

# CANDACE HEISLER



A national expert in the fields of Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse, Ms. Heisler served as an Assistant District Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco, Calif., for more than 25 years, specializing in Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse cases. She has trained on

these issues for 20 years, has published numerous articles on Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse and is the recipient of the California Crime Victim's United "Prosecutor of the Year" Award, among many other honors. Ms. Heisler focuses on the need for communities to join together to address the challenge of Domestic Violence in Later Life.

Pre-registration for each participant is required and due by  
**Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008.**

To register, include a \$45 check (made out to the Women's Resource Center or WRC) OR a credit card number and expiration date. Space is limited, so register early. Mail your registration to:

**The Women's Resource Center  
Domestic Abuse in Later Life  
Attn: Mary Beth Pulsifer  
P.O. Box 477  
Radford, VA 24143**

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for The Prevention of Elder Abuse  
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The New River Valley Task Force on Domestic Violence Among Older Adults is a multi-disciplinary group facilitated by the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley, Inc. The mission of the Task Force is to raise awareness and improve community response to older adults experiencing Domestic and Sexual Violence.

The Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley is a non-profit human-service organization. It has provided hope and help to survivors of domestic and sexual violence for the last 30 years. The WRC provides programs and services to both children and adults in the City of Radford and Floyd, Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski counties. The WRC also serves New River Valley Community College, Radford University and Virginia Tech campuses. The WRC strives to create a community free of domestic violence and sexual assault through services, support and education.

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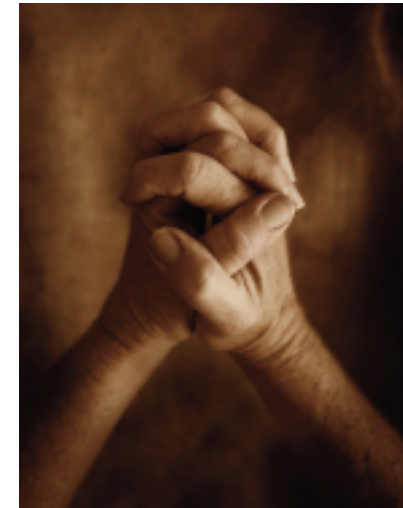
## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Mary Beth Pulsifer at the Women's Resource Center, at (540) 639-9592 or e-mail her at [communityoutreach@wrcnr.org](mailto:communityoutreach@wrcnr.org).

Go to [www.wrcnr.org](http://www.wrcnr.org)  
for conference updates.



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## Looking Ahead:

*Promising Initiatives for a  
Community Response to  
Domestic Abuse in Later Life*

**9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008  
Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.  
West Campus Conference Center  
Radford University,  
Old St. Albans**

# SCHEDULE

- 8:15 Registration & Refreshments
- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions  
**Pat Brown**, Executive Director,  
Women's Resource Center
- 9:15 Keynote Speaker, **Candace Heisler**  
Domestic Abuse in Later Life:  
New Information, Promising Responses
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Morning Workshops
- 12:00 Lunch  
Sponsored by the Family And Children's  
Trust Fund of Virginia  
**Dr. Karen Roberto**, Director, Center on  
Gerontology, Virginia Tech
- 1:15 Afternoon Workshops
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Panel Discussion  
*What's Happening in Our Community?*  
◆ **Dianna Rhody-Scott**, Montgomery  
County Department of Social Services  
◆ **Nancy Brossoie**, Center on  
Gerontology, Virginia Tech  
◆ **Mary Beth Pulsifer**, Community  
Outreach Coordinator, Women's  
Resource Center  
◆ **TBA**, School of Social Work, Radford  
University
- 3:45 Evaluation & Closing Remarks  
**Mary Beth Pulsifer**

# WORKSHOPS

The following are workshops in the morning and afternoon.  
On your registration, please choose a morning AND afternoon  
workshop that you would like to attend.

## MORNING

### 1A. *Domestic Violence in Later Life: The Basics*

**Lisa Furr**, Project Coordinator, Central Virginia  
Task Force on Domestic Violence in Later Life

### 2A. *Domestic Violence & Stalking in Later Life: Building a Successful Case*

**Candace Heisler**

### 3A. *Preventing Elder Mistreatment in the Home: Tailoring Comprehensive Safety Nets for Vulnerable Older Adults in our Communities*

**Janet Brennand**, Long-Term Care Ombudsman &  
Elder Abuse Prevention Specialist, New River  
Valley Agency on Aging

**Marya McPherson**, New River Valley Task Force  
on Domestic Violence in Older Adults

## AFTERNOON

### 1B. *The Medical Perspective: Domestic Violence in Later Life – Are We Missing It?*

**April Bennett**, Forensic Nurse, Carilion New  
River Valley Medical Center

### 2B. *Domestic Violence and the Faith Community: Working Together to Meet the Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Needs of Victims*

TBA

### 3B. *The Mental Health Community's Response*

**Gwynn Polidoro**, L.C.S.W., Valley Counseling  
Services

# REGISTRATION

Please completely fill out one form for each registrant.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require a vegetarian meal? \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the morning and afternoon workshop  
that you prefer to attend. Space may be limited.

Morning Workshops			Afternoon Workshops		
1A	2A	3A	1B	2B	3B

## Payment information

\_\_\_\_\_ Check (Payable to the WRC for \$45) OR

\_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card (Master Card or Visa)

Name as it appears on card:

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