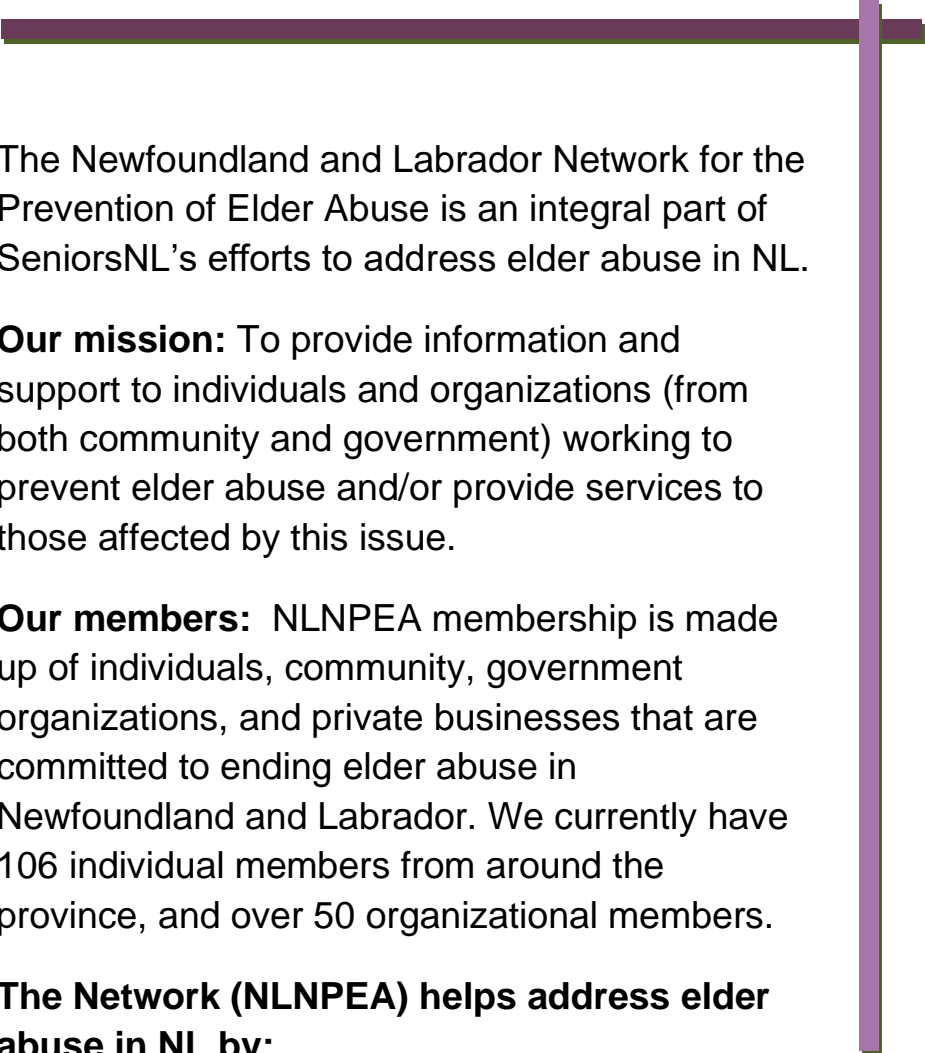


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Newfoundland and Labrador Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (NLNPEA)



The Newfoundland and Labrador Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse is an integral part of SeniorsNL's efforts to address elder abuse in NL.

Our mission: To provide information and support to individuals and organizations (from both community and government) working to prevent elder abuse and/or provide services to those affected by this issue.

Our members: NLNPEA membership is made up of individuals, community, government organizations, and private businesses that are committed to ending elder abuse in Newfoundland and Labrador. We currently have 106 individual members from around the province, and over 50 organizational members.

The Network (NLNPEA) helps address elder abuse in NL by:

Building capacity: NLNPEA helps to build capacity among seniors, service providers and community leaders. This is done through presentations, training, and resources (such as *Looking Beyond the Hurt: A Service Provider's Guide to Elder Abuse*). Examples of NLNPEA's training sessions have included "Understanding Elder Abuse: Practical Skills for Community

Volunteers and Service Providers” and “You Power – Neighbours, Friends, and Family for Older Adults” (<http://itsnotright.ca/>).

It is estimated that between 4 and 10 percent of Canadian seniors experience some kind of abuse. If we apply that percentage to NL’s senior population, that means there may be over **9300 seniors in Newfoundland and Labrador who are experiencing abuse.**

Helping seniors to connect to resources: It is crucial that seniors experiencing abuse and those who support them know where to go for help. NLNPEA provides this information through its presentations, elder abuse brochures, and website. The network continues to promote SeniorsNL’s Information and Referral Service and contribute to SeniorsNL’s content-rich website, www.seniorsnl.ca

Connecting our members and raising public awareness: Our strength is our members. Important work to prevent elder abuse is occurring across our province and country. Through its website, email list-serve, webinars, and other events, NLNPEA helps to connect

those working to address and end elder abuse and support collaborative solutions to the issue. In addition, NLNPEA helps to raise public awareness by providing elder abuse presentations to other organizations and seniors groups; holding senior information and World Elder Abuse Awareness Day events; distributing elder abuse brochures; and providing information to the public. Often network members work together to achieve these goals.

Want to get involved? Become an individual or organization member today! It is free.

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