



WEST VIRGINIA BUREAU OF SENIOR SERVICES

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West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services recognizes Elder Abuse Awareness Month in June with Dr. James J. Bulot at the Culture Center

June is nationally recognized as Elder Abuse Awareness Month. In an effort to increase awareness, provide tools and useful information, the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services will host a one day symposium on Monday, June 13, 2016, beginning at 9:00 a.m. featuring Dr. James J. Bulot, Associate Director, Government Healthcare Solutions with Navigant as guest speaker.

Established by the Administration on Aging, Elder Abuse Awareness Month is dedicated to raising awareness in the face of many important issues surrounding elder abuse including physical, financial or emotional abuse.

“No senior should have to suffer at the hands of a caregiver or family member,” said Robert E. Roswall, Commissioner of the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services. “Unfortunately, it continues to be crucial that we do all that we can to shine a spotlight on this subject and assist where there is need.”

Dr. James J. Bulot is an applied gerontologist with over 20 years of experience working in the field of aging and disability services. He has served as both the State Director of the LA Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs and the Director of the Georgia Division of Aging Services. “I have dedicated my career to the concerns and protection of seniors,” Dr. Bulot said. “I am privileged to continue this work and will do everything I can to ensure the support and safety they so richly deserve.”

The program will also include remarks from Karen L. Bowling, Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. Additional presentations will be made by representatives of law enforcement from Boone and Cabell counties. A special recognition will be presented in support of passage of Senate Bill 361 which prohibits persons who have committed crimes against the elderly from performing any court-ordered community service involving the elderly.

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