

Elder Abuse News Bytes

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NEW FROM NCEA!

Abuse of Latino Elders Research Brief

This four page document provides an overview of the latest research on the important topic of abuse of Latino elders. www.ncea.aoa.gov/Library/Review/Brief/index.aspx

When is a bruise a sign of elder abuse?

Learn more in this distillation of the important-to-know facts about bruising and physical elder abuse. Taken from "Bruising as a Marker of Physical Elder Abuse." Wiglesworth A, Austin R, Corona M, et al. J Am Geriatr Soc. 2009 Jul;57(7):1191-6. Epub 2009 Jun 3. [Research Translation #3](#)

RESOURCES

Elder Justice Roadmap Project Report

Yes, we know you've seen other email announcements about this before, but have you gone to the website and actually read it yet? Please do! You wouldn't want to be the only one who didn't ask for directions on the road to Elder Justice would you? The Roadmap provides a detailed, practical guide for teams, communities, states and national entities. It is a strategic planning resource by the field for the field to foster coordinated approaches to reduce elder abuse, neglect and exploitation – a problem with solutions. This unprecedented effort gathered input from public and private entities, experts from across the United States, and hundreds of people who address elder abuse and have a role to play in detecting and preventing it. The Roadmap highlights key priorities and offers action steps to enhance direct services, education, policy, and research to reduce elder abuse. To view or download the roadmap, [click here](#).

Preventing Financial Abuse in LTC Facilities

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has released a new report entitled “Protecting Residents from Financial Exploitation: A Manual for Assisted Living and Nursing Facilities,” which is designed to alert facilities, residents, family members, and first responders to warning signs and prevention of resident financial abuse. It includes a model protocol that uses a team approach to responding to reports. Free hard copies are available in single or bulk orders. To view the guide [click here](#). CFPB also produced a video featuring CFPB Director Richard Cordray. To view, [click here](#).

Financial Exploitation Fact Sheets

The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-term Care has developed new financial exploitation fact sheets in part through a sub-grant from the Administration on Aging for the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA), these fact sheets discuss the prevention, detection and reporting of financial exploitation in assisted living and nursing homes. There are separate fact sheets for residents of assisted living facilities and nursing homes and their family members. The consumer fact sheets provide an overview of residents' rights and facility responsibilities related to resident finances, tips for protecting themselves and how to report incidents of financial abuse. The fact sheets for family and friends of residents also review residents' rights and facility responsibilities, highlight warning signs and how to report incidents of financial exploitation.

Assisted Living Facilities

- [Consumer Fact Sheet: How to Prevent, Detect and Report Financial Exploitation in Assisted Living Facilities](#) [also available in Spanish and Chinese]
- [Protecting Your Loved One: How to Prevent, Detect and Report Financial Exploitation in Assisted Living Facilities](#) [also available in Spanish and Chinese]

Nursing Homes

- [Consumer Fact Sheet: How to Prevent, Detect and Report Financial Exploitation in Nursing Homes](#) [also available in Spanish and Chinese]
- [Protecting Your Loved One: How to Prevent, Detect and Report Financial Exploitation in Nursing Homes](#) [also available in Spanish and Chinese]

Staff Interaction in Nursing Homes

Researchers find that staff interaction habits are holding back nursing home quality improvement. Nursing homes can improve resident care and staff satisfaction by changing the usual way that workers interact with each other, suggests newly published research from investigators at a variety of academic institutions.

[Click here to view the article.](#)

Partnering to Protect Seniors

AARP and the American Bankers Association's Community Engagement Foundation will work together to protect the financial security of older Americans during a two-year partnership that will focus on protecting older Americans from financial abuse and exploitation. [Click here to view the article.](#)

Storied Lives Bridges the Generations

Storied Lives pairs service-minded high-potential students who love to write with elders who want to tell their own life story. Over the course of a program, the students spend quality time with their assigned elder person getting to know them, write a story about their life, and then present it to them at a closing ceremony at the end of the program. This program is great for reducing isolation, a key risk factor for elder abuse and neglect. For information about how to start a Storied Lives program in your community visit the national website:

<http://storiedlivesprogram.org> and www.facebook.com/StoriedLives.

Survey Identifies AAAs' Role in Elder Abuse

Elder abuse prevention was among the categories addressed in a national survey evaluating the roles and activities of area agencies on aging [AAAs] conducted by Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University in Ohio in partnership with the federal Administration of Community Living and the Administration on Aging. According to the survey, more than 98% of AAAs provide at least one service or program to address elder abuse, with the most common being legal assistance, community education or training, public awareness information directly to seniors, participation in elder abuse prevention coalitions or multidisciplinary teams, and case management for at risk/vulnerable seniors. The services least likely to be provided are victim/witness assistance, safe havens or emergency shelters, short-term emergency services, adult guardianship services, and services to combat hoarding. To view the report, [click here](#).

