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ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

The Miami County Commissioners have declared June 15, 2016 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Miami County.

Commissioner Richard Cultice encouraged Miami Countians to wear purple on Wednesday, June 15th in observation of this day.

Commissioner John W. “Bud” O’Brien stated “Ohio’s and Miami County’s elder population, adults age 60 or older, is a population that continues to grow, making abuse to adults age 60 and older more prevalent in our communities. Elder abuse, neglect and exploitation occur among all socio-economic classes, races and genders, and it is estimated that one in five incidents of maltreatment are never reported.”

Commissioner John F. “Jack” Evans added “Between July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, there were 16,422 reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults 60 years of age or older in Ohio. During this same time period, the Miami County Department of Job and Family Services received 146 reports of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. Of the number of reports received, 35% were ages 80-89, 30% were ages 70-79 and 25% between the ages of 60-69. Self-neglect or neglect made up 68% of the reports, 14% of the reports were for abuse and 14% for exploitation.”

Miami County Job & Family Services Director, Teresa Brubaker, informed the Commission, “Miami County Department of Job and Family Services collaborate with advocates and professionals in the community to increase awareness in the fight against elder abuse. In 2015 Job and Family Services developed an Inter-disciplinary (I-Team) team made up of law enforcement officers, the prosecutor’s office, and a variety of social service agencies within the community that work with seniors in the community. This collaboration with the community partners ensures that the service delivery is fully utilizing the existing and available community services for one of our most vulnerable populations, our Golden Buckeye.”

Commissioner Cultice concluded by saying, “Residents of Miami County may report suspected elder abuse, neglect and exploitation by calling the Miami County Department of Job and Family Services at 937-440-3471.”