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 2000-2016 served as the manager of the Elder abuse & Neglect Program at JDC-ESHEL. In this position, she was involved in development of knowledge in the field of elders at risk in general and elder abuse and neglect in particular. She developed and implemented models for interventions for prevention and treatment in the field of elder abuse which were accompanied by evaluation studies. At the same time, she developed training programs for professionals serving older adults. In addition, she has written and published training materials, manuals, 2 books and articles on the subject of elders at risk.

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