The mistreatment of older Aboriginal people

The mistreatment of older Aboriginal people is underreported. It's so common that people think it's normal behaviour, and many people don't share their stories because they don't want to hurt their family or feel shame. We need to care for older Aboriginal people, and the first step is recognising when they're being mistreated.

What is mistreatment?

Older Aboriginal people are experiencing various forms of mistreatment and neglect by people they trust within community, includina:

Not having daily needs Humbugging met such as food, medicine, (financial abuse) clean clothing (nealect) Expectation of caring for kin, with no financial or Threats of violence and emotional abuse \bigcirc emotional support Forced houselessness. **Isolation** from overcrowding and not family and community being allowed in shelters Physical abuse Sexual Where to go for help: abuse WA Elder Abuse Helpline 1300 724 679 • Have a yarn with someone you trust, like your doctor Elder Rights WA (state-wide legal service) 1300 650 579

Older people are struggling to identify

that they're being abused, because their heart is to give, and they want to give. I think any parent wants to give to

Older People's Rights Service (free legal advice

and support in Perth metro area) (08) 9440 1663

their family members.

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