

Intimate Partner Violence and Rural Older Women IPV Resource List

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Reports

Catalano, S. (2007). *Intimate partner violence in the United States*. Washington, DC: US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. Retrieved from Bureau of Justice Statistics website:

<http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/ipvus.pdf>

Statistics from the National Crime Victimization Surveys on IPV victim and abuser characteristics, injury, circumstances, assistance, and charges filed.

Dunlop, B., Beaulaurier, R. L., Seff, L. R., Newman, F. L., Malik, N., & Fuster, M. (2005). *Domestic violence against older women: Final technical report* (NIJ #2002-WG-BX-0100). Washington, DC: National Institute of Justice. Retrieved from National Criminal Justice Reference Service website:

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/212349.pdf>

Offers older women's perspectives on domestic violence, with a particular emphasis on barriers to seeking help.

OWL – The Voice of Midlife and Older Women (2009). *Elder Abuse: A women's issue. Mother's day report 2009*. Retrieved from OWL website:

http://www.owl-national.org/Mothers_Day_Reports_files/OWL_MothersDay_Report_09_Final_2.pdf

Highlights issues of domestic violence and elder abuse in the lives of older women and the gaps in federal legislation and policy to protect older victims.

Rennison, C. M. (2001). *Intimate partner violence and age of victim, 1993-99*. Washington, DC: US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. Retrieved from the US Department of Justice website: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/ipva99.pdf>

Provides data from the National Crime Victimization Survey on intimate partner violence in late life.

Tjaden, P., & Thoennes, N. (2000). *Full report of the prevalence, incidence, and consequences of violence against women*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice. Retrieved from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service website:

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/181867.pdf>

Provides findings from the National Violence against Women Survey.

Wisconsin Coalition against Domestic Violence & Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (2009). *Elder abuse, neglect, and family violence: A guide for health care professionals*. Retrieved from the Wisconsin Coalition against Domestic Violence website: www.wcadv.org/?go=download&id=1142

Includes information on domestic violence in later life, interventions, and resources for health care providers.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- Brandl, B., Herbert, M., Rozwadowski, J., & Spangler, D. (2003). Feeling safe, feeling strong: Support groups for older abused women. *Violence Against Women, 9*, 1490-1503.
Interviews with support group facilitators highlight general principles of working with older abused women in a group setting, the benefits experienced by group participants, characteristics of existing groups, and challenges encountered by program organizers.
- Brandl, B., Dyer, C. B., Heisler, C. J., Otto, J. M., Stiegel, L. A., & Thomas, R. W. (2006). Enhancing victim safety through collaboration. *Care Management Journals, 7*, 64-72.
Discussion on lethality indicators and safety planning for late life domestic violence scenarios.
- Desmarais, S. L., & Reeves, K. A. (2007). Gray, black, and blue: The state of research and intervention for intimate partner abuse among elders. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law, 25*, 377-391.
Focus on research and intervention problems in the area of late life intimate partner abuse. Risk factors, screening instruments, and legal considerations are addressed.
- Fisher, B.S., & Regan, S. L. (2006). The extent and frequency of abuse in the lives of older women and their relationship with health outcomes. *The Gerontologist, 46*, 200-209.
Addresses the extent of different types of abuse, repeated and multiple abuse experiences among women aged 60 and older, and their effects on the women's self-reported health.
- Fisher, B., Zink, T., & Regan, S. (2006). Hidden within the golden years: Intimate partner violence and abuse against older women. In R. W. Summers & A. M. Hoffman (Eds.), *Elder Abuse: A Public Health Perspective* (pp. 97-115). Washington, DC: American Public Health Association.
Discussion on the prevalence and incidence of late life abuse, victim perspectives, resources for victims, and future directions for practitioners.
- Hedtke, K. A., Ruggiero, K. J., Fitzgerald, M. M., Zinzow, H. M., Saunders, B. E., Resnick, H. S., et al. (2008). A longitudinal investigation of interpersonal violence in relation to mental health and substance use. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 76*, 633-647.
Examines mental health status as a contributing factor to exposure to interpersonal violence.
- Koenig, T., Rinfrette, E. S., & Lutz, W. A. (2006). Female caregivers' reflections on ethical decision-making: The intersection of domestic violence and elder care. *Clinical Social Work Journal, 34*, 361-372.
Explores the challenging relationship between caregiving and domestic violence in late life. A model is presented to help practitioners who work with caregivers facing difficult dilemmas stemming from intimate partner violence.
- Leisey, M., Kupstas, P. K., & Cooper, A. (2009). Domestic violence in the second half of life. *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect, 21*, 141-155.
Identifies what older women want and need from agencies that provide services to enhance victim safety.

Mezey, N. J., Post, L. P., & Maxwell, C. D. (2002). Redefining intimate partner violence: Women's experiences with physical violence and non-physical abuse by age. *The International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, 22, 122-153.

Statistics from the Michigan Violence Against Women Survey used to demonstrate the relationship between age, physical violence, and non-physical abuse within the context of intimate partner violence.

Roberto, K. A., & Teaster, P. B. (2005). Sexual abuse of vulnerable young and old women: A comparative analysis of circumstances and outcomes. *Violence Against Women*, 11, 473-504.

Aggregated Adult Protective Services data used to compare sexual abuse experiences by age and residential settings.

Straka, S. M., & Montminy, L. (2006). Responding to the needs of older women experiencing domestic violence. *Violence Against Women*, 12, 251-267.

Broad review of literature from domestic violence and elder abuse fields with focus on how older women have fallen through the gaps between these systems.

Teaster, P. B., Roberto, K. A., & Dugar, T. (2006). Intimate partner violence of rural aging women. *Family Relations*, 55, 636-648.

Experiences of community professionals and older women who have experienced IPV to better understand victim experiences and community responses unique to a rural area.

Websites

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Intimate Partner Violence

Resources include a program activities guide on prevention initiatives, handbooks with intimate partner and sexual violence assessment tools (one general and one for health care settings), risk factors, and prevention strategies:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/intimatepartnerviolence/index.html>

Faith Trust Institute

Training and educational resources for faith-based communities to address sexual and domestic violence:

<http://www.faithtrustinstitute.org/resources>

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL)

Nationally recognized leader on program development, policy and technical assistance and training that addresses the nexus between domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse: www.ncall.us

National Center on Elder Abuse – Research Briefs and Agendas

Resource topics include abusers, causation theories, cultural considerations, prevalence and incidence, and relationships:

http://www.ncea.aoa.gov/ncearoot/main_site/library/Statistics_Research/Research_Briefs.aspx

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