



Investing in the Future: Funding Community-wide Collaboration to Address Abuse in Later Life

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The Problem

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- Communities often struggle to identify, respond to, and prevent elder abuse.
- Ineffective response may result from:
 - Lack of training for law enforcement, prosecutors, and court officials
 - Lack of coordination across systems and disciplines
 - Lack of funding to address elder abuse and to provide direct services

This Session

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- Describe a grant program overseen by the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW)
- Grant program provides funding for communities to
 - Train criminal justice professionals
 - Cross train victim services professionals
 - Create a coordinated community response to address abuse in later life
 - Provide direct services to victims

Workshop Participants Will Learn...

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- The potential value and benefits of applying for an OVW Abuse in Later Life Grant.
- The various components of the grant program and what it requires of grantee communities.
- The crucial role of APS in this grant program.
- Who may apply, how and when to do so, and where to get more information.



Office on Violence Against Women


- Domestic violence
- Sexual abuse
- Stalking
- Dating violence

<http://www.justice.gov/ovw>

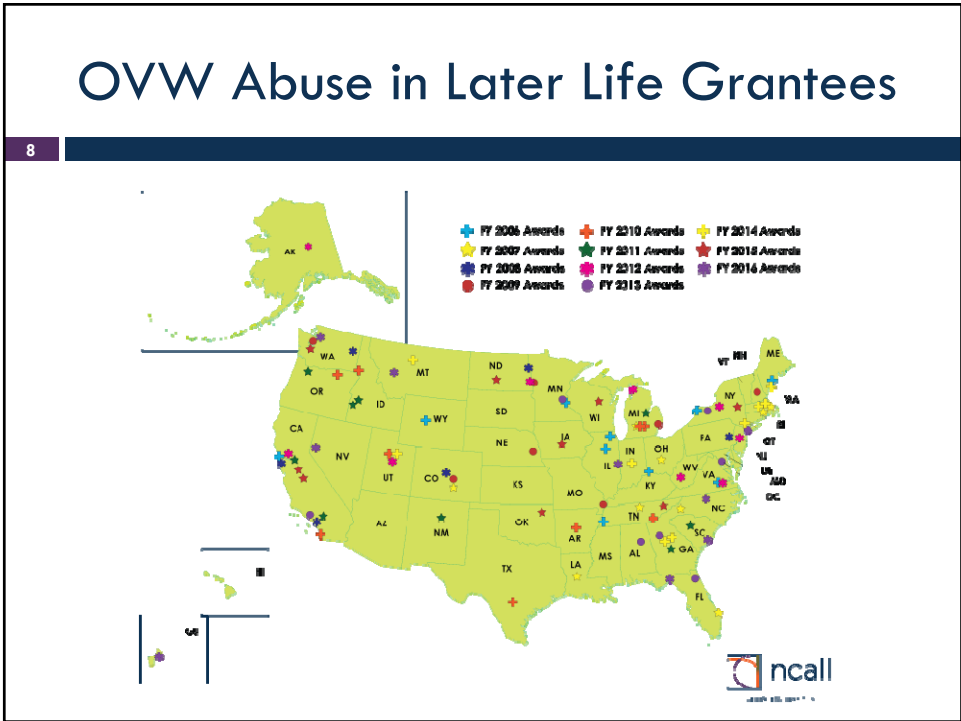
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Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program
(OVW Abuse in Later Life Program)

- 3 years
- \$400,000 total
- 9 – 10 projects



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Required MOU Partners

- Law enforcement
- Prosecutors' office
- Aging services network/adult protective services
- Domestic violence/sexual assault program




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- Direct Training
- Cross Training



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Direct Training

- Law enforcement
- Advanced law enforcement
- Prosecutors
- Judges

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Cross Training

- Coordinated Community Response event
- Victim services

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Coordinated Community Response

Systemic, organizational change to enhance victim safety and offender accountability.



