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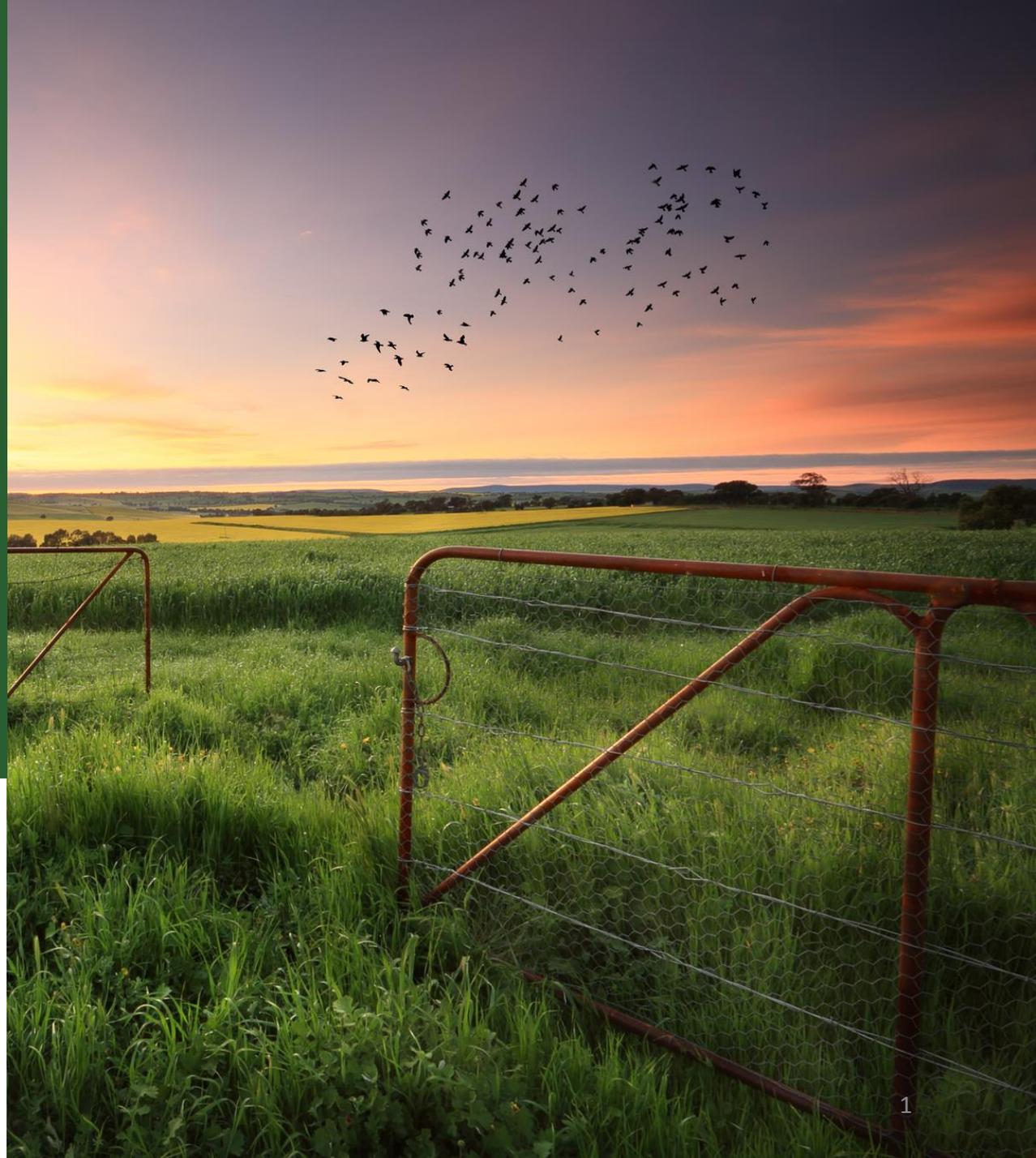
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Webinar Series

Resources for State and Local Elder Abuse Prosecutors

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ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE

The **mission** is to support and coordinate the Department of Justice's enforcement and programmatic efforts to combat elder abuse, neglect, and financial fraud and scams that target older adults.

