

Aging: Physical and Cognitive Loss and Isolation as determinates for Potential Abuse

The Pandemic and Isolation

- How has the pandemic created isolation in the aging population?
- In the home setting vs. community or institutional settings
- Examples of abuse and neglect and potential for abuse
- How can families address concerns?

Cognitive Impairment

- Risks associated with cognitive impairment/ dementia
- Decreased or lack of Executive Functioning
- Poor insight and judgment
- Easy Target for exploitation

Physical Disability

- Loss of independence- dependence on others
- Immobility
- Transportation and driving concerns

What Can We Do?

- **Awareness**
- See something say something
- Mandatory Reporters:
 - Health Care Professionals
 - Police Officers
 - Human Services workers
 - Banking Industry Employees

Support Systems for deterrence

- Advocate
- Home Supports- caregiving
- Financial Oversight
- Truelink Card