OVERVIEW

- Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act
- Department of Justice Prosecutorial and Law Enforcement Efforts
- Elder Justice Resources
- Upcoming Projects
Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act (EAPPA)

EAPPA PRIMARY ELEMENTS

- National Elder Justice Coordinator
- Elder Justice Coordinators
- Training Professionals
- Data (reporting on cases)
- Model Legislation
- Reports to Congress
ELDER JUSTICE COORDINATORS (EJCS)

- EJC in each federal judicial district
- Collaboration/coordination with federal and state professionals
- Receive extensive training
- Increase number of federal prosecutions
IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES AND DEVELOP TRAINING & RESOURCES

• Judges
• State and local prosecutors
• State and local law enforcement
• Emergency Responders
• Victim specialists
• Adult Protective Services
• Medical and mental health personnel

DATA

Elder Justice Website EAPPA Data page

- Data Overview
  - Snapshots of elder abuse statistics through the lens of distinct federal data sets

- Recommendations
  - Data collection recommendations for state and local law enforcement
DOJ Enforcement Efforts

International Fraud Schemes
INTERAGENCY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

- March 2019: Elder Fraud Sweep & Money Mule Initiative
- February 2018: Elder Fraud Sweep
- May 2016: Shut down a large scale “psychic” mail fraud scheme
- Ongoing: Elder Justice Press Releases

TRANSNATIONAL ELDER FRAUD STRIKE FORCE

Justice Department Announces New Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force

Law Enforcement Effort Will Coordinate Action Against Foreign Fraud Schemes that Target American Seniors

Attorney General William P. Barr today announced the establishment of the Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force, a joint law enforcement effort that brings together the resources and expertise of the Department of Justice’s Consumer Protection Branch, the U.S. Attorneys’ Offices for six federal districts, the FBI, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and other organizations. The Strike Force will focus on investigating and prosecuting individuals and entities associated with foreign-based fraud schemes that disproportionately affect American seniors. These include telemarketing, mass-mailing, and tech-support fraud schemes.
Nursing Home Cases

FAILURE OF CARE CASES

JUSTICE NEWS
Department of Justice
Office of Public Affairs

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Friday, October 10, 2014

Extendicare Health Services Inc. Agrees to Pay $38 Million to Settle False Claims Act Allegations Relating to the Provision of Substandard Nursing Care and Medically Unnecessary Rehabilitation Therapy

Company Also Required to Enter Five Year Chain-wide Corporate Integrity Agreement

Extendicare Health Services Inc. (Extendicare) and its subsidiary Progressive Step Corporation (ProStep) have agreed to pay $38 million to the United States and eight states to resolve allegations that Extendicare billed Medicare and Medicaid for materially substandard nursing services that were so deficient that they were effectively worthless and billed Medicare for medically unreasonable and unnecessary rehabilitation therapy services, the Justice Department and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG) jointly announced today. This resolution is the largest failure of care settlement with a chain-wide skilled nursing facility in the department’s history.
Resources and Tools

ELDER JUSTICE WEBSITE (ELDERJUSTICE.GOV)
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You’re fighting elder abuse on the front lines. We’ve got your back.

Outreach Materials
Get involved, get safe community presentations, pamphlets and

Prosecutor Video Series

Elder Abuse Research
References to articles, books and government reports on
types of elder abuse and financial exploitation topic

MDT Guide & Toolkit
Start or grow a local elder abuse case review multidisciplinary
team with this research and

Webinars
Webinars targeted to elder abuse professionals and those interested in elder abuse topics

PROSECUTOR RESOURCES

Prosecutor Video Series
Training videos and other resources geared toward successful prosecution of elder abuse cases.

Elder Abuse Statutes
Federal & state laws designed to protect older adults.

Curated Research
A selection of research that’s focused on the needs of the prosecutor of an elder abuse case.

Elder Abuse Primer
The Prosecutor’s Resource on Elder Abuse provides a useful overview on many of the key issues that arise in the investigation and prosecution of elder abuse cases.

Prosecutor Samples Directory
Sample federal and state pleadings and documents related to elder abuse.

