

CAREGIVING AND ELDER ABUSE

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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.

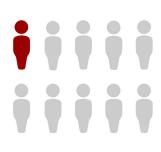
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in caregivers may lead to harmful behavior toward their care recipient, drug and alcohol abuse, physical and mental health problems, and earlier death.

[Family Caregiver Alliance]

WHAT IS ELDER ABUSE?

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



ONE IN 10

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

[National Council on Aging]

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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.



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