

Kittrell Community Watch holds meeting on elder abuse



Linnoya Williams-Royster (left) and Delthine Watson, both of the Vance County Department of Social Services, spoke at a recent Kittrell Community Watch meeting.

Kittrell area residents gathered recently at the Kittrell Community House to learn about adult protective services. Delthine Watson and Linnoya Williams-Royster, both of the Vance County Department of Social Services, spoke on elder abuse. Watson described potential indicators of abuse such as bruises, poor nutrition, dehydration, poor hygiene and lack of medical care. Williams-Royster described reporting and screening procedures.

Community members are urged to be aware of the conditions and concerns of their friends and neighbors. Anyone may report abuse. Reports are confidential and can be anonymous if desired.

Abuse can be physical, emotional, or sexual. Suspected abuse should be reported to Social Services at (252) 492-5001 during the business day or at any time by calling 911.

Kittrell Community Watch will next meet on September 19.