

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Where will you be at noon on Wednesday, June 15?

Minnesota Network on Abuse in Later Life (MNALL), a statewide agency spreading awareness of abuse in later life, recently sent Minnesota communities a request to participate in World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEADD) on Wednesday, June 15.

The purpose of this day is for a statewide action to recognize, confront and end elder abuse.

There will be a statewide moment of silence at noon on June 15 for 10 minutes, when every person will stand in silence against all interpersonal violence - specifically abuse of our elders. This is a time to reflect and ask yourself, "What can I do? What will I do?" in regards to ending elder abuse.

Unfortunately, abuse and neglect of Native elders now occurs with an alarming frequency in tribal communities. Nationally, neglect is the most frequent form of elder abuse. Emotional and psychological abuse, physical abuse, sexual assault, financial and material exploitation, and abandonment are the next most common forms of abuse. More than 79 percent of elder abuse cases go unreported.

If you or someone you know has gone through domestic violence/sexual assault, general crimes or stalking and are in need of help and support, or if you would like more information about the services the White Earth DOVE Program provides, please contact 218-935-5554 or 1-800-763-8629.

If you are in immediate danger or need someone to talk to, call the 24-hour crisis line at 1-877-830-3683.