



Seattle
Human Services



Aging and Disability Services
Area Agency on Aging for Seattle and King County



City of Seattle



King County

Elder Abuse Case Management Program

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Program Eligibility Criteria

- 60 years or older
- Live in King County
- Experiencing some form of abuse, neglect or exploitation
- Have case management needs
- Ability to partner with case manager

What I do

- Conduct a comprehensive assessment
- Refer to resources and services
- Provide expertise in both aging network and abuse services
- Support and advocacy
- Liaison with Adult Protective Services, law enforcement, Prosecutor's office, and others as appropriate
- Court accompaniment
- Case consultations
- Serve all of King County

Mr. and Mrs. C.

- Mr. and Mrs. C. are ages 87 and 79.
- Mrs. C. is frail and homebound. Has mobility and pain issues.
- Mr. C. has multiple health problems and dementia.
- 48 year old daughter lives with them.

What happened

- Daughter had addiction issues and refused to move out.
- Her drug-using friends moved in.
- House trashed.
- Medications stolen.
- Mental abuse and financial exploitation of both Mr. and Mrs. C.
- Mr. C. was taken to the bank to withdraw funds on a frequent basis by daughter and her friends.
- Physical assault by daughter against father.

Multidisciplinary Team Approach

- Law Enforcement
- City's Victim Advocate Program
- King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- Adult Protective Services
- Geriatric Mental Health Crisis Team
- Medical Providers
- Neighbors
- Volunteers
- Aging and Disability Services Elder Abuse Case Manager

Outcome

- ADS Case Manager petitions for a Vulnerable Adult Protection Order.
- King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office assists to freeze bank accounts.
- Adult Protective Services petitions for guardianship.
- Until guardian is assigned, ADS Case Manager sets up meal delivery, medication management, clean up of house, in home services.
- Guardian arranges placement into an Assisted Living Facility.
- Daughter jailed.

Questions?

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