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Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act (EAPPA)

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EAPPA PRIMARY ELEMENTS

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

The screenshot shows a White House press release page. The header includes 'The White House' and 'PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'. A navigation bar contains links for 'BRIEFING ROOM', 'ISSUES', 'THE ADMINISTRATION', 'PARTICIPATE', and '1600 PENN'. Below the navigation bar, there are links for 'HOME', 'BRIEFING ROOM', and 'STATEMENTS & RELEASES'. The main content area is titled 'From the Press Office' and lists various categories: 'Speeches & Remarks', 'Press Briefings', 'Statements & Releases' (highlighted in red), 'Nominations & Appointments', 'Presidential Actions', 'Legislation', and 'Disclosures'. The main headline reads 'President Donald J. Trump Signs S. 178, S. 652, and H.R. 1117 into Law'. Below the headline, it states '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.'

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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

Find Your United States Attorney

Select a district to find the United States Attorney, contact information, and news from the office.

Select a district



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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

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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

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DOJ Enforcement Efforts



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International Fraud Schemes



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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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Thursday, June 19, 2019
Justice Department Announces New Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force
Law Enforcement Effort

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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. Attorney’s 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.

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“Fraud against the elderly is on the rise because of the large-based fraud schemes and the use of new technologies to better target, low-income Americans. The Justice Department is committed to protecting older Americans and to long-time priority of the Postal Inspectors, together with our law enforcement partners, to ensure that our seniors are protected from these schemes. The Attorney General announced a new law enforcement effort that brings together the resources and expertise of the Department of Justice’s Consumer Protection Branch, the U.S. Attorney’s 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.

The establishment of the Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force builds on the Trump Administration’s commitment to protecting older Americans. The Department of Justice will continue to work with the FBI, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and other law enforcement partners to ensure that our seniors are protected from these schemes. The Attorney General announced a new law enforcement effort that brings together the resources and expertise of the Department of Justice’s Consumer Protection Branch, the U.S. Attorney’s 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.

More information about the Department’s efforts to help American seniors is available at the Elder Justice Initiative website. For more information about the Consumer Protection Branch and its enforcement efforts, visit its website at <https://www.justice.gov/cpb/consumer-protection-branch>. Elder Fraud complaints can be filed with the FTC at <https://www.ftc.gov/complaint> or at 877-FTC-HELP. The Department of Justice provides a variety of resources relating to elder fraud identification through its Office for Victims of Crime, which can be reached at <https://www.ovc.gov>.

Nursing Home Cases

'Get me out of here,' former patient said

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ities. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has cut off funding for any new patients and will cover current patients for only 30 days.

"Decertification will begin at midnight, as mandated by CMS," said Bob Jordan, spokesman for Brentwood-based Vanguard Healthcare, which owns the facility and several other nursing homes.

He said that while company officials continue to work to resolve the deficiencies cited by the state



Margaret Maddox died in January after 18 months at Imperial Gardens.

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FAILURE OF CARE CASES

JUSTICE NEWS

Department of Justice
Office of Public Affairs

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, October 10, 2014

Extencicare 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

Extencicare Health Services Inc. (Extencicare) and its subsidiary Progressive Step Corporation (ProStep) have agreed to pay \$38 million to the United States and eight states to resolve allegations that Extencicare 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.

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Resources and Tools



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



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



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



Prosecutor Video Series



Webinars

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



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

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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 Prosecutors' 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.



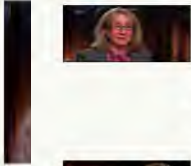
Elder Justice Task Forces

Federal, state and local prosecutors, law enforcement, and agencies joined to pursue nursing homes that provide grossly substandard care to their residents.

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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), **Risa Breckman** (Director, NYC Elder Abuse Center, New York, NY), **Liz Loewy** (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)

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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 Olst** (Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Seattle, WA), **Ricker Hamilton** (Deputy Commissioner, Maine Department of Health and Human Services), and **Bonnie Brandl** (Director, National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life, Madison, WI)

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Aging Services Network

Featuring: **Evelyn Laureano** (Executive Director, Neighborhood Self Help by Older Persons Project, New York, NY) and **Bobbie Sackman** (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.

