and measures needed to address this growing problem.
- 2:00 – 2:15 PM** **Break**
- 2:15 – 4:15 PM** **Veteran Mental Health: Understanding the Complexity of Deployment**
Gary W. Jarrell, MSW, LICSW
Veterans today face many challenges learning to reintegrate into their communities following a combat deployment and the possible mental health concerns that follow. This workshop will highlight post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and outline how readjustment needs play a significant role in treatment of this population. Participants will learn specific issues facing veterans and how to help them navigate and readjust following their combat tours. In addition, participants will gain working knowledge in military culture and deployment.
- 4:15 – 4:30 PM** **Closing Remarks: Evan Sprigle, BA**

2019 WVEAAD PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

ROBERT E. ROSWALL, BA, MA

Commissioner Robert E. Roswall was appointed Commissioner of the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services in January 2012 by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology and a Master of Arts in Political Science, both from Marshall University. He also has post graduate studies in Urban Studies and Social Statistics from the University of Akron Graduate School in Akron, Ohio, and holds training certificates in Administration of a Non-Profit Agency from Baldwin-Wallace College. Mr. Roswall is the former Executive Director of Cabell County Community Services Organization, Inc., in Huntington, West Virginia, where he served for 25 years. He also served as the President of the West Virginia Directors of Senior and Community Services for 4 years. He previously worked with the Department of Health and Human Resources and Community Action in Wooster, Ohio.

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WILLIAM "BILL" BENSON, BA



William (Bill) Benson has served as the National Policy Advisor to the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) since 1998. He was a major player in enactment of the federal Elder Justice Act. While working in the U.S. Senate he was the author of the Elder Rights Title (Title VII) of the Older Americans Act. He later was responsible for implementing the new law as an appointee at the Administration on Aging. Benson previously served as State Long-Term Care Ombudsman for California and Chief of the Advocacy Assistance and Civil Rights Office of the CA Department of Aging. He is a nationally recognized expert on elder abuse and the rights of older adults.

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RONALD NESTOR, BA, MSW

Ronald Nestor received his Bachelor of Science from Alderson Broaddus University and his Master of Social Work from WVU. In 1975, Mr. Nestor became the first Adult Services Director for the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources where he implemented programs and developed the Adult Protective Services program. These programs included adult family care, homeless services, and the cooperative program with state mental hospitals and public institutions to return over 4,000 patients to the community. Additionally, he was a field instructor for over 20 years for the WVU School of Social Work. Throughout his career, Mr. Nestor received the Robert W. Jackson Distinguished Services Award from the Bureau of Senior Services in 2008, and the Anita S. Harbert Award for Outstanding Contributions from the Summer Institute on Aging in 2009.

PAMELA TEASTER, PH.D.



Pamela B. Teaster is the Director of the Center for Gerontology and a Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Science at Virginia Tech. Dr. Teaster is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. She is a recipient of the Isabella Horton Grant Award for Guardianship (National College of Probate Judges), the Rosalie Wolf Award for Research on Elder Abuse (National Adult Protective Services Association), the Outstanding Affiliate Member Award (Kentucky Guardianship Association), and the Distinguished Educator Award (Kentucky Association for Gerontology). Her areas of scholarship include the abuse of elders and vulnerable adults, guardianship, end-of-life issues, ethical treatment of older adults, and public policy and public affairs. She has published over 125 scholarly articles, reports, and book chapters and is the editor/author of 5 books.

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Shawn Allen, MSW, LGSW is the Director of Field Education and an Assistant Professor in the Social Work Program at Concord University. He also works as a PRN social work consultant for Amedisys Hospice. Shawn obtained his master's degree of Social Work from WVU in 2011 and his bachelor's degree of Social Work from Concord University in 2007. He became a Licensed Graduate Social Worker in 2011. He began his career with Appalachian Area Agency on Aging as one of the first West Virginia Aging and Disability Resource Center coordinators in the state. He has worked in the field of aging at all levels of social work. He has conducted research in areas such as elder abuse and service delivery (methods and barriers) to seniors, ethical practice in social work, and supervision in social work. Prior to coming to Concord full time in 2014, Shawn served as an Adjunct Professor for the program. He also serves on many committees in the community including the Senior Focus of Mercer County, the Greenbrier Valley Disability Awareness Committee, and the WVU Summer Institute on Aging Planning Committee.

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Gary W. Jarrell is a West Virginia native and currently resides in Charleston, WV, with his wife and children. Mr. Jarrell completed both his undergraduate and master's degrees with West Virginia University, earning a Master of Social Work. Mr. Jarrell has over thirteen years' experience with the Department of Veterans Affairs and holds professional experience in clinical practice, administration, and leadership. He currently serves as Vet Center Director in Charleston, WV. In addition, he served as adjunct faculty and guest lecturer at West Virginia University, Fairmont State University, and Concord University and continues to be active in academic planning committees and executive boards throughout the state of West Virginia. He holds certifications in Advanced Trauma Treatment and Critical Incident Stress Management. Mr. Jarrell is a former member of the West Virginia Air National Guard and was activated in 2003 in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

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EVAN SPRIGLE, BA

Evan Sprigle, BA is a graduate of Marshall University. He presently serves as a Youth Services Policy Specialist for the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Children and Families, where he develops and updates Youth Services Policy, monitors and analyzes legislative actions which impact Youth Services, researches and implements evidence-based services for WV youth, and manages the WV MODIFY Grant for Chaffee services. He also serves on the WV CIP Committee, Foster Care Candidacy Workgroup, and the Service Development and Delivery Workgroup. Evan began his career of assisting those in need with ResCare, first as a direct care worker and then as Case Manager and Clinical Supervisor. He then acquired a position with the state as a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) worker for the Cabell County DHHR office, and then took his present position at Youth Services.

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