The Initiative does so by—

- Promoting justice for older adults.
- Helping older victims and their families.
- Enhancing state and local efforts through training and resources.
- Supporting research to improve elder abuse policy and practice.

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

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MICHIGAN MODEL VULNERABLE ADULT PROTOCOL (MI-MVP)

A Model Protocol for Joint Investigations of
Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation

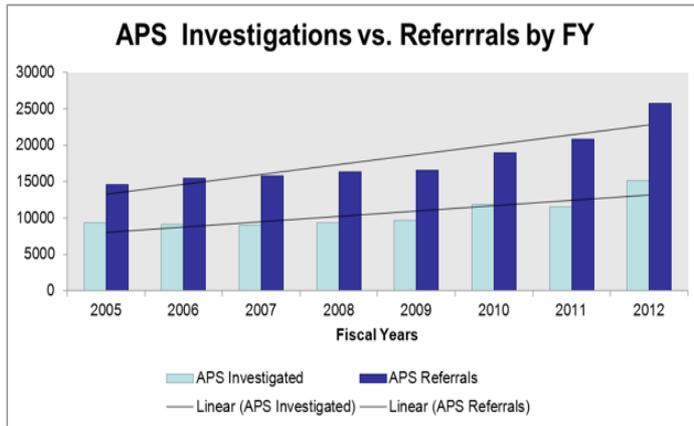


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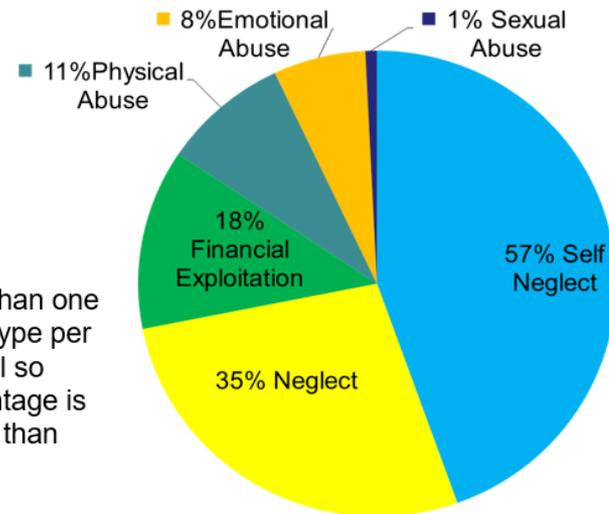
PROBLEM IDENTIFIED

FY 2012
33,710 Referrals



15,099 Investigations

Substantiations by Harm Type
FY2012



Where you have one harm type there is usually another

More than one harm type per referral so percentage is higher than 100%

PROBLEM IDENTIFIED

Statewide APS Staff

- 404 Adult Protective Services (APS) staff statewide
- 43 counties where 1 worker covers APS and 2 other adult services programs
- Approximately 110 APS staff statewide

Age Range of Referrals

- FY 2012 Referrals
 - Aged 60 and older: 60%
 - Aged 18-59: 40%
- Preliminary FY 2013 data show the number of referrals for persons aged 18-59 years has increased.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION REQUIRED

Public Act 175 of 2012 (The Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.11(b))



Mandated partners included:

- ▶ Department of Human Services (renamed Department of Health & Human Services)
- ▶ Michigan State Police
- ▶ Michigan Attorney General
- ▶ Office of Services to the Aging (renamed Aging & Adult Services Agency)

Other contributors included:

- ▶ Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan
- ▶ Presbyterian Villages of Michigan (long-term care provider)

MI-MVP IS A BEST PRACTICE (NOT A MANDATE)

- ▶ MI-MVP is a “blueprint for communities...for the purpose of reducing harm and victimization of vulnerable adults through a coordinated team approach.”
- ▶ It is intended to “provide a framework of suggested best practices for investigating cases...that each county can customize to match its needs and resources.”
- ▶ MI-MVP “is designed to be adapted at the local level.”
- ▶ As of October 2018, 43 of Michigan’s 83 counties have signed a local MI-MVP agreement.

