

Help Stop Elder Abuse

The Elder Abuse Prevention and Awareness Program works closely with all agencies and programs to best utilize available community resources.

Specialists consult with:

- Vulnerable Adults
- Concerned Individuals
- Iowa Department of Human Resources
- Iowa Department on Aging/Office of Public Guardian
- Medical Professionals
- Emergency Personnel

Together... We Can Reduce the Abuse!

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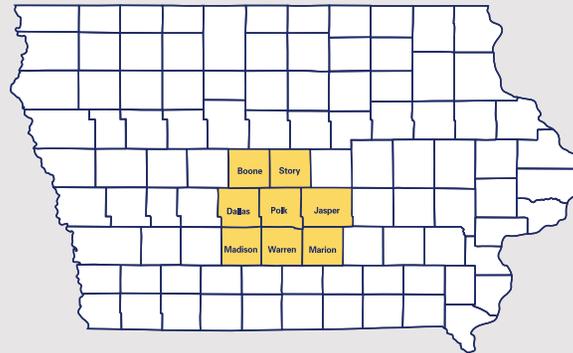
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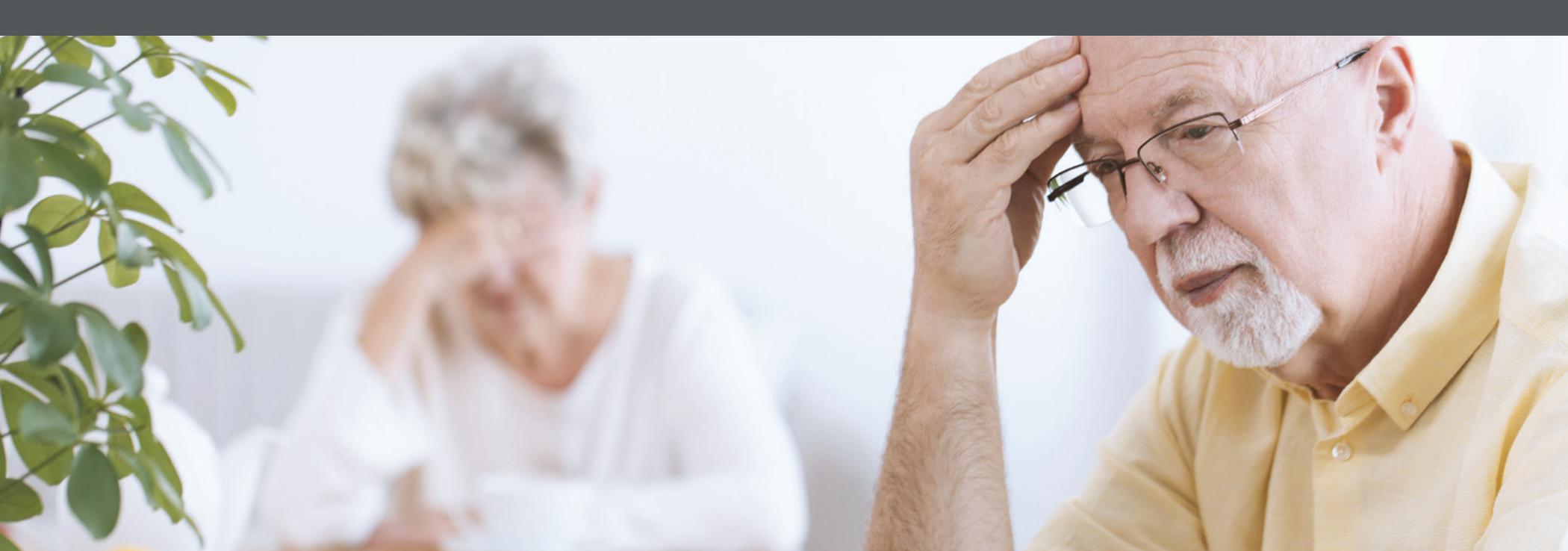
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Aging Resources is pleased to be part of Elder Abuse Prevention and Awareness Program's (EAPA) statewide effort to raise public awareness concerning elder abuse, as well as to assist older adults, concerned persons, and local professionals in confronting this difficult issue.

EAPA Program Objectives

- Respond to concerns about abuse or suspected abuse of an older adult
- Coordinate community resources in response to an abusive situation
- Collaborate with and be a resource for community professionals
- Increase public awareness of elder abuse issues

Elder Abuse Can Include:

- Physical Injuries
- Behaviors that Cause Emotional Pain
- Sexual Exploitation
- Denial of Critical Care by a Caregiver
- Financial Fraud or Exploitation
- Self-Neglect

Unfortunately, most cases of abuse are committed by close friends or family members. The abuse goes unreported because the older adult is ashamed or afraid to tell other family members, trusted friends or the police.

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing any of these threats, call an EAPA Specialist at Aging Resources to learn what can be done to stop the abuse.

What You Can Do to Stop Abuse

If you are being abused or are concerned about a vulnerable adult, speak confidentially to an EAPA Specialist.

An EAPA Specialist at Aging Resources can:

- Assess the Situation
- Discuss Legal/Non-Legal Options
- Review a New Iowa Law to File a Civil No-Contact order (235F), if appropriate
- Assist in filing a 235F
- Provide an Advocate in Court, if desired
- Provide connections to needed services and supports