

ABSTRACT

INCIDENCES OF ELDER ABUSE IN DOMESTIC SETTINGS AMONG DIFFERENT ETHNIC GROUPS

Abuse of persons 65 years and older in the United States is an underreported but very serious problem. Of the approximately 1 million elders abused annually, the great majority are abused in private homes. The only comprehensive study on the incidence of elder abuse in this country is the National Elder Abuse Incidence Study, completed in 1996. Data from that research were used to explore differences in reported allegations of five different types of elder abuse among Caucasian, African American, Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaskan Native populations. The study found no differences in the reported number of incidents of abuse among groups when compared with the total U.S. population for the group, but some differences when compared with the total number of reported incidents.

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