

It Takes A Village to Address Elder Abuse and Neglect

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What Are Adult Protective Services.....

According to a generic definition of APS developed by the National Adult Protective Services Association, “Adult Protective Services (APS) are those services provided to older people and people with disabilities who are in danger of being mistreated or neglected, are unable to protect themselves, and have no one to assist them”

(NAAPSA, May 2001, p. 1)

It's the Law.....

- KRS 209 originally passed in 1978
- Unique in reports being made to CHFS
- Statute misunderstood by professionals, general public

What is the purpose of the Law?

209.010 Purpose and application of chapter.

(1) The purpose of this chapter is:

(a) To provide for the protection of adults who may be suffering from abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and to bring said cases under the purview of the Circuit or District Court;

report them to a representative of the cabinet, thereby causing the protective services of the state to be brought to bear in an effort to protect the health and welfare of these adults in need of protective services and to prevent abuse, neglect, or exploitation; and

(c) To promote coordination and efficiency among agencies and entities that have a responsibility to respond to the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults.

(2) This chapter shall apply to the protection of adults who are the victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation inflicted by a person or caretaker. It shall not apply to victims of domestic violence unless the victim is also an adult as defined in KRS 209.020(4).

Effective: June 20, 2005

Who to call to report:

- CHFS Central Intake: 246-5258
- Fayette Adult Protective Services Team: 245-7136
- Hot Line: 1-800-752-6200
- Anonymous calls are accepted; may not get feedback

Partners in Prevention/ Detection:

- Public Awareness Campaigns
- CHFS Video: “Unheard Cries: Elder Abuse in Kentucky”
- WKYT-TV Senior Minute
- Past Efforts: Hello Daily, Meter Readers, Bank Tellers

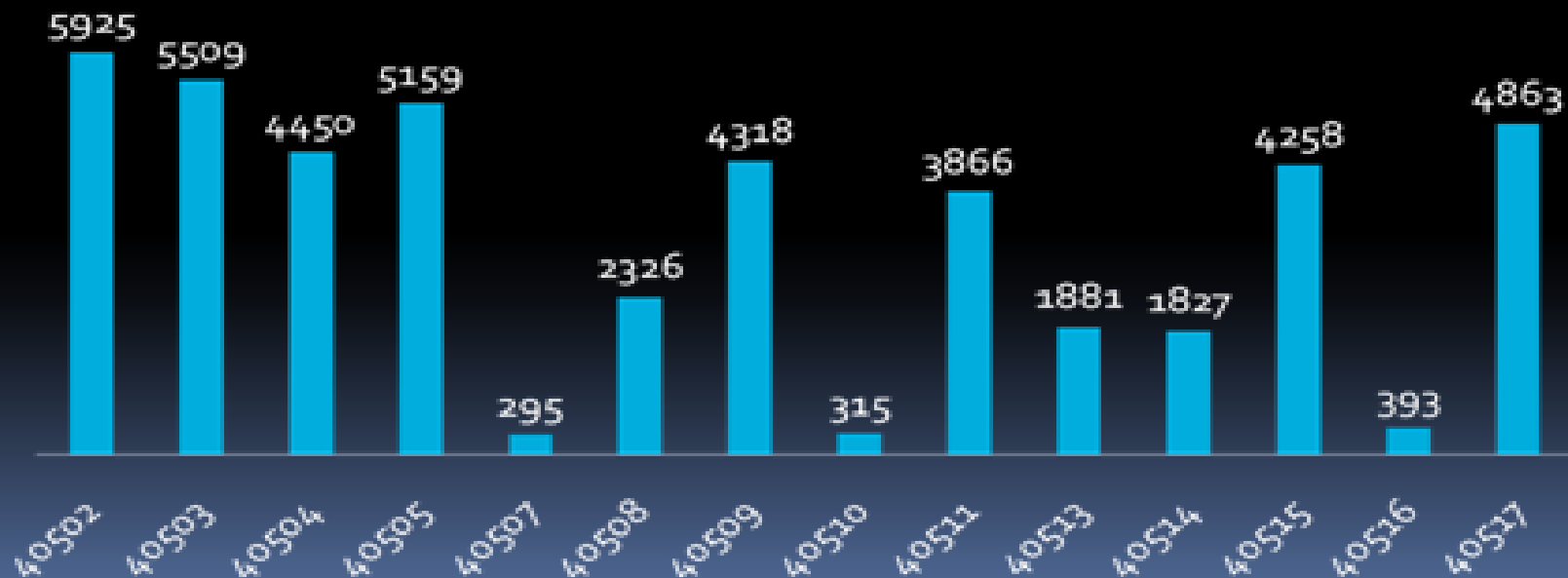
Where do seniors live in Lexington?



Seniors by Zip Code

- 45,385 Seniors – 60 years or older
- Population will DOUBLE in next 20 years

■ Seniors



An Ounce of Prevention...

- Knowing Community Resources: *Pathways*
- Future Planning: More than Advanced Directives
- Co habitation: Caregiver Checklist
- Lexington CARES

Fayette County Assets

- Variety of housing options
- Collaborative service community/ national experts
- Good access to medical care
- Livable Communities Summit/ Designation

Fayette County Deficits

- Lack of Emergency Shelter
- No Affordable Assisted Living
- Small number of APS workers and community case managers
- Inadequate mental health services
- Inadequate transportation



Questions?



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