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WEAR PURPLE JUNE 15TH FOR ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

June 4th, 2018 (WAUSEON, OH) Fulton County Job and Family Services—Adult Protective Services Unit-- encourages all Fulton County Residents to wear purple in recognition of “Elder Abuse Awareness Day” on Friday, June 15th, 2018.

According to the National Center on Elder Abuse, Elder abuse refers to intentional or negligent acts by a caregiver or trusted individual that causes harm to an older person. Elder abuse takes many forms, including:

- Neglect or Isolation
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Financial abuse and exploitation
- Emotional or psychological abuse (including verbal abuse and threats)

Elder abuse affects older people across all socioeconomic groups, cultures, and races and can occur anywhere when they are disconnected from social supports. Abuse can occur in a person’s own home, in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other institutional settings and in hospitals.

While any older person is potentially at risk of elder abuse, some are more susceptible to experience abuse or neglect than others. Based on available information, women and people 80 and older are more likely to experience abuse. Factors such as dementia or poor physical health can increase older people’s isolation, which in turn puts people at greater risk of experiencing abuse or neglect.

Common Risk Factors:

- Dementia
- Mental health or substance abuse issues of an older person and/or a perpetrator
- Social isolation
- Poor physical health.

“In 2017, Fulton County took 129 reports regarding Elder Abuse, 79 of which met criteria for further investigation,” states Tiffany Roloff, Adult Protective Services. “Awareness is key. Many individuals that I come into contact with are not aware of the services in our community that are available to assist seniors. Our department strives to connect these individuals with those services that will help make their life more safe, comfortable and fulfilling.” To file a confidential report of elder abuse, contact the Fulton County Job and Family Services at 419-337-0010.

“We hope the community joins us in wearing purple on Friday June 15th,” states Roloff. Share your photos on Social Media by tagging Fulton County on Facebook and Twitter to show your support or email them to Toni Schindler at tschindler@fultoncountyoh.com.

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