INITIAL SET UP

- ▶ Coordinated investigation teams are ideally led by the county prosecutor (or designee) and the director of the county APS office (or designee).
- ▶ Leaders should:
 - Develop written protocols with team members outlining each member's role(s), with each member signing the agreement.
 - Provide for periodic reviews of the protocol with all members and make changes as needed.
 - Provide for frequent training on the local protocol as necessary, e.g., after protocol changes, new membership.

TEAM MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities include:

- ▶ Regular meetings to increase team member communication.
- ▶ Facilitation and support of each team member's role.
- ▶ Coordination of information sharing.
- ▶ Ensuring team members respect and comply with their respective agency and/or rules regarding confidentiality.
- ▶ Oversight to increase awareness of and compliance with the law, as well as best practices outlines in the MI-MVP.

MI-MVP TEAM MEMBERS

CORE MEMBERS

Adult Protective Services

County Prosecutor

Local Police Dept./Sheriff

OTHER MEMBERS*

Medical Professionals

Aging Services

Community Mental Health

Emergency Services

Educational Providers

LTC Providers

Probate Court

Financial Institutions/Banks

*Not every case requires the participation of all team members.

MI-MVP FOUR GOALS

1. Coordinate Investigations
2. Conduct Thorough, Objective Investigations
3. Minimize Trauma to the Victim
4. Respect the Rights of the Alleged Perpetrator

TEAM INVESTIGATION OBJECTIVES

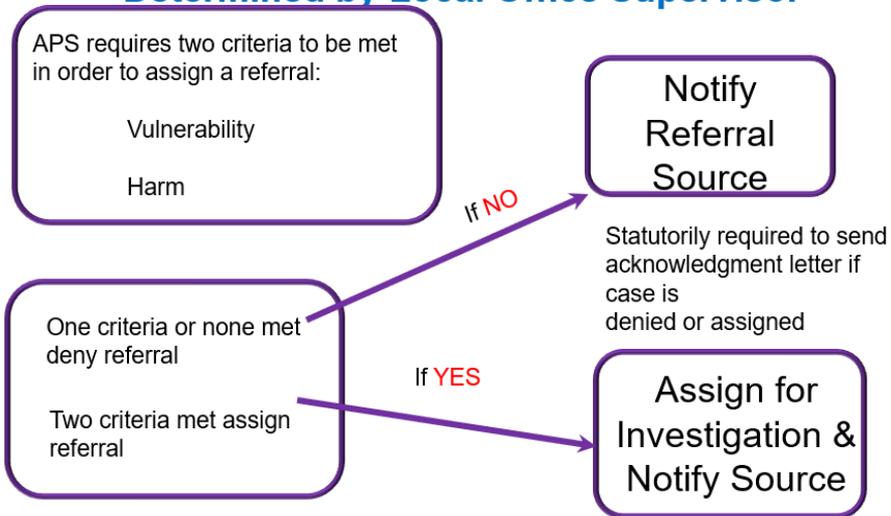
- ▶ Interview the vulnerable adult with emphasis on joint interviews.
- ▶ Interview all witnesses, joint interviews when appropriate.
- ▶ Offer assistance in obtaining necessary emergency services.
- ▶ Collect and preserve evidence.
- ▶ Interview the alleged perpetrator.
- ▶ Obtain current and historical medical information.
- ▶ Coordinate efforts with APS, law enforcement, and other service providers to offer services to the vulnerable adult.
- ▶ Assess the vulnerable adult's capacity to make informed decisions.

MI-MVP GENERAL LEGAL PRINCIPLES

- ▶ No interviews conducted in the presence of the alleged perpetrator.
- ▶ Confidentiality is imposed on APS by statute; therefore, all investigative partners must likewise maintain confidentiality.
- ▶ APS referral source is confidential unless otherwise ordered by a court.
- ▶ If APS is denied entry to a home, APS may seek law enforcement assistance to secure a search warrant pursuant to MCL 780.651.
- ▶ DHS is a mandatory reporter to law enforcement of any suspected criminal activity pursuant to MCL 400.11a(5).
- ▶ Upon request by APS, local law enforcement shall cooperate in investigating suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation, pursuant to MCL 400.11b(2).
- ▶ APS is prohibited from conducting investigations in certain settings, e.g., nursing homes, pursuant to MCL 400.11f.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES ASSIGNMENT PROCESS

DHS APS Assignment Process Determined by Local Office Supervisor



Assignment Process

Local DHS, APS supervisor reviews each referral for the following:

- Assignment or Denial
- Need to refer to another investigative authority.
- Joint investigation with another agency/department required.

