



Androscoggin County

ELDER ABUSE TASK FORCE

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Date

Dear ,

On behalf of the Androscoggin County Elder Abuse Task Force (ACEATF) I would like to invite you to attend one of our meetings. The Androscoggin County Elder Abuse Task Force is a community partnership dedicated to ending elder abuse, generating resources, educating the community, and advocating to meet the needs of elder abuse victims. The ACEATF works to achieve this mission by providing educational programming for seniors and service providers, and raising awareness of the issue in the larger community through a variety of projects.

Because of the work that you do, your expertise and perspective would be a valuable addition to the task force. The ACEATF meets on the third Friday of each month at 9:00 am. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, \_\_\_\_\_ at Seniors Plus in Lewiston. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely and on behalf of the Androscoggin Elder Abuse Task Force,



Southern Aroostook Elder Abuse Task Force

DATE

TIME

Led by: Michele Kenney, Esq. , Aroostook Staff Attorney, Legal Services for the Elderly

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**Agenda:**

- Introductions: Name, Role and Organization (please describe briefly how you work with victims of elder abuse)
  - Background on the Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention and support for newly forming EATFs (Jaye Martin, Executive Director, Legal Services for the Elderly)
  - Background about why we are meeting, examples of what has been done in Androscoggin and Franklin Counties (Jill Randall, Lewiston Staff Attorney, Legal Services for the Elderly)
  - Who will be the group chair and how will it rotate (duties of chair include: meeting facilitator, creating and circulating an agenda, keeping and circulating minutes, sending meeting reminders)
  - Establish meeting place and schedule of meetings
  - Discuss the purpose of the group (Education? Awareness? Training? Multidisciplinary team case review?)
  - Identify other community partners to invite
  - Draft mission statement
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To,

The Androskoggin County Elder Abuse Task Force (ACEATF) would like to invite you to take advantage of a sponsorship opportunity to raise awareness of elder abuse in our community. The ACEATF is hosting the fourth annual Senior Resource Fair on Thursday, June 13th in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, and we are seeking sponsors to help cover the cost of the event.

Maine has the oldest population in the nation, 19% over the age of 60, and each year there are over 14,000 calls to Adult Protective Services. The ACEATF is hosting this event to reach out to local seniors and let them know what kinds of resources and services are available. The Senior Resource Fair will be taking place at St. Mary's LePage Center in Lewiston from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on June 13th. The event will feature local organizations providing services for seniors. In addition to tables featuring information, resources, and services, there will be speakers addressing topics such as Financial Scams, Prosecuting Cases, and presentations on services.

The Senior Resource Fair will be promoted in local media outlets, as well as online. Sponsors will be listed in all promotional materials. The suggested sponsorship amount is \$200.

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We appreciate your consideration; a sponsorship of any size is an important contribution towards raising awareness of the issue of elder abuse in our community. I will be contacting you soon to follow up and answer any questions.

Sincerely and on behalf of the Androskoggin County Elder Abuse Task Force,

## RED FLAGS OF ELDER ABUSE AND/OR EXPLOITATION

- **Physical Abuse** - inadequately explained fractures, bruises, welts, cuts, sores, and burns. Pressure "bed" sores.
- **Neglect** - lack of basic body hygiene, adequate food, medical aids (glasses, walker, teeth, hearing aid, needed medications), or clean clothing.
- **Unsafe/unsanitary environment** - home cluttered, filthy, in disrepair, or having fire and safety hazards. Home lacking minimum equipment and facilities (stove, refrigerator, heat, cooling, plumbing, and electricity). Animal hoarding.
- **Financial Abuse** - lack of amenities that person could afford. Inappropriate reimbursement for care/companionship. Control of money but failure to provide for needs. Property transfers, Power of Attorney, new will, etc., when unable to comprehend the transaction. Frequent/excessive credit card offers.
- **Psychological Abuse** - caretaker isolates victim: restricts visits and phone calls. Caretaker is violent, aggressive, controlling, addicted, or uncaring.
- **A person who seems:**
  - Afraid of family or caregiver
  - Nervous around others
  - Withdrawn/isolated from family/friends
  - Hesitant to speak in front of others
  - Exhibits frequent bruising
  - Deprived of their mobility

## ELDER ABUSE EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

### Emergency Response: 911

#### Police Departments:

Lewiston	784-6421
Auburn	333-6650
Androscoggin Sheriff	784-7361
Lisbon	353-2500
Sabattus	375-6952
Mechanic Falls	345-9021
Livermore Falls	897-3424
State Police	1-800-482-0730
Cell Phone to State Police	*77

#### Adult Protective Services

1-800-624-8404

#### Safe Voices

1-800-559-2927

#### Sexual Assault Crisis Center

1-800-871-7741

#### Tri-County Mental Health Crisis Intervention

1-888-568-1112

#### Elder Abuse Response Team

Non-emergency calls only

Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00

784-5272

## Being Safe Staying Safe

*Everyone has the right  
to be safe from abuse*



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## GET THE FACTS

**Elder abuse can be physical, emotional, sexual, financial and psychological.**

- Maine has the oldest population in the nation, 19% over the age of 60. *(Maine DHHS/OES. 2006)*
- Elder abuse has no boundaries. It affects women and men of all cultural and socioeconomic groups and people with all levels of physical and mental functioning.
- There are over 14,000 calls to Adult Protective Services each year. *(Maine DHHS/OES. 2006)*
- In Maine, it's estimated that only 7% of elder abuse cases are reported. *(Legal Services For the Elderly, 2001)*

## EATF MISSION



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## MEMBER AGENCIES

Auburn Housing Authority  
Auburn Police Department  
Legal Services for the Elderly  
Lewiston Housing Authority  
Lewiston Police Department  
Maine Department of Health and  
Human Services, Adult Protective Services  
Maine Department of Health and  
Human Services, Public Health Nursing  
Safe Voices  
S.E.A.R.C.H (Seek Elderly Alone,  
Renew Courage & Hope) a program of  
Catholic Charities Maine  
Seniors Plus  
Sexual Assault Crisis Center  
St. Mary's Lifeline  
United Ambulance  
TD Bank

