

Newly-Launched Elder-Abuse.net Focuses on Silent Epidemic in United States

New Site Aims to Shine Spotlight on Elder Abuse in America

The numbers regarding elder abuse in the United States are staggering. According to the National Center on Elder Abuse, there were nearly six million cases of elderly abuse in the U.S. in 2010. According to those numbers, nearly 10 percent of the American elderly population reported some form of abuse.

Now, a newly-launched website is providing senior citizens with the help and support some desperately need.

“Abuse of the elderly could be considered a silent crisis in the U.S.,” said Elder-Abuse.net spokesman Dan Daniels. “Elder abuse doesn’t garner the attention it needs to put an end to the problem. Our new site was created to shine a spotlight on the serious and sometimes deadly issue.”

Often times, cases of abuse of senior citizens go unreported out of fear of retaliation or further abuse. In addition, the NCEA study says that 68 percent of all elderly abuse cases were perpetrated by family members, which makes it even tougher to report.

“Victims of abuse of any kind are left with deep and permanent emotional scars,” said Daniels. “Many feel alone and don’t believe there’s anyone that can help them. Our new site focuses on giving those a voice who may feel as though they are voiceless.”

The new site covers elderly abuse from all angles. It explains all the different types of abuse seniors are forced to endure and what the most telling signs of abuse are. Abuse victims can also discover ways to report abuse, and how to find local and state government resources. Legal advice for victims is also available.

“It’s crucial for victims to realize that help is available before it’s too late,” said Daniels. “Any form of abuse is unacceptable and must be stopped. Seniors need to feel comfortable enough to step forward because special people are ready, willing and able to step up for them.”

For more information, resources and support, please visit Elder-Abuse.net.