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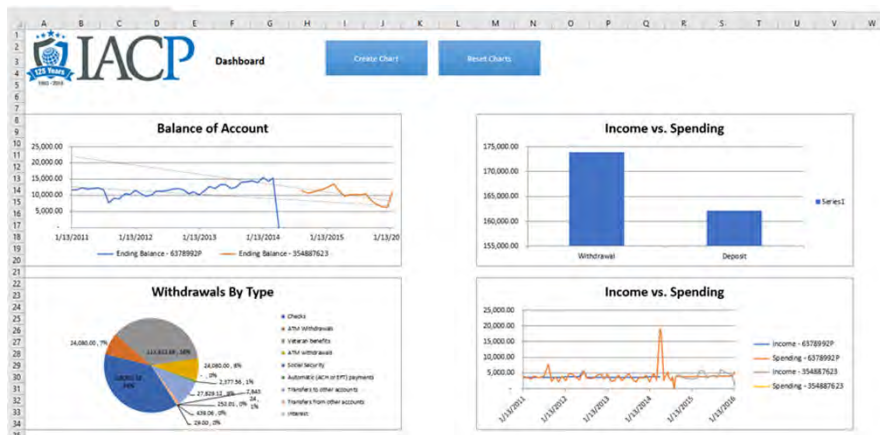
ELDER ABUSE GUIDE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT (EAGLE)

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

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SENIOR ABUSE FINANCIAL TRACKING AND ACCOUNTING TOOL (SAFTA)

<https://www.theiacp.org/elder-abuse>



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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.



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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

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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
- Discussing common pitfalls and barriers
- Referrals to other professionals or teams

Contact

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

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Building Bridges



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Rural and Tribal Elder Justice Summit (2018)



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RURAL SUMMIT RESOURCE GUIDE



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<https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/book/file/1110846/download>

RURAL SUMMIT RESOURCE GUIDE



Broadband

It is widely recognized that access to broadband is not simply a luxury, but important to many aspects of living in today's society. Lack of or limited broadband access in rural communities negatively impacts older adults who are unable to use mobile devices to call for emergency assistance, locate available resources online, or interact with others to reduce social isolation, all actions that could help guard against elder abuse. Learn how your community can increase rural and tribal communities' access to broadband and potentially reduce the risk of elder abuse.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Programs and Tools

FCC has programs and tools to assist with expanding services and identifying available broadband in address-specific localities.

Connect America Fund (CAF)
 FCC is transforming the existing Universal Service Fund (USF) into a new Connect America Fund focused on broadband.

[Learn More](#)

Fixed Broadband Deployment (FCC Broadband Map)

This application provides a visualization of the residential fixed broadband deployment data and allows you to explore various facets of fixed-broadband deployment.

[Learn More](#)

USDA Rural Utilities Services (RUS) Broadband Programs

These programs encourage more high-speed broadband to be installed in high-need areas by awarding grants, in combination with current USDA loan funding, to high-need rural and tribal areas.

[Learn More](#)

Rural Broadband Access Loans

Funds the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service in eligible rural areas.

[Learn More](#)

Community Connect Grants

Funds broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver services.

[Learn More](#)

Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees

Funds the construction, maintenance, improvement, and expansion of telephone

service and broadband in extremely rural areas with a population of 5,000 or less.

[Learn More](#)

Broadband Grant-Loan Pilot Program

This program encourages more high-speed broadband to be installed in high-need areas by awarding grants (\$600 million), in combination with current USDA loan funding (\$425m), to high-need rural and tribal areas, for a total investment of over \$1b. Public comment period closed September 10, 2018.