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Victim Services

- 24 hour helpline
- Case management
- Support groups
- Counseling
- Legal advocacy
- Emergency/ Transitional housing

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Who Can Be the Lead Agency/
Agencies

- Duties of the lead agency



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Role of the Project Coordinator

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- Project advocate
- Training event organizer
- CCR meetings coordinator
- Ensures needs assessment and Outreach and Services Strategic Plan (OSSP) are completed
- Ensures reports are filed

Selected Outcomes from Grantees

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- Increased awareness by law enforcement about how to collaborate with APS (Nashville, TN)
- Law enforcement officers are much more likely to call the local APS agency when they believe that a situation may be elder abuse. The ALL grant APS trainer talks about a significant increase in calls made to him. (Ottawa, IL)

Selected Outcomes from Grantees

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- Law enforcement officers are now calling APS on difficult cases and APS hotline workers have reported an increased number of calls from the Police Department, resulting in better collaboration on older victims' cases. The trainings helped broaden officers' understanding of what APS can and cannot do, developed more trust between the departments, and resulted in a more collaborative response to these cases. (Denver, CO)

Selected Outcomes from Grantees

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- The Police Department has a representative on the Adult Protection Review Team, The Coalition on Abuse in Later Life, and the Colorado Coalition for Elder Rights and Abuse Prevention. The Department created a full-time Crimes Against Elders staffed by one detective. (Colorado Springs, CO)
- Worked with adult foster care homes to establish emergency housing options for up to 7 days for victims. (Morehead, MN)

Selected Outcomes from Grantees

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- Prosecutors have started to accept cases directly from APS. (East Prairie, MO)
- Judges' Comments after Judicial Institute (FL)
 - "I am trying to handle the cases involving seniors in my division first to avoid long waits for their cases."
 - "The seminar sensitized me on the needs of seniors in terms of accommodating their travel, medication, etc. and the fear of the victim to agree to no violent contact when the victim is truly in fear."

Supporting Grant Communities

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- NCALL TA www.ncall.us
- Project Coordinators listserv
- Development of tools for Systems
- Cross Training for Faith Community (Safe Havens)
- Working with Older Survivors of Abuse: A Framework for Advocates (2016)

OVW Abuse in Later Life Grant Technical Assistance Provider


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The National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life's (NCALL) mission is to eliminate abuse in later life. Through advocacy and education, NCALL strives to challenge and change the beliefs, policies, practices, and systems that allow abuse to occur and continue.




Process

- Request for proposals: Dec – Feb
- Peer review in spring
- Projects start: Oct 1
- GRANT website



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For information, go to
OVW
(www.justice.gov/ovw)
or NCALL websites
(www.ncall.us)

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What Could This Mean in Your Community?

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Can you imagine how this grant could change the way elder abuse is handled at home?

Ideas for Moving Forward

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- Review past year's RFP
 - Required partnerships
 - "Meaningful commitments"
 - Letters of commitment, not of support
 - Are all partners treated equally? If not, why?
- Budget
 - Equipment
 - Travel
 - Personnel
- Survey what currently exists in CCRs, TFs, joint efforts

Ideas for Moving Forward

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- Plan and discuss NOW
 - Build relationships
 - Engage partners
 - Identify CCR partners
 - Select applicant agency
 - Identify potential project coordinator
 - Consider partners' history
 - Think about confidentiality & victim safety

Ideas for Moving Forward

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- When writing the application
 - Start early
 - Follow the RFP EXACTLY**
 - MOU
 - Commitment letters
 - Community partners - Victim Services Training and kick-off
 - Law Enforcement - First Responder and Adv. Detective courses
 - Head prosecutor - NIPEA
 - Courts - National Judicial Training

Ideas for Moving Forward

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- Connect with NCALL while writing application
- Talk to other grantee communities and ask to review their applications and how they addressed requirements
- Even if your first application is not funded, review the comments, correct any deficits, and submit the following year

Resources

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- Office on Violence Against Women:
www.justice.gov/ovw
- National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life:
www.ncall.us

Questions?

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Thank You!

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