



**众益伙伴**  
**Community Alliance**

*“Working Together to Protect the Rights and Social Welfare of the Elderly”*

## **Fighting Elder Abuse in China**

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# State of Elder Abuse in China



- Target Victims
  - Vulnerable Elderly
    - Elder Women
    - The Very Old
    - Financially Dependent Elderly
    - Disabled Elderly
    - Elderly with Little Education (esp. in rural areas)

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- Typical Scenarios of Elder Abuse
  - Domestic Violence
    - Husband Abusing Wife
    - Children Abusing Old Parents
    - Daughter-In-Law Abusing Elder Women
  - In Nursing Homes
    - Against Disabled Elderly (esp. Dementia)
    - Against Elderly Abandoned by Children

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## ● Causes of Elder Abuse

- Traditional Perspective “Elder Abuse Is Simply A Family Matter”
- Chinese Culture “Saving Face”
- Fear of Losing Family Support
- Vulnerability of the Elderly
  - Low Income
  - Low Social Status
  - Lack of Knowledge & Awareness for Self-Protection
- Mentality Change of Chinese Younger Generation
- Quality & Welfare of Caregivers in Nursing Homes
- Neglect by the Society

# Practices by Community Alliance



- Introduction of Community Alliance
  - An Independent Chinese Non-Profit Organization
  - Our Mission:

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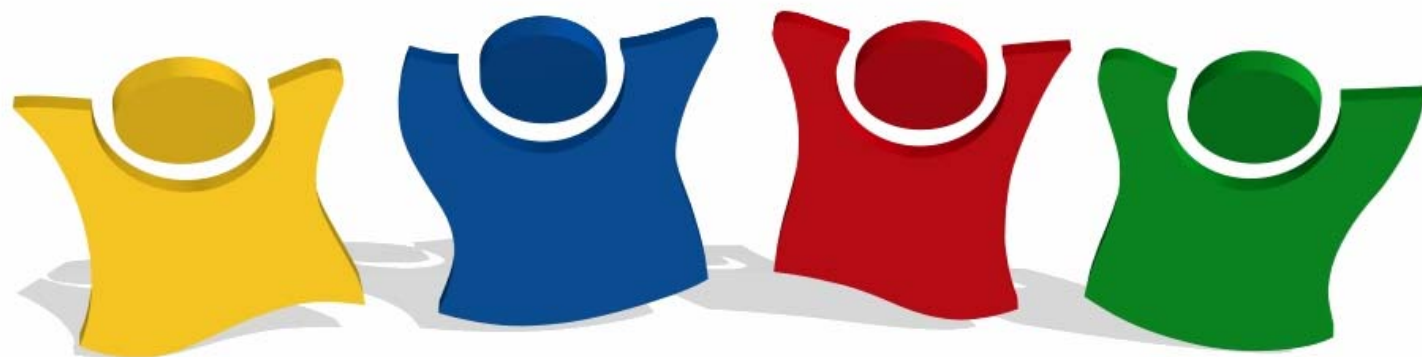


- Our Work to Prevent Elder Abuse
  - Training on Legal Rights
  - Developing Community Centers for the Elderly
  - Public Hotline for the Elderly
  - Sponsoring an Elderly Women's Cooperative Program
  - Establishing a Make-A-Wish Program
  - Research on the State of Elder Abuse & Elder Rights
  - Advocating for New Law on Elder Rights Protection

# Practices by Community Alliance



- Our Future Plan of Action
  - **Capacity Building in Developing and Implementing Policies and Services for Chinese Civil Servants on Ageing**
  - **Medical and Basic Care Skills Training Program** for Professional Trainers and Managers of Caregivers and Elder Facility Staff
  - **International Exchange Program for Policymakers, Key Actors and Decision-makers** on Ageing in China
  - **Hosting Foreign Government, Private Sector, Non-profit and Academic Experts on Ageing** to Facilitate Knowledge Exchange and Cooperation



***Thank you!***



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