



Impact for Elder Justice

At the final session of each of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Summits, presenters and attendees came together to create an annual action plan, nationally and internationally.

Promoting and creating elder justice requires multidisciplinary participation from all at the local, state, and national levels. This field generated action plan reflects input from financial services providers, adult protective services professionals, researchers, advocates, and others committed to preventing and addressing elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

We need your support and contribution to create an impact for elder justice.

- Promote development and support for the elder justice and the adult protective services fields.
 - Develop a National Adult Protective Services Resource Center providing research, technical assistance, and support for adult protective services practice and collaboration. NAPSA did have the resource center before it was moved to WRMA (National APS Technical Assistance Resource Center). We continue to be their partners.
 - Support adult protective services programs in utilizing the Voluntary Consensus Guidelines for State APS Systems developed by the Administration for Community Living.
 - **Completed**
 - Expand training opportunities for adult protective services and related fields (mental health, first responders, domestic violence and sexual assault services, aging network, disability community, etc.) on abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and exploitation.
 - **completed. Highlighting new NAPSA's National APS Training Center funded by Administration for Community Living, with comprehensive e-learning for APS and professionals and has almost 3,000 registrants.**
 - Promote implementation, support, and expansion of the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS).

- Completed, administered by Administration for Community Living, all states participate, NAPSA was critical in getting full participation from all states.
- o Encourage implementation and advancement of multi-disciplinary teams including case review teams, financial exploitation prevention teams, fatality review teams, and others.
 - Completed.
- Promote and support research and analysis in elder justice and financial exploitation.
 - o Support analysis of financial exploitation data (such as publicly available Suspicious Activity Report statistics) to understand gaps in knowledge and areas that need attention.
 - Completed, NAPSA's elder financial exploitation summit, had speakers on this topic
 - o Develop and support a national study regarding the costs of elder abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and financial exploitation including costs to the individual and family, costs to governmental programs including Medicare and Medicaid, and indirect costs (such as emotional/psychological, morbidity, and mortality).
 - Not completed, NPASA provided recommendations to GAO.
- Engage financial institutions in detecting and preventing elder abuse and exploitation.
 - o Clarify and notify all banks that under federal law (Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act) banks may share client bank records without a subpoena for the purposes of conducting an authorized civil investigation (including adult protective services) and/or for preventing actual or potential fraud.
 - Completed, the forms and related documents are continuing to be utilized and discussed.
 - o Develop and disseminate model state legislation stating adult protective services authority to obtain bank records without a subpoena.
 - In the process with FEAB workgroup
- Promote national and international awareness of elder abuse and exploitation among professionals and the public. Continue creating World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15 annually.
 - o Promote June as “Elder Abuse Awareness Month.”
 - o Incorporate elder justice into the Older Americans Month theme.