At any point, APS will notify law enforcement when it is believed criminal activity is involved.

Investigative Authority by Setting

Residence	Situation	Investigator(s)
Nursing Home	Alleged perpetrator is facility personnel	Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), Attorney General HCFD
	Alleged perpetrator is non-facility personnel	APS, Law Enforcement (LE), LARA, Attorney General HCFD
Adult Foster Care or Home for the Aged	Non-CMH contracted facility	APS, Bureau of Children & Adult Licensing (BCAL), LE
	Contracted	APS, BCAL, LE, Office of Recipient Rights (ORR)

Investigative Authority by Setting

Residence	Situation	Investigator(s)
Unlicensed Congregate setting	Assisted living, Room & Board, etc.	APS, LE, BCAL
County Medical Care Facilities, Freestanding surgical outpatient facilities, hospitals		LARA
	Note: The LTC Ombudsman program addresses quality of care issues and life issues for residents of nursing homes, AFC and HA facilities.	

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- ▶ Law enforcement is a mandatory report to APS (just as APS is a mandatory reporter to law enforcement).
- ▶ Law Enforcement is primarily focused on victim safety. Once the safety of the vulnerable adult is established, law enforcement will conduct an investigation.
- ▶ In cases of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, law enforcement will coordinate with APS.
- ▶ Law enforcement will inform APS and the county prosecutor when any case involving a vulnerable adult is referred to the Attorney General or U.S. Attorney.

COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

- ▶ The county prosecutor should take a leadership role within his/her local investigative team.
- ▶ Fulfill all duties required by Michigan's Crime Victims' Rights Act.
- ▶ Review investigations for best practices and help identify legal roadblocks.
- ▶ Meet the standard policy established by the National District Attorneys Association:

“...whenever practical, the creation of a special elder abuse unit within the prosecutor's office or the designation of a specially trained prosecutor to handle elder abuse cases.”

Vulnerable Adult Incident Report

NAME	AGE	DOB	EMERGENCY CONTACT	PHONE
DATE REPORTED	TIME REPORTED	DATE AND TIME INCIDENT OCCURRED	FILE NO:	
INCIDENT LOCATION			REPORTING OFFICER	

VULNERABLE + HARM = MANDATORY Reporting to Adult Protective Services at (855) 444-3911

WHEN ABUSE/NEGLECT/EXPLOITATION IS SUSPECTED

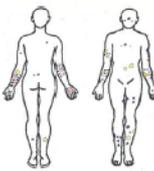
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Determine if the victim is a Vulnerable Adult (VA)	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Determine whether you are required to report to APS or others
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Determine whether the VA can see, hear and communicate ideas. Cognition may be diminished before competency (see below).	5. <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence and forms for collection
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Determine harm, if any to the VA	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Crimes and elements

<p>Is the Victim a vulnerable Adult? (Documenting lack of ability is important)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Over 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 years or older <input type="checkbox"/> Victim needs assistance with ADLs (Activities of Daily Living): <input type="checkbox"/> Walking <input type="checkbox"/> Sitting <input type="checkbox"/> Eating <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking <input type="checkbox"/> Getting Water <input type="checkbox"/> Getting Dressed <input type="checkbox"/> Bathing <input type="checkbox"/> Getting out of bed <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Taking medication <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor visits <input type="checkbox"/> Banking/Financial affairs <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to protect self from abuse, neglect or exploitation (Vulnerable Adult MCL 750.145m(u)) Comments (if the victim is not vulnerable, continue with normal investigation): _____ _____ _____	<p>Activities of Daily Living (ADL'S) Ability to Care for Self (bathing, grooming, transportation, walking, toileting etc.) Level of Function: <input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Total Care Describe: _____</p> <p>Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL'S) Financial Decision-Making (bills, donations, investments, real estate, wills, protect assets, resist fraud etc.) Level of Function: <input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Total Care Describe: _____</p> <p>Medical Decision-Making (express a choice and understand, appreciate, reason about health info, etc.) Level of Function: <input type="checkbox"/> Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Total Care Describe: <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Conservator</p> <p>Doctor Name and contact information: _____</p>
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PHYSICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

