ElderSAFE Client Referral Process

The ElderSAFE™ Center, a program of Charles E. Smith Life Communities (CESLC), provides temporary shelter for older adults at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, a skilled nursing facility. The Center accepts referrals from community agencies and programs to provide safe, temporary shelter for older adults who are being abused by an intimate partner, family member, caregiver, or other individual. The Center’s language-accessible Helpline number is 301.816.5099 and is operational Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Messages left after hours, on weekends, or holidays will be returned the next business day. In the event of an emergency, call 911 or Adult Protective Services (APS) at 240.777.3000.

Criteria for Admission:
1. 60 years of age or older
2. Experienced one or more of the following types of abuse (physical, sexual, psychological, financial, or neglect) or is at risk for experiencing abuse
3. Referred to the ElderSAFE Center by an agency or program
4. In need of temporary shelter and agree to be placed in temporary shelter
5. Victim will not contact abuser through any form of communication during shelter stay
6. Victim will keep shelter location confidential
7. Homeless and self-neglect cases are not accepted

Agency making the referral will:
1. Assess older adult to ensure basic admission criteria is met
2. Complete the ElderSAFE intake form to the fullest extent possible, including, but not limited to:
   • Demographic information of victim
   • Detailed information on abuse incident
   • Recent hospitalizations (was this hospitalization a result of the abuse?)
   • Medical, psychological, substance, and alcohol abuse history
   • Protective order, peace order or trespass order information
   • Name of legal guardian or power of attorney if applicable
   • Criminal history of abuser (if known)
   • Information regarding abuser’s access to guns or weapons

The ElderSAFE Center team, in conjunction with CESLC’s senior management, will make an admission decision after the intake process is complete and inform the referring agency or program of the decision within 48-72 hours. Admissions are not accepted on weekends or holidays.

The ElderSAFE Center follows the Hebrew Home admissions guidelines when admitting an ElderSAFE resident.

The ElderSAFE Center reserves the right to decline an admission based on any concerns affecting the safety or welfare of the CESLC campus, employees, residents and visitors.