

SPOTTING THE SIGNS OF ELDER ABUSE

Abuse can happen to anyone — no matter the person's age, sex, race, religion, or ethnic or cultural background. Each year, hundreds of thousands of adults over the age of 60 are abused, neglected, or financially exploited. This is called elder abuse.

Physical abuse happens when someone causes bodily harm by hitting, pushing, or slapping. This may also include restraining an older adult against his/her will, such as locking them in a room or tying them to furniture.

Emotional abuse, sometimes called psychological abuse, can include a caregiver saying hurtful words, yelling, threatening, or repeatedly ignoring the older adult. Keeping that person from seeing close friends and relatives is another form of emotional abuse.

Neglect occurs when the caregiver does not try to respond to the older adult's needs. This may include physical, emotional, and social needs, or withholding food, medications, or access to health care.

Abandonment is leaving an older adult who needs help alone without planning for his or her care.

Sexual abuse involves a caregiver forcing an older adult to watch or be part of sexual acts.

Financial abuse happens when money or belongings are stolen from an older adult. It can include forging checks, taking someone else's retirement or Social Security benefits, or using a person's credit cards and bank accounts without their permission. It also includes changing names on a will, bank account, life insurance policy, or title to a house without permission. Financial abuse is becoming a widespread and hard-to-detect issue. Even someone you've never met can steal your financial information using the telephone, internet, or email. Be careful about sharing any financial information over the phone or online — you don't know who will use it.

In addition to the theft of an older person's money or belongings, financial abuse also includes:

Financial neglect occurs when an older adult's financial responsibilities such as paying rent or mortgage, medical expenses or insurance, utility bills, or property taxes, are ignored, and the person's bills are not paid.

Financial exploitation is the misuse, mismanagement, or exploitation of property, belongings, or assets. This includes using an older adult's assets without consent, under false pretense, or through intimidation and/or manipulation.

How can you help? If you see something, say something. Connect with HAVEN at 715-536-1300 and speak with an advocate about ways to protect our elders. If you are a caretaker and experiencing burnout, know that you are not alone! There are also resources for you at National Institute on Aging (nih.gov)

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Talk with the older adult and then contact the local Adult Protective Services,

Long-Term Care Ombudsman, or the police.

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Mission Statement

ELDER ABUSE

HAVEN is a champion to people who have experienced abuse. We provide safety, shelter and assistance to victims and survivors in a free and confidential manner. Through education and advocacy, we support their journey of empowerment to achieve economic and emotional independence.

LIFE, LIBERTY & THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

Eleanor Roosevelt said, "Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home—so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world... Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere."

On July 4th it will again be Independence Day, when we celebrate the freedoms that we so value and protect in this country. Every person-- without discrimination----has the right to human equality and the individual freedoms that so many people have sacrificed so much to ensure throughout the history of our country. If these freedoms are compromised in our homes and within our closest relationships, how can they continue to be upheld in our society as a whole? When we say the words "liberty and justice for all", do we consider that some people have "up close and personal" experiences of tyranny here in the land of the free?

Let's reflect on some excerpts from the Declaration of Independence and consider those among us in present times who are experiencing "usurpation", meaning to seize and hold the rights of another without right or by force.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Over time, our laws have established that not only "men", but all human beings--regardless of gender, race, national origin, or religion—have these inherent rights. Yet, serious breaches of equality, then and now, continue in our society. These include the denials of rights experienced through interpersonal domination. In their closest relationships, people can be targeted with physical attacks, emotional and psychological intimidation and manipulation, verbal battering and debasements, sexual assaults, stalking, economic and financial exploitations, isolation, and patterns of coercive control.

"...accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the form to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations...evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such..." For a time, people tend to suffer through treatment that is unjust and abusive, until they reach a tipping point. Those who are living under interpersonal domination realize the accumulated harms and losses they are experiencing, and decide to take actions to regain their rights.

