

# 10 THINGS AAAs CAN DO

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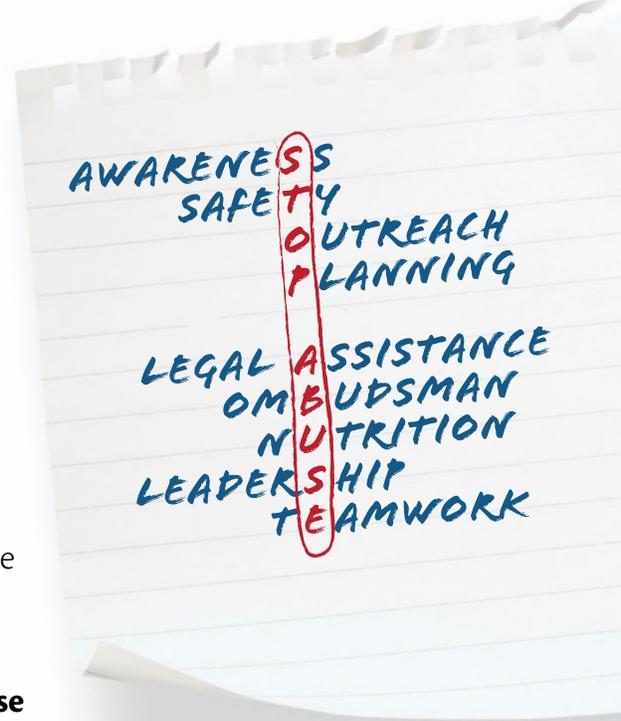
National Center on Elder Abuse

## to Prevent Abuse of Elders and Vulnerable Adults

Area Agencies on Aging can play a critical role in building and supporting community responses to adult abuse and neglect.

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1. Insure that agencies receiving AAA funds train their staffs on **elder abuse identification and reporting**.
2. **Integrate elder abuse screening** into the intake process for AAA administered programs.
3. Work with community leaders to **recognize June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**, and if your state or locality has an elder abuse awareness month, support it as well.
4. **Join statewide or national elder justice groups** to learn more about what best practices are for AAA-funded programs.
5. Serve on an **elder abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team** or start a **Financial Abuse Specialist Team** using Older American Act Title VII Elder Abuse or Title III Program Development and Program Coordination funds. Provide free space for the team to meet.
6. Ask your AAA Advisory Council to hold a **hearing on elder abuse** in your area.
7. **Download the “Red Flags” handout from NCEA’s website** and distribute to senior centers, meal sites, and other agencies to raise awareness.
8. **Promote a Senior Center Protection Plan to screen out financial predators** targeting Senior Centers (download information from [www.centeronelderabuse.org/elder\\_financial\\_abuse\\_webinar.asp](http://www.centeronelderabuse.org/elder_financial_abuse_webinar.asp)).
9. Partner **with the child abuse and domestic violence communities** to address “family violence across the lifespan.”
10. When planning programs and creating new services, work with Adult Protective Services, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Domestic Violence Services and Victim Services to **include the needs of abuse victims in the planning process**.



**The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA)** directed by the U.S. Administration on Aging, helps communities, agencies and organizations ensure that elders and adults with disabilities can live with dignity, and without abuse, neglect, and exploitation. We are based at the University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine.

NCEA is the place to turn for **education, research, and promising practices in stopping abuse**. Visit us online for more resources! [www.ncea.aoa.gov](http://www.ncea.aoa.gov)

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