



Media Advisory

Tennessee Vulnerable Adult Coalition

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ELDER ABUSE ON THE RISE ACROSS TENNESSEE *TVAC PLANS EVENTS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND STOP ABUSE*

WHAT: More than 9,500 reports of adult abuse, neglect and/or exploitation were made last year to the Tennessee Department of Human Services' Adult Protective Services (APS) unit. The number of individuals receiving services through the APS has increased nearly 40 percent in just six years. Tragically, more than eight out of ten times, the abuser is related to the victim.

Monday, June 15th is Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Tennessee, and more than a dozen events are planned across the state to raise awareness about this crime.

Nashville Vice Mayor Dianne Neighbors and Mary Clement, Consumer Affairs Director with the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, will visit a local senior center to recognize Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

WHEN: Monday, June 15, 2009
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Knowles Senior Center/Patricia Hart Building
174 Rains Avenue/Nashville

MORE: For a list of all Elder Abuse Awareness Day events across the state, or to hear or download the audio PSA, please visit the TVAC website at: www.tvaonline.org

For more information on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, please visit:
<http://www.inpea.net/home.html>

To report suspected abuse or neglect, call Adult Protective Services (APS) toll free at 1-888-277-8366 (1-888-APS-TENN) or call your local law enforcement agency.

