

Elder Rights Program

The goal of the Elderbridge Elder Rights program is to address and focus on prevention, intervention, detection and reporting of elder abuse.

The senior consumer will have a variety of options that will help enhance and protect their independence and life. Elderbridge Elder Rights Specialists work with individuals who voluntarily accept our services.



How it works...

- A confidential referral/intake process
- Ongoing assessment of the situation
- Development of an intervention plan to reduce identified risks
- Continued follow-up until it is agreed that our services are no longer needed

Office Locations



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Mason City, IA 50401
641-424-0678



Fort Dodge
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Fort Dodge, IA 50501
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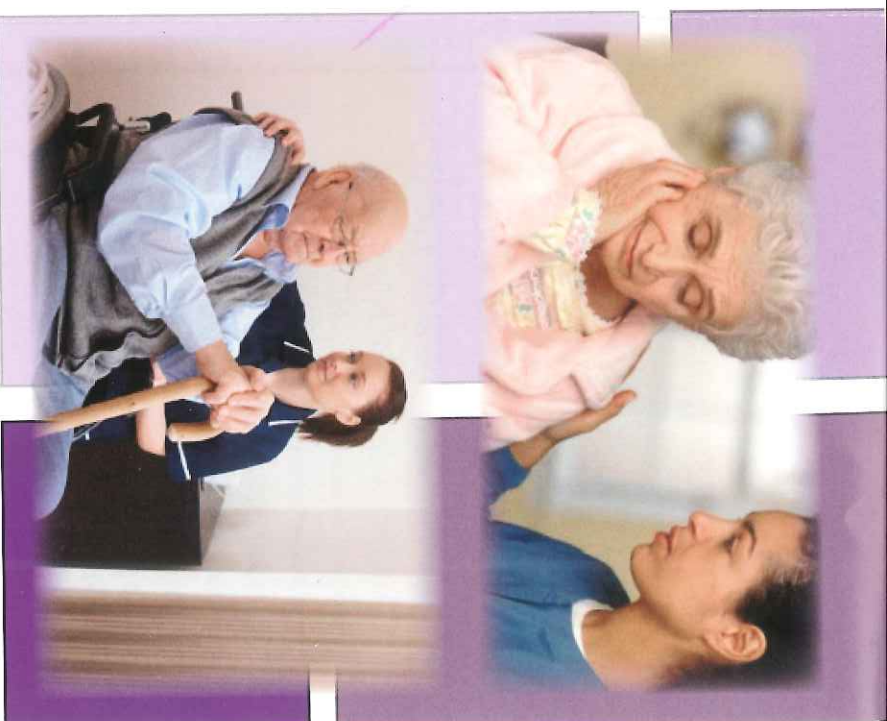
Spencer
714 10th Avenue E
Spencer, IA 51301
712-262-1775



Carroll
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Carroll, IA 51401
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Help end the fear of Elder Abuse

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Elderbridge
AGENCY ON AGING
Choices today... Possibilities tomorrow.



Seniors Matter

Support Elder Abuse Awareness

How you can help

If someone you know is in immediate danger, contact your local law enforcement.

To report abuse in the community,

contact the **Iowa Department of Human Services at 800-362-2178.**

To report abuse in a long term care facility, contact the **Iowa Department of Inspections & Appeals at 877-686-0027.**

Referrals to the Elder Rights Program may be received from the older adult, family, friends, neighbors, DHS, law enforcement, service providers, or the general public.

To make a referral or for more information, call 1-800-243-0678.

Know the signs of Elder Abuse

- Sudden changes in financial situations may be the result of exploitation. An example would be: irregular spending habits or bank withdrawals, inappropriate purchases, etc.
- Bruises, pressure marks, broken bones, abrasions, and burns may be an indication of physical abuse, neglect, or mistreatment.
- Unexplained withdrawal from normal activities, a sudden change in alertness, and unusual depression may be indicators of emotional abuse.
- Bruises around the breasts or genital area can occur from sexual abuse.
- Bedsores, unattended medical needs, poor hygiene, and unusual weight loss are indicators of possible neglect.
- Behavior such as belittling, threats, and other uses of power and control by spouses/family members are indicators of verbal or emotional abuse.
- Strained or tense relationships, frequent arguments between the caregiver and elderly person are also signs.



Helping today to maintain independent and safe living tomorrow.