Open House for Elder Abuse Awareness

Waushara County’s Interdisciplinary Team (I-Team) invite all Waushara County residents to stop by the Courthouse on Monday, June 15 — World Elder Abuse Awareness Day — anytime during the hours of 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to learn more about elder abuse prevention, caregiver support, and adult protective services. Staff members of Waushara County Adult Protective Services will give a presentation, “Take a Stand,” at 10:30 a.m. in the Demonstration Room. A listening session will begin at 11 a.m., where community professionals want to hear from you any concerns or needs regarding vulnerable adults or elders.

Professional staff members of the I-Team and Caregiver Coalition will then be on hand until 1 p.m. to provide information or answer questions about: 1.) Power of Attorney forms for health or finance; 2.) Referral process for suspected abuse or neglect; 3.) Referral process for domestic violence for all ages, including older adults; 4.) Caregiver support and available respite services; 5.) Banking safeguards to avoid financial abuse, including the importance of completing Payable on Death documents; 6.) Long-term care options; and 7.) TRIAD tips to avoid becoming a victim of scams.

During this awareness day event, a fundraiser lunch for the Waushara County mentor program, which helps local kids in need, will be held outside on the Courthouse lawn. For those interested in attending the Caregiver Support group meeting, it will then begin at 1 p.m.

Purple is the color that has been designated for elder abuse awareness. Wear purple on June 15 and help make a difference in the lives of vulnerable elders. Together, we have the power to prevent elder abuse.