Elder Justice Task Forces
Federal, state and local prosecutors, law enforcement, and agencies joined to pursue nursing homes that provide grossly substandard care to their residents.
PROSECUTOR VIDEO TRAINING SERIES

2. Who in the Community is Involved and How Can They Help?

Collaboration is Crucial
Featuring: Tara Patet (Prosecutor, City Attorney’s Office, St. Paul, MN), Lisa Breckman (Director, NYC Elder Abuse Center, New York, NY), Liz Loevey (Former Chief of Elder Abuse Unit, Manhattan District Attorney’s Office, New York, NY), Page Ulrey (Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Seattle, WA), Paul Greenwood (Deputy District Attorney, San Diego, CA)
Runtime 06:06 Play video

Victim Advocates Help Victims Navigate the Justice System
Featuring: Tara Patet (Prosecutor, City Attorney’s Office, St. Paul, MN), Paul Greenwood (Deputy District Attorney, San Diego, CA), Kathy Van Grol (Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Seattle, WA), Alicia Hamilton (Deputy Commissioner, Maine Department of Health and Human Services), and Bonnie Brandl (Director, National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life, Madison, WI)
Runtime 03:50 Play video

Aging Services Network
Featuring: Evelyn Lawrence (Executive Director, Neighborhood Self Help by Older Persons Project, New York, NY) and Bobbie Sockman (Advocate of Elder Rights, LiveOn NY, New York, NY)
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LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES

EAGLE (Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement)
Web module to support law enforcement in elder abuse and financial exploitation cases.

SAFTA (Senior Abuse Financial Tracking and Accounting Tool) Toolkit
Downloadable toolkit to assist financial exploitation investigations and prosecution.

Roll Call Videos and Other Media
A compilation of elder abuse roll call videos, podcasts, webinars, and other media training.

Working Collaboratively
Resources to build strong working relationships with other professionals.

Learn More about Elder Abuse
Documents and websites specifically for law enforcement involved in elder abuse and financial exploitation cases.

Prosecution News
Law enforcement’s identification and pursuit of cases promotes prosecution.
ELDER ABUSE GUIDE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT (EAGLE)

http://eagle.trea.usc.edu/

SENIOR ABUSE FINANCIAL TRACKING AND ACCOUNTING TOOL (SAFTA)

https://www.theiacp.org/elder-abuse
TRAINING VIDEOS FOR POLICE OFFICERS

*Roll Call Videos: Identifying and Responding to Elder Abuse: An Officer’s Role*

Series of six roll call videos designed for patrol officers to quickly recognize and respond to various types of elder abuse.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS

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

Contact

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

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Building Bridges

Rural and Tribal Elder Justice Summit (2018)
RURAL SUMMIT RESOURCE GUIDE

Rural and Tribal Elder Justice Resource Guide
Summit Event Briefing
November 16-19, 2016
Narrows Convention Center
Grand Ado, Texas


RURAL SUMMIT RESOURCE GUIDE

Broadband

Federal Communications
Commission (FCC)
Programs and Tools
- Rural Broadband Deployment
  - A/US Broadband Initiatives
  - Universal Broadband Initiative
  - Broadband Competition Grant Program
  - Broadband Access Challenge

USDA Rural Utilities
Services (RUS) Broadband
Programs
- Telecommunications Infrastructure
  - Distance Learning and Distance Education
  - Mapping Broadband Access

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RURAL SUMMIT RESOURCE GUIDE

Responding to Elder Abuse in Colorado

What are the warning signs of elder abuse? What are the types of elder abuse? What to do about it? What can the police do? What to do if you suspect abuse? How to report it? State by State Services Locator. 

Build Strong Support for Older Americans by Learning More about Elder Abuse

Elder Abuse is a serious issue in every state. Colorado has taken steps to combat elder abuse by providing support and resources to older adults. To learn more about elder abuse, visit the following link:

https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/rural-and-tribal-resources
Finding the Right Fit: Decision-Making Supports and Guardianship
Sneak Peak

SAFE ACCESSIBLE FORENSIC INTERVIEWING FOR ELDER ABUSE

Project SAFE
Thank you!

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