

## **Elder Abuse Coordinated Community Response (CCR) Team**

The CCR is a collection of professionals from various disciplines, agencies/organizations in Bay County who believe it is important to ensure that victims of elder abuse are safe and encouraged to become independent.

Membership is open to community members that are supportive of the Elder Abuse CCR Team mission, purpose and goals as stated above. It is expected that all members will participate on any project teams as needed. Members are expected to attend and participate on a regular basis.

Membership on the CCR is open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodations.

The group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 8:30 am. If you wish to participate, contact the Division on Aging Office at (989) 895-4100.

Elder abuse is defined as: abuse, neglect, or exploitation – including domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault – against an adult aged 50 years or greater by anyone with whom the victim has or has had an ongoing relationship where there was an expectation of trust. Terms such as “older” and/or “senior” may be used interchangeably with the term “elder”.

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Elder Abuse CCR Team is to function as the lead organization in Bay County for the development and coordination of a seamless network of services among Bay County agencies/organizations for victims of elder abuse, aged 50 and greater, that will keep them safe and lead to independence and to support the work of law enforcement and courts in holding offenders accountable. In addition, the Team will work to prevent abuse of older persons, and educate people how to recognize and report suspected abuse.

### **MISSION**

The mission of the Elder Abuse CCR Team is to prevent elder abuse through community awareness and education and to ensure that Bay County has services in place to keep victims of elder abuse safe, foster independence,

safety and self-respect for victims, work collaboratively, as needed, on case coordination, and to support efforts that hold offenders accountable.

## **VALUES**

- Victims of elder abuse are valued and will be treated with dignity and respect in our community, and their confidentiality will be preserved
- The community must work as a collaborative to intervene in cases of elder abuse

## **GOALS**

The goal of the Elder Abuse CCR Team is

- Develop and maintain a collaborative, seamless network of supportive services for victims of elder abuse.
- Increase community awareness of elder abuse including; how to prevent, recognize, report, and seek services for or on behalf of a victim.
- Train community partners in effective techniques for investigation and prosecution of elder abuse cases.