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LSSI Offers B*SAFE Training — State-Mandated Financial Exploitation Training for Financial Institutions

As of July 28, all Illinois financial institutions staff members who have customer contact are required, by Illinois Public Act 96-1103, to have training on recognizing and reporting financial exploitation of the elderly. Staff members who have been employed prior to Aug. 1, 2011, must be trained by February 1, 2012. New hires must receive the training within six months of being hired.

Using the B*SAFE Training Program — which is offered free-of-charge by [Lutheran Social Services of Illinois](#) (LSSI) — will satisfy the rule's requirements. The use of other training materials must be approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, which requires that the training shall last not less than 30 minutes and include information on recognizing and reporting the financial abuse of older persons.

LSSI provides the B*Safe Training Program free of charge to financial institutions located in Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside Counties through its [Senior Protective Services](#) program. For more information or to schedule training, contact Mary Cox, supervisor, at 815/626-7333, ext. 311, or at Mary.Cox@LSSI.org.

Founded in October 1867, LSSI is a statewide, not-for-profit social service agency of the three Illinois synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. LSSI serves people through an array of services at approximately 83 sites across Illinois. LSSI's services include foster care, adoption, pregnancy counseling, Head Start, child care services, services for at-risk families, residential services for youth, counseling, mental health, substance abuse treatment, residential programs for adults with developmental disabilities, housing and [services for older adults](#) and individuals with disabilities, nursing care and rehabilitation, and programs for prisoners and their families.

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