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World elder abuse awareness day

On June 15, 2012 West Virginia will recognize World Elder Abuse Awareness Day at the State Capitol in the Upper Rotunda from 1- 3 pm. Keynote speakers scheduled for the event are WV Senator William R. Laird IV and Captain Jim Sizemore of the Fayette County Sheriff's Department.

Throughout the world, abuse and neglect of older persons is largely under-recognized. Elder abuse can take many forms including physical, psychological or sexual abuse, financial exploitation or neglect. No community is immune from this costly public health and human rights crisis. Public education campaigns, like world elder abuse awareness day, serve to inform people about elder abuse. The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Kanawha Valley Senior Services, the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services, the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, the AARP Foundation, WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence, WV Senior Legal Aid and Legal Aid of West Virginia have partnered to organize this event to raise awareness and promote the wellbeing and dignity of older adults.

For more information, contact the Adult Protective Services Program at 304-558-8060 or go online to http://www.wvdhhr.org/bcf/children_adult/aps/default.asp.