



June 7, 2021
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Maricela Morado, Director of Programs & Planning
239.652.6900 Maricela.Morado@aaaswfl.org

Elder Abuse: It's More Than Scams
FREE Workshop on Tuesday, June 15
10am – 11:30am
Virtual Event via Zoom

Southwest Florida --- June 15th is recognized nationally as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Elder abuse is a silent problem that often robs older adults of their dignity and security. It is projected that by 2050, there will be roughly 320 million victims of elder abuse.

Area Agency on Aging Southwest Florida, along with three other Florida Area Agencies on Aging, are presenting "Elder Abuse: It's More Than Scams," a free virtual workshop on Tuesday, June 15, from 10 to 11:30 am. The free workshop features several subject matter experts who will offer participants information on the general signs of elder abuse, how to report it, how to address financial exploitation, how to avoid scams and fraud, and the tools needed to protect one's self.

According to National Council on Aging, an estimated five million seniors suffer from abuse each year however only one in 14 cases is reported. Estimates of elder financial abuse and fraud costs older Americans between \$2.9 billion and \$36.5 billion annually.

The workshop is presented in collaboration with Senior Connection Center, ElderSource, and Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach/Treasure Coast Inc.

To sign up for the workshop visit <https://bit.ly/3oWJu4P>

About Area Agency on Aging Southwest Florida

Area Agency on Aging Southwest Florida (AAASWFL) is a local nonprofit organization designated by the state as the Area Agency on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Center for Southwest Florida. For more than 40 years, AAASWFL has connected older adults and adults with disabilities to resources and assistance for living safely with independence and dignity. The agency provides information and referral resources for caregivers and seniors in Southwest Florida, reaching its seven-county service area --- Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee, & Sarasota. **For more information, visit www.aaaswfl.org or call the Elder Helpline at 866-41-ELDER.**

