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The menace of elder abuse is pervasive in the contemporary society. There exist several forms of elder abuse which sound abhorrent and people are aghast to learn that practice is being inflicted on older people. However, critical factors contribute to accelerate the peril of elder abuse. Lack of knowledge, personal issues of the abuser, a family history of violence, lack of time and the physical impairment of the older person are the prominent variables to fuel the social issue of elder abuse. Primarily, all these issues are vested in the social norms of the specific population. The dimensions of elder neglect stipulate the failure to fulfill essential obligations. These values vary from person to person. For instance, unsanitary living conditions, untreated bedsores, detrimental living conditions and malunutrition or dehydration are the conspicuous kinds of elder neglect. The need of the hour is to eliminate these menaces from the society by following a critical approach.

To begin, the major stakeholders in addressing the social meace of elder neglect are the children. They are the perpetrators of elder abuse and neglect in most of the cases. It is imperative to eduate the children and teach essential values of looking after the older people. A critical appraisal of the issue reveals that the children deem the old age a potential burden and thus refrain from comforting them. Producitve campaigns ought to be launched to make the children value the integrity of the older generation. Cynics would claim the practice of educating the children is a futile policy (“The Solution to Elder Abuse - Ageless Alliance,” n.d.). In essence, educating them is the very first and imperative step towards changing their behaviors, attitudes and beliefs towards the elder people.

Furthermore, the community based intervention will porve productive to address the radical practice of elder abuse and neglect. With the passage of time, asult abuse is accelerating. The elder people are prone to detrimental consequences. The lack of socio-economics resources is a dominant factor influencing the increase in the subjection of elder neglect and abuse. Prolific social network programs, conducted without discrimination, can offer a potential venue to enhance the caregiving practices, caregivning support and training, increasing the utilization of institutional and government resources and offer financial and guardianship support to the older people (“Elder Abuse and Neglect,” n.d.). All these deliberated incentives are the cornerstones of facilitating the victims and advancing towards the reduction of the peril from the society. Another fundamental objective that falls under the paradigm of community support is the use of resources. Governemnt and the pertinent institutions ought to utilize the undergoing services in a sustainable manner. Opeerational initiatives, influencing strategies and securing financial support for the existing laws that underpin the national infrastructure will be of paramount significane to combat the issue.

In addition, recognition of the matter is the foremost technique to prevent the elder abuse and neglect. In the United Sates of America (USA), older people are deemed independent and in control of life (“Elder Abuse and Neglect: In Search of Solutions | Community Solutions to Sexual and Domestic Violence: VIRGINIA,” n.d.). However, the reality contradicts the apparent perception. The violent and radical values of adult abuse are widepspread across the state. It is necessary to recognize the social peril in true letters and spirtis before advancing towards the ultimate solution.

To conclude, elder abuse and neglect is a detrimental practice desecrating the social fabric of society. It is imperative to address to the issue from various apsects encompassing the prevention and intervention thoroughly. The community based intervention, educating children and society and strengthing the financial and resource consumption of the government and its institutes are the essential steps to confront the challenge.

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