

## 45th ANNIVERSARY and a NEW LOOK for TRI-VALLEY, INC!

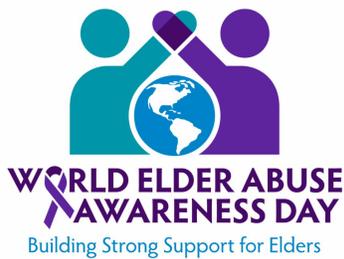
As Tri-Valley Inc. officially celebrates its 45th birthday, we took a walk down memory lane. When the business first opened, there were multiple offices located throughout our coverage area—Southbridge, Milford and later Uxbridge. This was before the days of computers and internet, so no “Zoom” calls for people to see one another! At that time, the primary services offered were Home Care and Nutrition, limited to those 65 and older. As the agency grew under the leadership of Mr. Bernie Gagnon, and new program models were implemented, such as Protective Services and Adult Foster Care, our Webster location served as the single office location. With Ms. Marilyn Travinski at the helm, additional program models were instituted that brought access to supports across the lifespan. This included the Caregiver Support program, Personal Care Attendant, SCO and One Care, Congregate and Supportive Housing and others. The expansion of programs and workforce led to our current office space in Dudley and our name change from Tri-Valley Elder Services, Inc. to Tri-Valley, Inc. I am pleased to carry on in the celebration of Tri-Valley’s long history of meeting the needs of those we support, working in collaboration with others and expanding the vision of “Home With You” far into the future.

Elisabeth M. Prince, Executive Director/CEO



### **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is commemorated on June 15th every year. It is an opportunity for people or organizations to take action to protect older people by raising awareness about elder



abuse, why it occurs, and what we can do to stop it.

Elder abuse including physical, emotional, sexual abuse, financial exploitation, caregiver neglect, and self-neglect is a growing, under-reported phenomenon - about 1 in 10 Americans age 60+ have experienced abuse. [Signs of Elder Abuse](#)

Under Massachusetts General Law c. 19A elder abuse is defined and Tri-Valley is the agency mandated to take reports of abuse in its 25 town area. Our Protective Service Workers investigate and resolve these issues in the least intrusive way possible.

Anyone who believes an elder is being abused or neglected may make a report. The identity of the reporter is confidential. A category of individuals called mandated reporters are bound by law to report knowledge of abuse of an elder.

Through the **Elder Abuse Centralized Intake Unit** you can report Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation 24-hours a day, seven days a week. The statewide intake number is **1-800-922-2275**. It is both voice and TDD. The Intake Unit will in turn contact Tri-Valley or the other geographically appropriate Protective Service Agency so that it may address the issues you are reporting.

If you are a mandated reporter and file a verbal report you must complete an Elder Abuse Mandated Reporter Form: [Elder Abuse Mandated Reporter Form](#) For non-emergencies you may file a web intake instead of filing the verbal report at: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/report-elder-abuse>

*It's up to all of us to prevent and address elder abuse!*

## Baker-Polito Administration Announced Expansion of the State's Homebound Vaccination Program beginning May 24

All eligible residents who are unable to get to a vaccination site can call  
**(833) 983-0485**

to register for an in-home vaccination.

The registration phone line is open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM and has representatives who speak English and Spanish, as well as translation services available in 100+ languages.

[HOMEBOUND VACCINATION PROGRAM](#)



## OBSERVING JUNETEENTH

In recognition of Juneteenth, Tri-Valley will provide Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training for Staff and Board Members that will help guide us both professionally and personally to engage in respectful and positive interactions while reducing discrimination and prejudice based on factors such as gender, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, age, religion, physical & mental ability, and socioeconomic status.

*Alicia McKenzie, Director of the Center for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for Student Life at Nichols College will be conducting the training. The DEI training is sponsored by AAFCPAs and Marsh & McLennan Agency.*

[Learn more about Juneteenth](#)

### Resources and Tips to Help You

- [Assistive Tech Apps for Family Caregivers June 16 Virtual Program](#)
- [Register for Medicare Virtual Fair on June 23](#)
- [Central Mass RPC Energy Efficiency Resources](#)
- [Watch Your Sodium](#)
- [COVID-19 Information in MA](#)

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