[Learn More](#)

Broadband Interagency Working Group (BIWG)

More than 25 federal agencies participate in the BIWG to improve coordination across programs, reduce regulatory barriers to broadband deployment, promote awareness of the importance of federal support for broadband investment and digital inclusion programs, and collect and share information with communities about available federal resources for broadband deployment and digital inclusion efforts.

[Learn More](#)

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RURAL SUMMIT RESOURCE GUIDE

Federal Professional Resources

Many disciplines intersect with the field of elder justice. This is a curated list of resources to support the work of elder justice professionals.

[Website](#)
[Webinar](#)
[PDF](#)
[Video](#)

- ALL ELDER JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS**
 - EJL Webinar Series
 - USC Training Resources on Elder Abuse
 - In Their Own Words: Domestic Abuse in Later Life Trainer's Guide
 - From the Front of the Room: An Advocate's Guide to Help Prepare Survivors for Public Speaking
 - Outreach Strategies for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocates: Reaching Out to Older Victims and Survivors of Abuse
 - National Center on Elder Abuse
 - For more resources, view elderjustice.gov
- ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES**
 - NARCA Webinar Series
 - A Day in the Life of an APD Worker in Rural America
 - NARCA Research to Practice Series: R2P
 - Multi-disciplinary Adult Services Training and Evaluation for Results (MASTER)
 - National Adult Protective Services Association
- AGING SERVICES**
 - Rural Community-Based Caregiver Network and Support (for members)
 - Elder Abuse Prevention Resources
 - Growing Challenges Facing Older Adults: Housing, Homelessness and Rural Aging
 - National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
- ABUSE IN LATER LIFE COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE**
 - National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life
 - Institute on Coordinated Community Response
 - ALA Coordinated Community Response and Beyond: Collaborations to Address Crimes Against Older Adults
 - Abuse in Later Life Grantee Program
- CIVIL LEGAL ASSISTANCE**
 - The Benefits of Referring Elder Abuse Clients For Civil Legal Assistance
 - Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.
 - Online Elder Abuse Training for Legal Service Providers
 - ABA Commission on Law and Aging

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Responding to Elder Abuse in Colorado

What are the Warning Signs of Elder Abuse?
What are the Types of Elder Abuse?
What is Adult Protective Services (APS)?
Who Can Receive APS Services?
What is Mandated Reporting and Who is Required to Report? (see flow chart)

How Can I Report Suspicion of Elder Abuse in Colorado?

To report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation in Colorado, call the county APS intake office. Mandatory reporters are required to place a report to law enforcement where the incident occurred.

When placing a report to APS, reporters should be prepared to provide a description about what prompted the call, any and all conditions of the alleged victim, any supports the alleged victim might have currently, whether there is anyone else who might have information about the situation, and additional questions depending upon the type of abuse involved. Please report even if you do not know all the answers or have proof of abuse.

State by State Services Locator
Find elder abuse services in your state.

Submit a Complaint through the Sentinel Database

The Sentinel Database is a voluntary reporting system that helps the federal government detect patterns of consumer financial fraud throughout the United States.

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

Elder Abuse
is 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. It is a term under which five types of abuse are reflected.

Prevalence of Elder Abuse
At least 10% of adults age 60 and older will experience some form of elder abuse in a given year, with some older adults simultaneously experiencing more than one type of abuse.

The Consequences of Elder Abuse
The trauma of elder abuse may result in health issues like deterioration in health, hospitalization and increased mortality, clinical issues like depression and suicide, social issues like disrupted relationships, and financial loss, all leading to diminished independence and quality of life.

Explore the resource and information on elder abuse at www.elderjustice.gov

Find local and state resources as well as community outreach materials in the Rural and Tribal Elder Justice Resource Guide

Learn about financial scams at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) - Scams

Discover facts about elder abuse at the National Center on Elder Abuse

Locate training options at the USC Training Resources on Elder Abuse

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ELDER ABUSE RESOURCE ROADMAP
Financial

Who caused you (or someone you know) financial loss?

