

SAINT ELIZABETH HAVEN FOR ELDER JUSTICE FACT SHEET

THE HAVEN is a statewide program of the Saint Elizabeth Community that provides

- **a short-term shelter** for an elder abuse victim and
- **a community-based case management program** for the elder who is abused or at risk of abuse and who does not enter the shelter.

Haven clients are

- both male and female
- physically, psychologically, sexually, verbally, or financially abused, or intentionally neglected
- age 60 or older
- understands the purpose of the Haven shelter and community program
- is willing to be admitted
- is competent to make a decision

Referrals are made by community agencies and Adult Protective Service Workers.

- an elder is screened by the Haven team for admission into the shelter
- the team identifies a bed in one of the facilities when needed
- a plan to transition the elder into the shelter or into the community program is developed
- agrees to abide by the terms of the care plan

THE HAVEN SHELTER is a virtual shelter, a fairly new shelter model in the country.

- there is no one shelter building
- an elder victim is placed in one of Saint Elizabeth Community facilities, wherever a bed is available

The Haven Shelter is different from other types of shelters.

- Saint Elizabeth Community has over a hundred years of experience working with frail elders
- the facilities are completely handicapped accessible
- provide 24-hour nursing care
- provide programs and services geared to elders
- maintain elder-friendly environments

There is no charge to the elder for shelter services in the nursing facility.

The length of shelter stay varies based upon the needs of the elder.

- the goal is to transition the elder into a safe permanent living situation within 30 days
- experience demonstrates that some elders stay shorter time, others stay longer
- discharge planning begins when the elder enters the facility.

Upon admittance into the shelter

- a safety plan is put into place
- a health/psych assessment and social/safety assessment are completed
- needs are identified and addressed
- the elder is integrated into the program activities of the facility
- the elder resides anonymously in the facility
- a case management and discharge plan is developed immediately after discharge, the Elder Advocate follows up with the elder at 3 months and 6 months
- and remains available to assist the elder upon request or referral

THE HAVEN COMMUNITY PROGRAM works with elder victims while they remain in their home or in the community.

Once admitted into the shelter or the community program, an Elder Advocate

- provides case management services and safety planning
- obtains resources for counseling and social service support
- advocates for the elder through the legal process
- works with a team of community partners
- develops a discharge plan including relocation of the elder
- follows up with the elder at 3 months and 6 months
- remains available to assist the elder upon request

HAVEN EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

- Provides education to the public about elder abuse, safety training
- Advocates for benefits, services and legal assistance for victims
- Advocates for laws and public policies about elder abuse services and protections