

What is a Senior Victim Advocate?

A Victim Advocate is a link between the victim and the criminal justice system. A Victim Advocate provides the tools that allow crime victims to reconstruct their lives and regain control that was taken from them.

Who Do We Serve?

The Senior Victim Advocate Program provides free services to victims of crime who live in Flagler, Putnam, and Volusia Counties and are over 60 years of age.

How We Can Help

- Information & Referral
- Counseling
- Criminal Court Orientation
- Assistance with Forms
- Free Legal Advocacy & Advice
- Criminal Justice Support

Types of Elder Abuse

- Physical Abuse is the assault or unreasonable confinement of an elderly person
- Neglect is the lack of sufficient and appropriate care by caregivers or themselves
- Exploitation is the misuse of an elderly person's property or financial resources.

Who Abuses?

Studies indicate that family members most often perpetrate physical abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older persons.

Abuse occurs in all classes of society and takes place in cities, small towns, suburbs, and rural areas.

As A Victim, You Have The Right To:

- Be free from fear, threats or intimidation
- Be informed of available compensation
- Know the status of the case against your offender
- Be informed of social services agencies which can help you
- Be assisted by criminal justice agencies
- Be treated with dignity, compassion and respect

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About Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF)

The mission of CLSMF is to provide access to justice through high quality legal assistance to low-income persons.

CLSMF is a nonprofit legal aid organization which provides free legal assistance to low-income people with civil legal problems in twelve counties across Central Florida.

Since 1966, dedicated CLSMF lawyers, paralegals, legal assistants and advocates have worked diligently to solve civil legal problems for people facing life-changing situations, such as domestic violence, unlawful eviction, or the loss of veterans' health or public benefits. We are committed to delivering the highest quality legal aid, with dignity and respect, for those who are seeking access to justice.

**We do not provide legal assistance in criminal or traffic matters*



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Where To Go For Help

If you have reason to believe that an aged person or an adult with a disability is being or has been abused, neglected, or exploited, you should **immediately report such knowledge or suspicion to the Florida Abuse Hotline: 1-800-96-ABUSE**. The Central Abuse Registry of the State of Florida will conduct an investigation within 24 hours of the report.

If you're a senior citizen in need of help, you may contact the following offices for information, referrals and/or legal assistance

CLSMF in Volusia County

128 Orange Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

386-255-6573 x 2414

(888) 379-4729 x2414

CLSMF in Flagler County

(386) 437-8485 x2414

CLSMF in Putnam County

(386) 328-8361 x2414

Council on Aging

160 N. Beach St.

Daytona Beach, FL 32115

386-329-0800

800-426-9975

Putnam County Sheriff

386-253-4700

State Attorney's Office

Elderly Abuse Division

250 N. Beach Street

Daytona Beach, FL 32114

386-239-7720



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