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We are pioneers of safe shelter for people who  
experience elder abuse. It is our mission to champion  
justice and dignity for older adults.

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elder abuse shelter movement, visit  
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We are leaders in a global network  
of elder abuse shelters.



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# Safe Shelter

Our Flagship Program for  
Older Adults Living in the Community



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## **FILLING A CRITICAL GAP IN SERVICE**

Elder abuse is most often committed by family members or trusted friends, which can make an older adult's home unsafe. Domestic violence shelters and homeless shelters generally cannot accommodate the medical, cognitive and therapeutic needs common to older adults experiencing abuse. As a result, older adults may remain in unsafe environments because they have nowhere else to go.

**Elder abuse is an intentional act or failure to act by a caregiver or another person in a relationship involving an expectation of trust that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult.**

Centers for Disease Control, 2016

## **SHELTER WITHIN A LONG TERM CARE COMMUNITY**

Founded in 2005 as the nation's first elder abuse shelter, the Weinberg Center is a program of the Hebrew Home at Riverdale, a large continuum of care community whose main campus is in the Riverdale section of the Bronx. Admitted clients are placed throughout our 28-acre campus based on their medical needs, and have access to all of the medical, cognitive, rehabilitation, dietary and therapeutic services available to all Hebrew Home residents.

The Weinberg Center uses its expertise to promote both campus safety and security at home for all Hebrew Home residents. Each resident, client and patient who enters our healthcare system is screened for risk of elder abuse in the community, and our professional team provides follow up services whenever appropriate.



## **HOLISTIC AND CLIENT CENTERED SERVICES**

In addition to receiving a full range of Hebrew Home services, the Weinberg Center's multidisciplinary team works with each client to create and execute a comprehensive, trauma-informed strategy aimed at remedying abuse, promoting healing and, whenever possible, returning the client safely to the community. These services include case management, intensive therapeutic support and a full range of legal services provided by the Weinberg Center's legal team.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The Weinberg Center serves clients 60 and older who do not have a safe place to live due to ongoing or imminent elder abuse. We serve all of New York City and Westchester County, and our clientele are as diverse as the communities where we work. The Weinberg Center team assesses each referral and determines shelter eligibility on an individual basis. The Weinberg Center is grant funded and accepts clients regardless of ability to pay. There is no maximum length of stay.