

# CAREGIVING AND ELDER ABUSE

## Fact Sheet

### CAREGIVING IN THE U.S.

About 34.2 million Americans have provided unpaid care to an adult age 50 or older in the last 12 months.

[National Alliance for Caregiving; AARP]

At **\$470 BILLION** in 2013, the value of unpaid caregiving exceeded the value of paid home care and total Medicaid spending in the same year.

[AARP]



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in caregivers may lead to harmful behavior toward their care recipient, drug and alcohol abuse, physical and mental health problems, and earlier death.

[Family Caregiver Alliance]



### WHAT IS ELDER ABUSE?

- physical abuse
- emotional abuse
- sexual abuse
- financial abuse
- exploitation
- neglect
- abandonment



### ONE IN 10

Americans age 60+ have experienced some form of elder abuse.

[National Council on Aging]



**Perpetrators of elder abuse can include children, other family members, and spouses—as well as staff at nursing homes, assisted living and other facilities.**

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### USC RESOURCES

#### National Center on Elder Abuse

A U.S Administration on Aging-funded resource center that provides the latest information regarding research, training, best practices, news and resources on elder abuse, neglect and exploitation to professionals and the public.

#### USC Family Caregiver Support Center

Provides support across the continuum of caregiving. Services include information, assessment, individual consultations, respite, education and training.

#### Los Angeles County Elder Abuse Forensic Center

A multidisciplinary team of professionals that provide expert case examination, documentation, consultation, and prosecution of elder and dependent adult abuse cases.

