

Rocky Mountain Conference on Aging is scheduled for April 21

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Elder Financial Exploitation is the theme for the 2011 Rocky Mountain Conference on Aging which is Thursday, April 21 at The Ranch near Loveland.

The conference is for anyone who comes in contact with older adults and may have concerns whether the individual is a victim of some type of abuse or exploitation. Conference attendees might be care providers, senior center personnel, doctors, bankers, police or even close friends.

People hear of entities outside the family or close friends exploiting vulnerable individuals; unfortunately statistics show it more commonly occurs from within the close circle of family or friends.

Conference attendees will explore the challenges and complexities of financial exploitation, learn to recognize warning signs, and acquire tools for investigation and prevention.

Peggy Tracy from Illinois will open the conference presenting "Elder Victimization: When Trusted Individuals Become Trust Violators." Tracy is a certified financial planner with extensive training in fraud criminology related to finances of older adults. She has appeared in an expert capacity on many radio and television programs.

Four breakout sessions are available: Outsmarting Investment Fraud, Communicating in Sensitive Situations, Using Internet to Investigate Financial Fraud and Understanding the Emotional Toll of Financial Abuse on Older Adults.

Following lunch, a panel representing social services adult protection, medical, legal and financial entities will address the role they play when a case of financial exploitation is suspected as well as the challenges and limitation they face.

The Rocky Mountain Conference on Aging is presented by Colorado State University Extension, Colorado State University College of Natural Sciences Psychology Department and University of Northern Colorado College of Natural and Health Sciences Gerontology Program.

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Complete conference information including online registration is available at www.larimer.org/extension or by calling Colorado State University in Morgan County at 970-542-3544.