"The history of the present...is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny..." People realize that entitlement to power and privilege is the primary motivation for the many tyrannical tactics used to perpetuate inequality, abuse and violence.

"In every stage of these Oppressions, we have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury." Repeated attempts to reason with those who perpetrate interpersonal abuse and violence, or seek ethical solutions, only result in retaliation.



"We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence." When appeals to the values of justice and shared humanity are ignored, it serves to show the lack of conscience and disregard for the relational damage caused by abuses of human rights.

Interpersonal abuse and violence are a microcosm of the human rights concerns in the world, in our own country, and in our communities. Entitlement to power and lack of empathy fuel abuse and violence on many levels. And just as Eleanor Roosevelt observed, universal human rights authentically begin with how people are treated even in places where no one can see, such as behind the closed doors of our homes and in our closest relationships.

HAVEN would like to thank those who help us to advocate for people whose personal freedoms are impacted by domestic abuse and sexual assault. Those who volunteer their time and efforts for HAVEN, those who donate material goods for the needs of the shelter and the clients, and those who give financial support, are all confirming every individual's human dignity and right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

For 24-hour help or questions, or if you wish to volunteer or make a donation, please call 715-536-1300.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!



Spending time together is one of the greatest gifts families can give to one another. Not only does quality time strengthen and build family bonds, but it also provides a sense of belonging and security for everyone in the family. In fact, research has shown that when families enjoy activities together, children not only learn important social skills but also have higher self-esteem. Strong family bonds also encourage better behavior in children, improve academic performance, strengthen parent-child communication, and teach your child how to be a good friend.

Casey, Youth and Family Advocate.

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Eat	Read a book	Watch
				watermelon	about freedom	fireworks
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Display a flag	Take a walk in	Help a	Wear your	Try a new		
outside	the park	neighbor	favorite outfit	recipe	Stretch	Play mini-golf
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Help make	Pretend to	Look for bugs	Let someone	Help fold	Play cards	Collect change
dinner	play an	outside	know you care	laundry	together	for charity
	instrument					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Make a drum	Share your	Help water	Draw with	What's your	Call a relative	Invite friends
out of a box	favorite book	the plants	sidewalk chalk	favorite joke?	and say, "Hi"	for ice cream
						sundaes
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Learn hello in	Be kind to	Look for	Play "duck,	Create a family	Pick flowers	Say hello to a
a different	your family	square things	duck, goose"	time capsule	for a bouquet	neighbor
language						

You can download this free calendar at www.preventchildabusewi.org.





Hispanic Heritage Month September 15—October 15

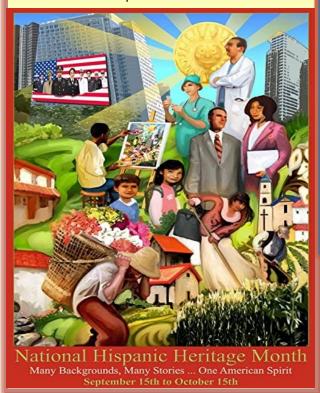
The idea for Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated throughout the latter half of September and the first half of October, began as a way to promote the history, culture, and contributions of Hispanic-Americans — specifically, those whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. The history and accomplishments of these groups in the shaping of the country are celebrated.

The month is celebrated in a plethora of ways. Several other celebratory holidays fall during this month — such as the independence days of several Latin American countries — concerts, parades, food fairs, and more are organized throughout. Educational events like art exhibitions take place as well, highlighting important Latino heroes in history.

This year HAVEN will be hosting a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month which will be held on Saturday Sept. 18 at Normal Park in Merrill from 12:00pm - 4:30 p.m.

Traditional music will be performed in the Gazebo by the Lincoln High School Mariachi Band, (Wisconsin Rapids).

Delicious, authentic Hispanic food will be available for sale from a variety of vendors, and there will also be a piñata for the children.



