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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Monday, June 29, 2009
TIME: 2:00 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 329
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to discuss the concerns with elder abuse and child abuse, specifically Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS). The briefing will provide a clear definition of elder abuse and child abuse (SBS); also seeking to identify key signs of such abuse. Moreover, agencies will be identified to report such abuse or to contact for information on determining whether abuse or neglect has occurred.

In the United States, it is estimated that 1,200 to 1,400 children suffer from Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS), the term used to describe the vigous violent shaking of an infant that results in injuries every year with one in four dying as a result of their injuries and more than 50 percent of the infants surviving from SBS suffering from residual disabilites such as head injuries, subdural hemotoma, irreversible brain damage, retinal hemorrhage, eye damage, rib fractures, spinal injury, blindness, and hearing loss.

For the elderly, abuse means actual or imminent physical injury, psychological abuse or neglect, sexual abuse, financial exploitation, and negligent treatment. Many seniors are often chosen as targets for abuse because they are vulnerable, may not be able to identify their attackers, because of vision or memory problems, and their attackers know this.

The briefing will seek "best practices" from all stakeholders to prevent elder and child abuse and determine whether an educational campaign and/or suggested legislation is necessary to achieve reduction of abuse.

The following organizations and/or individuals have been invited to participate:

The Department of Human Services; and

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Child Protective Services (DHS); and
Adult Protective Services (DHS); and
The Long-Term Care Ombudsman, State Executive Office on Aging; and
The State Attorney General's Office; and
The Honolulu Police Department; and
Kahala Nui; and
Mila Ka'ahaanui, Hawaii Coalition of Caregivers Association; and
Lani Akee, President Adult Foster Homes Association; and
Myriam Tabaniag, President Adult Residential Care Homes; and
Hawaii Disability Rights Center; and
Case Management representatives; and
Other individuals or organizations related to caregivers, protection and reduction of child and elder abuse care home operators and adult foster home operators.

To ensure that all testifiers will have adequate time to speak, please limit comments to 5 minutes per individual or group.

No public testimony will be accepted.

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