You may feel mistreated by someone close to you

Does this person:

- Ignore your calls for help or companionship, and limit your contact with other people?
- □ Scold or insult you or make you feel useless?
- Try to control your access to food, medicine, transportation, or finances?
- □ Take your money or possessions?
- Destroy your belongings?
- ☐ Threaten to injure you or your pet?
- □ Scare you with weapons?
- Physically hurt you or touch you inappropriately?
- ☐ Threaten to "put you away"?
- □ Deceive, swindle or con you?
- Make you sign documents you didn't want to sign or didn't understand?

If you answered **Yes** to any of these, help is available. Contact CHERISH.

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The CHERISH Program A Safe Haven for Elders



In late life domestic violence, things may not be picture perfect.

24-Hour Confidential Hotline:

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The first program of its kind in Connecticut...

The CHERISH Program is an innovative virtual safe house program designed to provide an array of supportive services to those 60 years of age and older. The CHERISH Program is funded by the CT Department of Social Services.

How can the CHERISH Program Help?



The central goal of the CHERISH Program is providing a safe place for abused seniors to stay. By partnering with

assisted living communities, retirement homes, and skilled nursing facilities, CHERISH is able to provide a safe environment, as well as ensure that clients receive nourishing meals, medication management, and assistance with activities of daily living if necessary.

Our Services

CHERISH offers counseling and support groups, and facilitates access to resources that include medical assistance, housing, and financial options.

- 24-hour hotline:
 (203) 736-9944 or (203) 789-8104
- Weekly support groups
- One-on-one counseling
- Anonymous safe housing
- Court advocacy
- Referral and advocacy for legal, medical, housing assistance, etc.
- Referral for the perpetrator

Who Qualifies for the CHERISH Program?

You may qualify if you are...

- $\sqrt{60}$ years of age or older;
- √ A Connecticut resident;
- Experiencing late life domestic violence.

Bill of Rights

You have the right to:

- Live free of violence.
- Be heard.
- Ask for what you want.
- Make decisions about yourself.
- Feel and express anger.
- Be treated with respect and dignity.
- Experience and express your feelings.
- Change your mind.
- Feel good about yourself.
- Define and live by your own standards.
- You have the right to CHERISH yourself.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the CHERISH
Program to make a positive difference
in the lives of older adults victimized
by domestic violence in the home. The
CHERISH Program works toward
empowering clients to live a life free
of violence and abuse.