Guardianship Replication Guide Available Online

To improve adult guardianship practice, courts and community partners must work together. By combining the efforts of all stakeholders in an ongoing court-community partnership, states can better protect rights, promote accountability, target exploitation and encourage the use of less restrictive options. Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS) are state collaborative groups that drive changes in the way courts and guardians practice. The National Guardianship Network (NGN) includes 11 national organizations dedicated to effective adult guardianship law and practice.

NGN has piloted WINGS in selected states, and now has produced a replication guide to help other states launch and sustain WINGS groups. The Guide highlights ten hallmarks of WINGS and ten steps for establishing WINGS. [View the guide here.](#)

Power-point slides available from the International Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) event

On June 16 the INPEA Secretariat in Vancouver and the Simon Fraser University Gerontology Research Centre [SFU-GRC], co-hosted a lecture by Dr. Elsie Yan, University of Hong Kong entitled "Elder Abuse and Cultural Diversity: Implications for Research and Practice". The lecture drew together facts and figures on elder abuse in Asian countries and key issues with respect to prevention and mitigation. [View the presentation here.](#)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

National Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Conference

This conference showcases innovative national, federal, state and local delivery and policy developments vital for assuring that Americans of all ages and abilities receive the highest quality community living supports, care, and services possible. Over 1,000 national, federal, state and local leaders, advocates, and champions for children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities from across the nation are expected to attend the conference

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES: **HCBS Conference: September 16-18, 2014**

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

NAPSA in Portland, OR

The National Adult Protective Services conference will take place in Portland, OR from October 29-31, 2014. The NAPSA conference is the only national conference focused on elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation. We'll be there. Will you? [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

The Consumer Voice Conference

The 2014 Consumer Voice Annual Conference will be held in Arlington, Virginia from November 15-18, 2014. There will be speakers in the field, long-term care policy updates from key experts, and tools and resources for advocacy. Registration and the conference agenda details will be coming soon. For questions, contact: info@theconsumervoice.org.

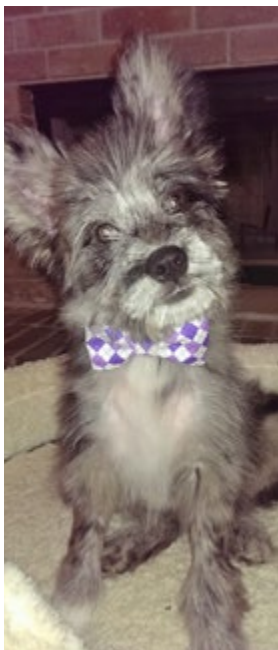
Aging in America

SAVE THE DATE! The Aging in America Conference will be on March 23-27, 2015 in Chicago, Illinois. For more information on the conference, visit the Aging in America website at www.asaging.org/aia.

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Wrapping up 2014 and thinking ahead to 2015!

WEAAD 2014 WRAP UP



This year's WEAAD was a national success! What a wonderful showing of solidarity and commitment to the cause of elder justice. Many people submitted events to the national WEAAD site from around the country. From petting zoos, to marches, rallies, conferences, and ball game events, we were left in awe of the imaginative ways people raised awareness about elder abuse all across the country. Even Charlie, a rescued puppy from Texas, got into the mix by taking to Facebook in his purple argyle tie to raise awareness about elder abuse in style. Take a peek at some of the great events of 2014 as you look forward to your plans for WEAAD 2015! Check out our [eNewsletter Debrief from the field](#). Or View the Full List [Submitted Events](#).

And, finally, we end with a Presidential Proclamation...

Starting with the words: "Each year, the international community renews its commitment to addressing a human rights issue that too often goes ignored – elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation," the White House marked WEAAD 2014 by issuing a special Presidential Proclamation. It called for Americans to lead by example in supporting victims of abuse, holding abusers accountable and ending elder abuse. Check out the full text of the proclamation here. It is truly inspiring! [WEAAD 2014 Proclamation](#)

GET INVOLVED!

Ageless Alliance Tribute Page

Each year, millions of individuals are affected by elder abuse in some way. There are endless stories of both suffering and triumph that if shared, can change the world and the way in which older adults are currently treated. We invite you to use your voice and honor those you love by paying tribute to them. Visit the Ageless Alliance Tribute Page to view stories and contribute your own: <http://agelessalliance.org/index.php/tributes>

More from NCEA

For regular news articles, research updates, and to connect with colleagues, be sure to 'Like' the National Center on Elder Abuse on [FaceBook](#), follow us on [Twitter](#), watch us on [YouTube](#) and make your voice heard at [PopVox](#)!

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