Elder Justice Initiative
and
Rural & Tribal
Elder Justice Summit

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ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE

• The **mission** is to support and coordinate the Department of Justice’s enforcement and programmatic efforts to combat elder abuse, neglect, and financial fraud and scams that target older adults.

• The Initiative does so by—
  • Promoting justice for older adults.
  • Helping older victims and their families.
  • Enhancing state and local efforts through training and resources.
  • Supporting research to improve elder abuse policy and practice.
ELDER ABUSE

An intentional act or failure to act by a caregiver or another person in a relationship involving an expectation of trust that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult. (CDC, 2016)
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NEW ON ELDERJUSTICE.GOV

EJI Launches the MDT Toolkit and Guide for Elder Abuse Case Review MDTs

Elder abuse is a complex issue that intersects with many disciplines.
ABOUT THE MDT TAC

Learn about the Multidisciplinary Team Technical Assistance Center (MDT TAC)

Our mission is to provide tools, resource materials, and individualized consultations to facilitate the expansion of elder abuse case review multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) across the nation.

Available Services

Consultations

Remote Consultations
General Q&A session conducted over phone, email or Skype regarding the planning and implementation of an elder abuse case review MDT such as:

- Offering advice, direction, and connections

Contact

Call or email your requests for materials or to schedule an appointment.

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You're fighting elder abuse on the front lines. We've got your back.

**PAST EVENTS**

**Improving Emergency Department Identification of Elder Abuse: Findings From Forensic Research**

August 16, 2017

Dr. Sidney M. Stahl, Research Consultant at the U.S. Department of Justice, hosts a discussion with Anthony Rosen, Instructor in Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Assessing Cognitive Capacity in Elder Abuse Cases

Monday, August 21, 2017 - 2:00pm to 3:00pm ET

Federal-State Working Group: Fraud Against Older Oregonians

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm ET
The Department of Justice is striving to combat financial crimes against older Americans. Learn about prevalent financial scams so you can guard against them, and get involved in making your community safer. If you need help, there is a Elder Abuse Resource Roadmap that can guide you to the right agency for your particular situation.

**Elder Abuse Resource Roadmap: Financial**

There are many types of financial harm, and it can be difficult to know what to do when this happens to you, or someone you know.

Answer a few questions and the Resource Roadmap will help you quickly find the right reporting agency.

**Senior Scam Alert**

Read about some of the most common scams affecting seniors.

- IRS and Tax Scams
- Sweepstakes & Lottery Scams
- Sweetheart (Online Dating) Scam
- Scam Targets Seniors to Unwittingly Smuggle Drugs Internationally
- Tech Support Scams

**Get Involved**

By recognizing financial exploitation and scams, older Americans may avoid becoming victims.

Get Involved, Get Safe - Stop Financial Abuse

A series of presentations with guides and brochures to be used for community or professional presentations

MoneySmart

A financial education program

https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/roadmap
https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/find-support-elder-abuse
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FIND HELP OR REPORT ABUSE

August 30th, 2017

DOJ Funds Law Enforcement Training to Combat Elder Financial Exploitation
President Donald J. Trump Signs S. 178, S. 652, and H.R. 1117 into Law

On Wednesday October 18, 2017, the President signed into law:

S. 178, the “Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act,” which establishes certain requirements for the Department of Justice with respect to investigating and prosecuting elder abuse crimes; and amends Federal criminal law to expand telemarketing fraud to include “email marketing” fraud;
June 15th, 2018

Attorney General Jeff Sessions Announces Partnership with USDA to promote Elder Justice in Rural America

AG SESSIONS AT WEADD 2018
RURAL & TRIBAL EJ SUMMIT

Summit Funding Provided by the Office for Victims of Crime
SUMMIT OBJECTIVE TO IDENTIFY

Unique challenges

Innovative and best practices

Federal and state resources

Gaps
SUMMIT PARTNERS

Elder Justice Initiative (DOJ)
US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
Administration for Community Living (HHS)
American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging
National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA)
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A)
Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity (October 2017)

E-Connectivity
Quality of Life
Rural Work Force
Technology
Economic Development

https://www.usda.gov/ruralprosperity
INFORMATION GATHERING METHODS

Interviews with Leading Professionals

• Elder Abuse
• Rural Serving

Webinars

Literature Reviews
STRATEGY: CREATE CHANGE AGENTS

Elder Abuse Professionals
- APS
- LE
- Prosecutors
- Aging services
- Ombudsmen
- Legal aid
- Mental health

Rural Serving Professionals
- State Offices of Rural Health
- Ag Extensions
- AARP
- N4A Rural Caucus
- GSA Rural Interest Group
Rural and Tribal Elder Justice Resource Guide

Summit Event Briefing

November 14-15, 2018
Marriott Downtown 700 Grand Ave.
Des Moines, Iowa
Federal Efforts to Support Rural and Tribal Communities

E-connections
Short description text relating to elder abuse and professional community
Learn More

Health
Short description text relating to elder abuse and professional community
Learn More

Transportation
Short description text relating to elder abuse and professional community
Learn More

Housing
Short description text relating to elder abuse and professional community
Learn More
WEBINAR SERIES

Building an Elder Justice Unit in South Dakota
Videoconferencing Capacity Assessments
Webportal for Forensic Review of APS Cases
MDTs in Rural Communities
Resources for Professionals

https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/webinars
RESILIENCY FRAMEWORK (VANDSBERGER ET AL. 2012)

Barriers
- Organizational preparedness
- Professionals’ preparedness
- General publics’ preparedness
- Rural living

Resiliency
- Proactive problem solving
- Professional commitment & compassion
Rural and Tribal Elder Justice Summit

November 14–15, 2018

Des Moines Marriott Downtown Hotel
700 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

On World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2018, the Attorney General announced that the U.S. Department of Justice would focus on the challenges rural and tribal communities face in addressing and combating elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. To advance this priority, the Attorney General directed the Department to: (1) identify the unique challenges rural and tribal communities face; (2) identify promising and innovative best practices that rural and tribal communities have found that help to combat elder abuse; and (3) explore with our public and private partners what more we can do to support these rural and tribal efforts. The Department is committed to finding ways to break down silos and foster greater connections at the tribal, local, state, and federal levels.

Please join us for this important event to ensure we hear from the rural and tribal communities to help enhance our collective efforts to combat and prevent elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation.

Make your hotel reservations by October 22, 2018 to ensure the group rate. [Book your hotel for Department of Justice Rural Elder Justice Summit](https://ovcttac.wufoo.com/forms/rural-and-tribal-elder-justice-summit/)
On June 15, 2018, the United States Department of Justice and Department of Agriculture committed to work together to promote elder justice in rural and tribal communities. While roughly 20 percent of older adults live in rural communities, factors more common in such areas-- including large geographic areas that elongate response time, fewer services and service providers, and limited access to broadband-- create additional challenges to identifying and combating elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation in those communities. This page will highlight what is known about elder abuse in rural and tribal communities, as well as available resources those communities may use to support their elder justice efforts.

**Summit Registration**

The Summit will highlight innovative practices, available resources, and ongoing initiatives to enhance the ability of elder justice professionals to more robustly respond to the unique needs of rural and tribal elder Americans. See the latest version of the agenda and register to attend the Summit.

**Learn More**

Rurality has both advantages and challenges for rural and tribal residents. Learn about aging and elder abuse in rural and tribal communities and find a list of curated research on those topics.

**Agriculture and Rural Prosperity Task Force**

The Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity was created to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes to promote agriculture, energy security and quality of life in rural America. Learn more about the Task Force’s work and recommendations here.
Let Me Hear From You
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