

MCEAP 2022 Elder Abuse Summit Agenda

Virtual Event - May 17 & 19, 2022

DAY ONE: Tuesday, May 17

9:15-9:30

Welcome

Lieutenant Patrick Hood of the Maine State Police, Co-Chair of the Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention

9:30-10:15

Keynote: The Intersection Between Ageism and Elder Abuse

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10:15-10:30

Break

10:30-11:45

R I S E: A Conceptual Model of Integrated and Restorative Elder Abuse Intervention

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Moderator/Panelist: Geoff Rogers - Director, The Learning & Development Projects at the Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College

This moderated panel will explore the evolution and implementation of R I S E - a new person-centered approach to elder abuse designed to reduce harm, respect autonomy, and advance justice in a more holistic and flexible way than is possible given the structural constraints of most existing systems.

11:45-12:00

Closing

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Session Descriptions

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Since 2019, Maine APS workers have referred more than 300 cases to R I S E advocates. Panelists will discuss the philosophy and research that inspired R I S E, the practical steps and partnerships that turned those ideas into a reality, and the ongoing efforts to collect and analyze data to assess the impact of the work.

R I S E integrates four methods (in italics below) used in other fields and adapts them to the unique challenges and circumstances of elder abuse. The goals of using those methods include to:

- Repair harm – *Restorative justice* (Reduce harm and work toward transformational change)
- Inspire change – *Motivational interviewing* (Help people feel that change is possible)
- Support connection – *Teaming* (Strengthen informal and formal social supports)
- Empower choice – *Supported decision-making* (Aid people with cognitive impairments to achieve their goals)

R I S E – aims to improve elder abuse practice through a new combination of attributes, including that:

- Advocates work not only with victims, but also (if the victim wishes) with alleged abusers, with “concerned others,” and on the relationships among them
- Advocates can stay involved longer than most formal systems responders are usually able to, allowing advocates more time to build trusting relationships with and social support around victims, families and “concerned others”
- Advocates are based in a community non-profit and work alongside formal systems; and
- Because R I S E is part of a research project, all team members, including advocates, are committed to ongoing data collection and evaluation to study the efficacy of the work

In 2018, the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living (ACL) awarded Maine’s Adult Protective Services program (APS) \$1.28 million to fund the Community & Adult Protective Services Trial of Novel Enhanced Services—or the “CAPSTONES study”—to compare outcomes of APS clients who worked with R I S E advocates (in two randomly selected Maine counties) versus clients who did not. Based on its early positive results, Maine APS expand APS’s ability to refer cases to R I S E Advocates from 2 counties to the entire state (16 counties), beginning in July 2021. The team is currently exploring also expanding R I S E to allow other systems to refer cases to R I S E advocates.