

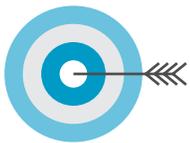
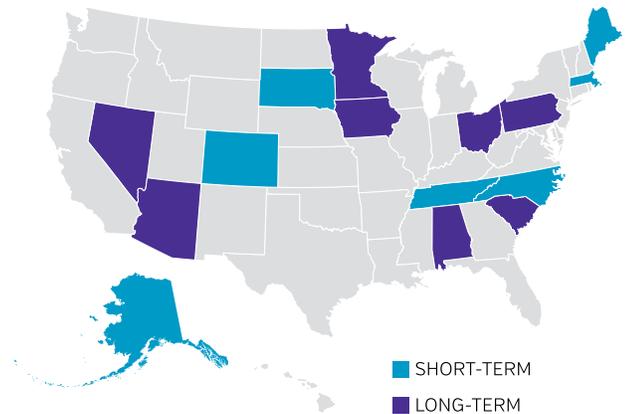
State Elder Abuse Working Groups

A REVIEW AND COMPARISON OF 15 STATE WORKING GROUPS

An elder abuse working group is an entity such as a **task force**, **council**, **commission**, or **non-profit organization**, convened to address elder abuse issues at the state level.

The fifteen state elder abuse working groups included in the document were categorized as short-term or long-term and included: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Tennessee.

The elder abuse working groups included in this document were compared based on their establishment, purpose, and current status. While groups had varying characteristics, the themes below emerged among the groups reviewed.



Areas of Focus

- Two broad areas of focus that almost every group focuses on are the judiciary response to elder abuse or the adult protective services system



Type and Scope of Work

- Conducting studies of the current systems
- Making recommendations
- Creating resources for professionals and/or the public



Origin of Group Formation

- Legislation
- Initiative of an attorney general's office
- State supreme court
- Collaborative of organizations



Funding

- Tend to operate within existing budgets rather than line item budget
- Staffed by existing employees
- Funding is necessary to study and make recommendations as well as to implement those recommendations



Perceived Benefits

- Networking among those working on elder abuse issues across the state
- Collaboration and information sharing
- Policy development

The full State Elder Abuse Working Groups document is available at:

<http://www.ncea.aoa.gov/Resources/Publication/docs/State-Elder-Abuse-Working-Groups-NCEA.pdf>