



*Together, we have the power to prevent
elder abuse.*

National Center on Elder Abuse Information Sheet: Who We Are and What We Do

The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA), directed by the U.S. Administration on Aging, is committed to helping national, state, and local partners in the field be fully prepared to ensure that older Americans will live with dignity, integrity, independence, and without abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The NCEA is a resource center for elder rights advocates, health, aging, and social services professionals, APS, law enforcement, legal professionals, public policy leaders, researchers, and others working with or on behalf of older individuals who have experienced, or who are at risk for, elder mistreatment. The NCEA:

- Offers training and technical assistance to state and community-based organizations;
- Assists in program and policy development; promotes professional development by highlighting promising practices and current research;
- Fosters communication within and across disciplines in order to enhance prevention and intervention;
- Provides referral and information to members of the public seeking to assist elders.

NCEA SERVICES^{*}

The NCEA Website provides a wealth of reliable information about elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation for professionals and the public. (To access the website and all listed services, visit: www.ncea.aoa.gov.)

The NCEA E-NEWS is a monthly, electronic newsletter that highlights promising practices, trends, legislative initiatives, research, and other valuable information for professionals.

The NCEA Elderabuse Listserve is an electronic forum for professionals to exchange information, seek assistance, and discuss topics of relevance. Members also have access to the **Daily Newsfeed**, which features news stories from around the world on topics of elder mistreatment and related issues.

The Clearinghouse on Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly (CANE) is the nation's largest database of annotated references on elder abuse literature.

NCEA Training Library for Adult Protective Services and Elder Abuse is a resource for finding and sharing training materials for professionals addressing elder mistreatment.

NCEA PROJECTS

In addition to these services, the NCEA is currently engaged in three major initiatives: raising public awareness on a national scale; promoting the development of multidisciplinary approaches to address mistreatment; and strengthening professional training and education.

^{*} NCEA is not a reporting or direct service agency, and thus cannot investigate or intervene in cases of suspected elder abuse

Public Awareness

The Clearinghouse on Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly of the University of Delaware Center for Community Research and Service (CANE-UD) is spearheading the NCEA national public awareness campaign, which will involve the following:

- **National and local spokespersons** to broadcast messages of elder mistreatment and to engage the media;
- The **voices of seniors** speaking out against abuse, neglect, exploitation, and ageism;
- A **Public Awareness Inventory** posted on the NCEA website, to allow state and regional entities to access materials in order to launch local public awareness campaigns;
- A **“Youth Movement”** to engage young people in elder abuse prevention, using messages and technology, such as YouTube, tailored especially for them.

Multidisciplinary Responses to Elder Mistreatment

The National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (NCPEA) will foster the development of comprehensive elder justice systems by supporting the creation and promoting the sustainability of multidisciplinary local and state elder abuse networks, such as by:

- Awarding \$100,000 per year to assist 10 or more communities in developing **Elder Justice Local Development Networks**; and
- Providing **Technical Assistance to States and AAAs** through trainings, teleconferences, phone calls, and e-mail to promote the widespread development, implementation, and sustainability of elder abuse networks.

Professional Training and Education

The National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) will improve the elder abuse training available to professionals who regularly come into contact with older persons from five fields: criminal justice, health care, victims' services (including APS), aging services, and financial services. To achieve this goal, NAPSA will:

- Conduct a **National Elder Abuse Training Needs Assessment** to identify needs of and currently available training resources for professionals in five targeted fields, and develop a long range strategic plan to effectively target training to address identified gaps;
- Expand and digitize the **NCEA/APS Training Library** in order to increase accessibility;
- Conduct quarterly **NCEA Training and Informational Webcasts**.

For More Information:

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