Select one option

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Securities Fraud

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) fields complaints and questions concerning:

- Investments
- Investment accounts
- Financial professionals

[File a Complaint with the SEC](#)

For questions, call the SEC's Office of Investor Education and Advocacy at **1-800-732-0330** or visit [Investor.gov](#).

What Happens Next?

- The SEC provides general responses for some types of complaints.
- Questions generally receive more detailed responses.
- You may not receive a follow up response from the SEC, depending on the nature of your complaint.

Helpful Resources

- Investor.gov
- Protect Your Money: Check out Brokers and Investment Advisers
- Seniors Protect Yourself Against Investment Fraud


Related Topics

- Identify Theft
- Commodity Futures & Derivatives Fraud
- Financial Service Providers - Credit Card, Bank, Loan Issues


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Finding the Right Fit: Decision-Making Supports and Guardianship



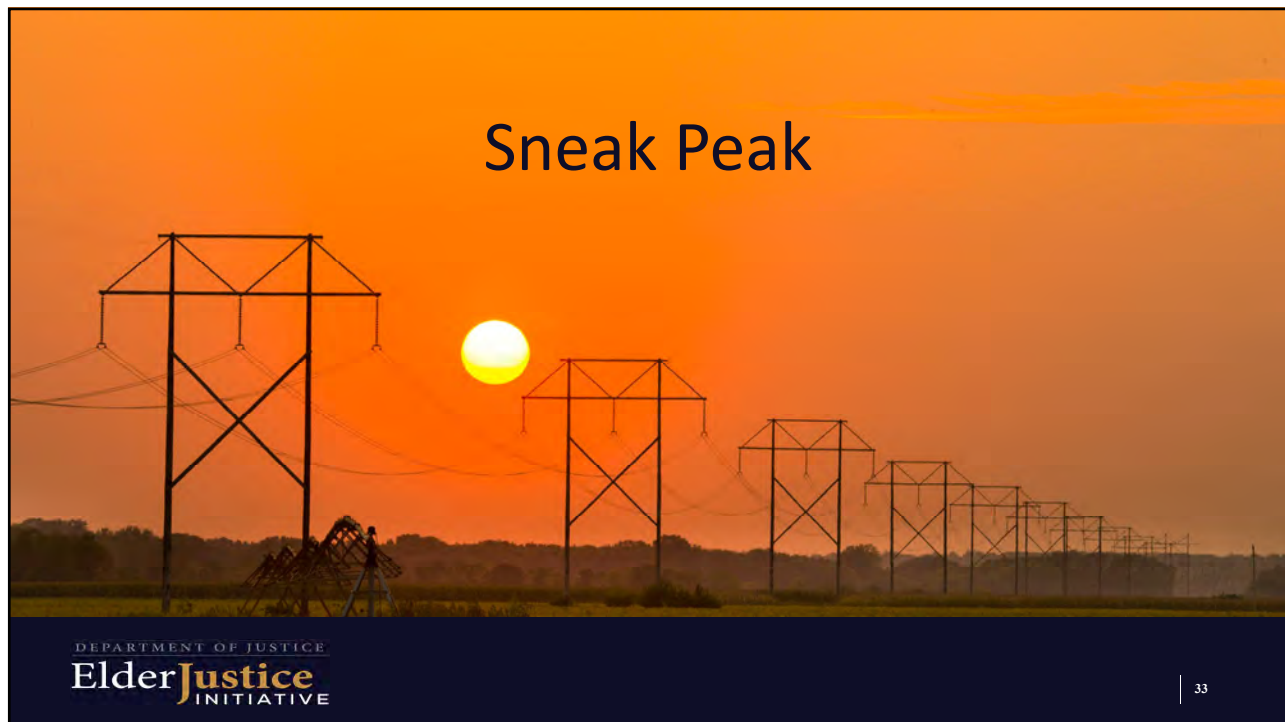
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ENHANCED AIM JUDICIAL REVIEW TOOL



Figure 1. Abuse Intervention Model (AIM)

The Abuse Intervention Model: A Pragmatic Approach to Intervention for Elder Mistreatment

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