

Area Agency on Aging 3  
Lima, Ohio

# Where it started.....

2007 AAA 3 applied for a grant from National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (NCPEA) for Elder Justice Community Collaboration Project.

- Seed money to develop new, local multi-disciplinary elder justice networks
- Networks to develop strategies to address **detection**, intervention and **prevention** of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.
- Strategies included:
  - Monthly coalition meetings
  - Formulate 4 defined committees
    - Advocacy
    - Program
    - Public and Professional Education
    - Fundraising
- Identified Gaps in community for victims of elder abuse
- Mentor – Mary Lynn Kasunic, President & CEO AAA Region One, Arizona

# Recognizing the need

- APS lack of funding/staffing
- No 7 county service entity
- Nothing specific to elder victims-support services/housing
- Under reported
- Will you know it when you see it – the many components of abuse: physical, mental, sexual, financial, neglect and isolation.

# Funding Opportunities

APS Innovation Grant

Health Path Foundations

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

# APS Innovation Grant

Partnered with Allen County APS

- \$32,549 – AAA3 wrote the grant
- Needs Assessment – Identify types of training needed. It is important that the training cross disciplines because elders and their caregivers come in contact with multiple people every day.
- Develop and present trainings to educate professionals and public on *identifying* elder abuse
- Develop and present training and outreach opportunities for the *prevention* of elder abuse and neglect

# Health Path Foundations

- Focus on Prevention
- Education component – focusing on caregivers formal and informal
- Evidence Based Programs
- ***Eden at Home*** - Applies the power of the Eden Alternative's Ten Principles to improving quality of life for Elder(s) living at home and their care partners. Eden at Home promotes a culture of meaningful care in our communities that does not see the needs of caregivers as separate from the needs of care receivers, but rather advocates for the well-being of the whole care partnership. Working together, empowered care partner teams help to ensure the independence, dignity, and continued growth and development of all involved by eliminating loneliness, helplessness, and boredom for all care partners on the team
- ***Powerful Tools for Caregivers*** - In the six weekly classes, caregivers develop a wealth of self-care tools to: reduce personal stress; change negative self-talk; communicate their needs to family members and healthcare or service providers; communicate more effectively in challenging situations; recognize the messages in their emotions, deal with difficult feelings; and make tough caregiving decisions.

# Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

- Early in 2015 became aware of additional funding being allocated to Ohio's VOCA funding
- Additional 53 million for Ohio
- Submitted \$200,000 grant for staffing (Program Director and Care Manager) and direct services
- Direct services
  - Transitional/Emergency Housing
  - Transportation
  - Meals
  - Counseling
- No duplication of services
  - Current Crime Victims organization serves only 2 counties
  - Focus on advocacy and assistance through the legal system
  - Gaps identified through our EJCC

# Program Components

## Education

Training professionals and public on *identification* and *prevention*

Evidence Based Programs

Curriculum Development



# Program Components continued...

## Direct Services

Transitional Housing/Emergency Housing

Transportation

Meals

Counseling

## Staffing

Program Director

Outreach Case Manager

## Funding

\$200,000

\$15,000

\$32,549

Those who fear the darkness have no idea what the light can do.....



# Where do we go from here

Providing deliverables of grants

Looking for additional funding

Sustainable funding

Shelter designated for elderly victims of abuse