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Kerr Tar Area Agency on Aging and Vance County Department of Social Services Host their 3rd Annual Elder Abuse Awareness Walk on June 15th!

Join this local effort to raise awareness on this under reported crime

Henderson – June is World Elder Abuse Awareness Month. To honor and educate the community about this growing aging issue, the Kerr Tar Area Agency on Aging and Vance County Department of Social Services has scheduled its 3rd Annual Elder Abuse Awareness Walk for June 15 at Southern Vance Southern Vance High School located on 925 Garrett Road in Henderson. The walk will start at 9:00 a.m.

According to the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services, in 2013 there were over 20,000 reports alleging the abuse, neglect or exploitation in North Carolina to County DSS offices. Of those, 70% were 60 years or older, 15% lived in a facility or shelter, and 85% lived alone or with family. Signs of neglect to watch for include: bruises, scratches, sprains or fractures, malnutrition, untreated medical condition(s), unsafe housing, mental anguish, mistrust towards others, unpaid bills, mismanaged savings, sudden change in will or power of attorney or unable to provide needed care.

“It is through events like the Elder Abuse Awareness Walk where we hope to educate the community to end or at least know the signs of abuse so we can report suspected cases and help our older adults live in their community of choice for as long as possible with improved quality of life,” says Jillian Hardin, Director, Kerr Tar Area Agency on Aging.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the kickoff will start at 9:00 a.m. There will be information, resources and presentations to bring awareness to this issue. The event is free and open to the public and free t-shirts will be given to the first two hundred participants. Please join us and wear purple and silver to acknowledge this under reported crime. For additional information about this event, please contact Kim Hawkins at 252-436-2040 or Vance County DSS at 252-492-5001.

The Kerr Tar Area Agency on Aging leads and is involved in the efforts that provide for the development and enhancement of comprehensive and coordinated community based systems of services, opportunities, and protections for older adults which assist them in leading independent, meaningful and dignified lives in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. We serve five counties, Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren.