



### **Gatekeeper Program Introduction Training**

#### **Southwest Washington Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition (SWEAP)**

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#### **SWEAP Board Members**

The Gatekeeper Program is designed to assist vulnerable adults who may need help, but may be unable to get it for themselves.

Gatekeeper Program Introduction training informs members of the community about what any of us can do when we are worried about the welfare of a vulnerable adult.

Many of us have developed concerns about a person in the community, but may have been unfamiliar with local resources and/or uncomfortable with the idea of intervening in any way. This can cause us to do nothing because we do not know what to do. The results? Discomfort and maybe some guilty feelings, and continued exposure to a possibly unsafe set of circumstances for the vulnerable person. SWEAP wants to change that.

One hour of Continuing Legal Education ***applied for*** Attorneys. One hour of Continuing Education Units for Certified Professional Guardians ***applied for***.

**Class will be held on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm – 8pm.**

*A complimentary light dinner will be included.*

**Seating is limited. RSVP to: Rochelle Walters at 360-833-3062.**

**The host site of the training is: Kent Place Assisted Living at 2647 NW Kent Street, Camas, WA 98607.**

### **Training Goals:**

Share information about the Gatekeeper Program in general. Increase awareness of abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults in our community. Provide information about community resources and points of contact. Develop understanding of some reasons why people do not report abuse and neglect and/or access appropriate resources. Promote respect for individual rights and self-determination in the context of intervention. Reduce misunderstandings about legal requirements, terminology and processes. Explain what outcomes are likely and/or possible for specific types of situations. Encouragement for all members of the community to notice signs of abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults in our community. Learn how to take appropriate actions.