Lomo Saltado (Peruvian Beef Stir-Fry)

Our Peruvian-American advocates are proud to share this simple, yet delicious recipe. You can literally throw it together within minutes and you don't need exotic ingredients. An absolute must-try from the world-renowned melting pot that is Peruvian food: lomo saltado. What is it? Marinated strips of sirloin steak stir-fry with soy sauce, chopped red onion, tomatoes, crispy French fries, served with rice on the side.

Ingredients

- 1 lb. sirloin steak cut in thin slices
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- Salt to taste
- Black pepper freshly crushed to taste
- 1/2 tsp cumin ground
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 medium red onion cut in thick slices
- 2 plum tomatoes cut in thick slices
- 5 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1/3 cup beef stock
- 1 tablespoon of fresh parsley, coarsely chopped
- 2 cups French fries

Fluffy white rice, as a side dish

MARINATE: Add1tablespoon of soy sauce and garlic and cumin to the thinly sliced beef and allow for the beef to marinate for 5-7 minutes. If you're using a particularly tough cut of meat, consider adding ¼ teaspoon of baking soda along with the soy sauce and let it marinate for 30 minutes.

STIR FRY: Add about a tablespoon of cooking oil to a hot cast iron pan or wok until it shimmers. Brown the beef for roughly 1-2 minutes flipping as needed to cook evenly. You might want to do this in batches if the pan you're working with is small. You want the beef to sear, not steam! Remove to a plate. Add another tablespoon of oil if the pan is dry. Add the onions, red wine vinegar, and the remaining soy sauce and cook them for 1 minute before adding the tomatoes. Continue to sauté for 1 minute, then add the beef back into the pan. You'd also add the French fries here if you wanted to cook them with the sauce. Drizzle with the prepared sauce and toss to combine. Sprinkle the coarsely chopped parsley and serve warm with rice.

Preservation of one's own culture does not require contempt or disrespect for other cultures.

CÉSAR CHAVEZ

The United States gave me opportunities that my country of origin could not: freedom of the press and complete freedom of expression.

JORGE RAMOS

Volunteer Opportunities

☼ Shelter Maintenance

Job duties include any of the following: repairs, general cleaning, painting, etc.

☼ Child Care/Child Activities

Come to the shelter and read a book or do any activity with the kids. Full volunteer training will be provided.

Transportation

Transport clients to various appointments when needed, and/or transport clients to the shelter (may include various locations in the area). Must have a valid driver's license, and liability insurance.



Auto Mechanic

Evaluate automobile problems and/or service automobiles. May include oil changes, tune-ups, etc.

☆ Fundraising

Plan and organize events to raise money and/or items for HAVEN.

We welcome all individuals to apply as volunteers who are committed to our cause. Volunteer opportunities can range from short-term to long-term, and locally or remotely.

If you are interested in becoming a HAVEN volunteer, please contact HAVEN at 715-536-1300 or email kim@haveninc.org

We look forward to hearing from you!

HAVEN'S WISH LIST

Dishwasher detergent Diapers sizes 4 and 5

☆ Tin foil☆ Pull-Ups 3T/4T☆ New pillows☆ Baby wipes

☼ New pillow protectors ☼ Toilet bowl cleaner

Contact HAVEN at 715-536-1300 Donations can be dropped off at HAVEN, 1106 E 8th St, Merrill, WI 54452, during business hours, Monday - Friday 8:00AM - 4:30 PM

Thank you!

HAVEN can email you the newsletter. If you are interested, please call 715-536-1300 or email esther@haveninc.org



You can also find a PDF version of our newsletters at http://www.haveninc.org/ Click on NEWSLETTER





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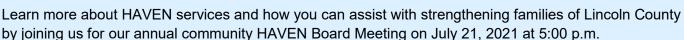
• The City Band and HAVEN at Normal Park

Every Wednesday night at 7pm starting July 7 - August 11 HAVEN staff and board members will be selling food and drinks!

HAVEN's 4-Person Golf Scramble

July 17, 2021 at Edgewater Country Club in Tomahawk

Annual community HAVEN Board Meeting at Normal Park



Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration and Food Fest at Normal Park

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