

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 don’t want to sign or don’t understand?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, there is someone you can talk to about it.

STATEWIDE HOTLINE 1-888-774-2900

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24-hour hotline: 1-888-774-2900

Business phone: (203) 736-2601 x1143

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The **CHERISH** program is available throughout the state of Connecticut.

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CHERISH Program

A Safe Haven for Elders



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How can the CHERISH Program Help?

CHERISH provides a safe environment and supportive services for those ages 60 and older that are victimized by domestic violence in their homes. The goal of the **CHERISH** program is to provide a safe place for seniors to stay. The **CHERISH** program partners with assisted living programs, retirement homes, and skilled nursing facilities in the community.

CHERISH Services:

- 24-hour hotline
1-888-774-2900
- Individualized counseling
- Anonymous safe housing
- Court advocacy
- Referral and advocacy for legal, medical, housing assistance, etc.



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Who Qualifies for the CHERISH Program?

You may qualify if you are...

- 60 years of age or older;
- A Connecticut resident;
- Experiencing later life domestic violence;

CARING
HOME
ELDERLY
RECEIVING
INSIGHT
SAFETY AND
HEALING

Bill of Rights

You have the right to:

- Live free of violence.
- Be heard.
- Ask for what you want.
- Make decisions for 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

The **CHERISH** program is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of older adults who are victimized by domestic violence in the home. The **CHERISH** Program works toward empowering clients to live a life free of violence and abuse.