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Kansas Department of Insurance to participate in World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt announces, today, that the Kansas Department of Insurance (KDOI) has partnered with the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) and the Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) to host events across the state to observe World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

“The probability of recovering money for a victim after an investment scam is extremely low—less than five percent,” Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, said. “This is why prevention and education are key, especially with our most vulnerable populations.”

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is Sunday, June 15, 2025. In observance of this cause, throughout the week of June 9-13 and June 20, Department staff and our partners will provide presentations to Kansas communities on how to spot and prevent financial scams and exploitation targeting older adults. Visit insurance.kansas.gov/weaad/ to see the presentation schedule and locations.

“Financial exploitation that targets older Kansans is not just stealing their assets but stealing their trust and dignity,” Laura Howard, Secretary for both the Department for Aging and Disability Services and the Kansas Department for Children and Families, said. “It’s important for everyone to know how to recognize and prevent financial exploitation.”

If you or someone you know suspects investment fraud, please contact the Kansas Securities Division of the Kansas Department of Insurance at 785-296-3071 or file a complaint online at insurance.kansas.gov/securities/complaint/. You can also visit SmartInvestKS.gov to learn more about different types of investments and how to avoid fraud.

To learn more about DCF Adult Protective Services, visit dcf.ks.gov. To learn more about the KDADS findings of abuse, neglect or exploitation, visit kdads.ks.gov.

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*The Kansas Department of Insurance was established in 1871, currently led by Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. The mission of the Department is to **regulate** companies that sell policies in Kansas to ensure solvency and compliance with state law, **educate** consumers about all things insurance and securities, and **advocate** for a strong and competitive market to give Kansans choices when shopping for products that meet their needs.*