

## LOCAL RESOURCES

**Howard County Police Department**  
410-313-2200 (for emergencies, dial 911)

**Howard County Department of Social Services**  
410-872-8700

**Howard County Office on Aging Maryland Access Point (MAP)**  
410-313-5980

**Hope Works**  
[FORMERLY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER]  
410-997-0304

**Howard County Mental Health Authority**  
410-313-7350

**Maryland Office of Attorney General**  
888-743-0023

**Maryland Legal Aide Bureau Senior Legal Helpline**  
800-896-4213 x 7750

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# Protecting **VULNERABLE ADULTS**

2015 Elder Abuse Awareness Conference

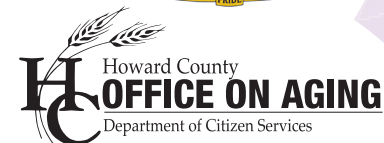
A partnership of the Howard County Department of Citizen Services and the Office on Aging, the Mental Health Authority and Howard County Police

## 2nd Annual Conference

**Friday, June 12, 2015**  
**8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

Sheraton Columbia  
10207 Wincopin Circle  
Columbia, MD 21044

PRESENTED BY THE  
Howard County Vulnerable Adults Committee



## WELCOME

The Howard County Vulnerable Adults Committee welcomes you to the 2nd annual Elder Abuse Awareness Conference. We are committed to providing training to the community and to professionals serving vulnerable adults. Thank you for taking a part of this year's conference.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Howard County Mental Health Authority is an approved sponsor of the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners for Continuing Education for licensed social workers in Maryland and maintains responsibility for this program. **This training is approved for 6.0 hours of Category I continuing education units.**

## AGENDA

- 8:00 – 8:15 Refreshments
- 8:15 – 8:30 WELCOMING REMARKS  
Gary L. Gardner, Chief of Police, Howard County  
Senator Chris Shank, Director of the Governor's Office for Crime Control and Prevention
- 8:30 – 10:00 KEYNOTE featuring Philip Marshall  
Broken Trust: the Brooke Astor Story (Terrace Ballroom)
- 10:15 – 10:30 BREAK
- 10:30 – 12:00 Cheyenne Shepherd, Prosecutor  
A Perfect Storm (Terrace Ballroom)
- 12:00 – 1:15 LUNCH
- 1:15 – 2:45 SESSION ONE
- a) The Perpetrator's Playbook:  
The Psychodynamics of Undue Influence (Ballroom A)
  - b) Prevention of Suicide in Elders (Ballroom B)
  - c) Case Study #1: Undue Influence By the Adult Children Over Their Parents (Ballroom C)
- 2:45 – 3:00 BREAK
- 3:00 – 4:30 SESSION TWO
- a) Interviewing the Vulnerable, Older Adult (Ballroom A)
  - b) Guardianship, Powers of Attorney and  
Mental Capacity (Ballroom B)
  - c) Case Study #2: The Impact of Substance Abuse in the Household of a Vulnerable Adult (Ballroom C)

## OBJECTIVES

### MORNING SESSION

Upon completion, participants should be able to describe how a collaborative approach is an effective way to approach abuse cases.

**Broken Trust: The Brooke Astor Story** – Philip Marshall, grandson of New York philanthropist Brooke Astor, presents how Astor was the victim of elder abuse by Anthony Marshall, her son, and Philip's father.

**A Perfect Storm** – Cheyenne Shepherd presents a story of a 98-year old grandmother taken out of the nursing home to be cared for by family who later financially exploited and sexually abused her.

### AFTERNOON SESSION 1

**The Perpetrator's Handbook** – Dr. Sherif Soliman, Clinical Assistant Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare. Participants will identify what is undue influence and how it is utilized to exploit vulnerable adults.

**Prevention of Suicide in Elders** – Tamara Van Newkirk, Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center and Marsha Ansel, Psychogeriatric Coordinator, Howard County Mental Health Authority present how participants can identify risk factors/red flags to prevent suicide among vulnerable adults experiencing abuse, neglect, self-neglect and/or financial exploitation.

**Case Study #1: Undue Influence By the Adult Children Over Their Parents** – Participants will learn to identify risk factors; deal with the effects of family dynamics and behavioral health issues; and how to address the impact through community services. Panel discussion includes Tom Curtin, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Jori Ellis, Cheyenne Shepherd and Jen Reidy.

### AFTERNOON SESSION 2

**Guardianship, Powers of Attorney and Mental Capacity** – Panel presentation with Dr. Mansbach (a mental health clinician), Steve Elville (an elder law attorney) and Philip Marshall (a family guardian). Participants learn to identify and understand the legal ramifications in relation to guardianships, powers of attorney and mental capacity.

**Interviewing the Vulnerable Adult** – Session presented by Peg Horan, LMSW, Elder Abuse Prevention Specialist/MDT Coordinator, New York City Elder Abuse Center. Participants will learn and identify interviewing techniques and skills when working with older adults.

**Case Study #2: The Impact of Substance Abuse in the Household of a Vulnerable Adult** Participants will learn to identify risk factors; deal with the effects of family dynamics and behavioral health issues; and how to address the impact through community services. Panel discussion includes Tom Curtin, Roe Rodgers-Bonaccorsy, Elena Acs, Dr. Sherif Soliman and Jen Reidy.