If the adult is vulnerable, is there harm? Abuse Neglect Financial Provide explanation as needed in narrative

<input type="checkbox"/> Soiled bedding	<input type="checkbox"/> Lock on victim's door	<input type="checkbox"/> Narcotic medication	<input type="checkbox"/> Unusual physical signs
<input type="checkbox"/> Soiled Bandages	<input type="checkbox"/> Bilateral grip marks	<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of cleaning prior to arrival	<input type="checkbox"/> Filthy living conditions for victim, including common areas
<input type="checkbox"/> Victim is in pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Foul Smell	<input type="checkbox"/> Inconsistent explanation of care	<input type="checkbox"/> No sign of pain reliever (aspirin etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dehydrated	<input type="checkbox"/> Stopped seeing doctor	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of access to mobility	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of food/malnutrition

 <p>Body Image Diagram Describe injury (redness, bruising etc.) Older adults can experience bruising in dotted areas - Note anything unusual or outside the area.</p>	<p>Medical Treatment following incident</p> <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Will seek own doctor <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid <input type="checkbox"/> EMT* EMT at scene <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Name(s): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital ** Name: _____ Attending Physician: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Refused Medical Aid Obtain Medical Release Form from victim? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Obtain Medical Release Form from Guardian or Conservator? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Crime victim information given to victim? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Protective Services Referral completed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Residence Type? (When victim is found)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Assisted Living <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Nursing Home <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> AFC Home (Licensed adult not) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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If the adult is vulnerable and has been harmed, consent is often an issue. Ask Questions to assess:

Confusion Possible Intimidation Possible Infection or fever

Possible questions include:

<input type="checkbox"/> Are you in pain?	<input type="checkbox"/> Would you like to be cleaned up?	<input type="checkbox"/> When was the last time you ate?
<input type="checkbox"/> Are you thirsty?	<input type="checkbox"/> Would you like salve for your wound?	<input type="checkbox"/> Would you like to see a doctor?

****If the adult has open wounds and is refusing to see the doctor it may be because they have been told the caregiver will go to jail and the adult will be in a nursing home. See Parasitic Living**

FINANCIAL HARM – APS also accepts reports of financial harm to vulnerable adults

<p><input type="checkbox"/> Parasitic Living: "Caregiver's" sole source of income is the victim</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caregiver/suspect controls the money, no audit no 2nd lock</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor or no care being given to the victim</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not providing adequate care to the victim because it would require "caregiver" to pay for care instead of spending money on the "caregivers" desires or needs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> "Caregiver" may fail to seek adequate medical attention to avoid criminal charges of vulnerable adult abuse neglect</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> List of all services performed by suspect/amount of pay for the services</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Income claimed on suspect's taxes</p> <p>Other Financial Harm Controlled by <input type="checkbox"/> Victim <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Bank Account (Institution): _____ Bank Account Number: _____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Ownership of property damages (deeds, car titles, accs)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Misuse of legal documents (DPOA, guardianship, conservatorship – depleting Vulnerable Adult's assets</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New friend/person helping with finances – church, grocery store, estranged family member</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Requested records/receipts for expenditures by suspect</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Signed acknowledgement to keep receipts, no joint account and no gifts to self</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Second mortgage or reverse mortgage</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Quit Claim deed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New auto the victim does not drive</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New or missing credit cards</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Missing valuables or antiques</p>
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COGNITION is not an all or nothing matter. Current research shows that financial savvy may decline in every human brain after the age of 60 regardless of how smart you are. Ask questions that help you find out if the person understands the consequences of their actions.

<p>Referral to Adult Protective Services</p> <input type="checkbox"/> The matter has been reported to APS <input type="checkbox"/> APS has determined the victim is an adult in need of assistance <input type="checkbox"/> A case worker is assigned <input type="checkbox"/> Contact information for APS provided: _____	<p>Evidence:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of all purportedly legal documents obtained <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of financial statements obtained <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicles owned by victim <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicles owned by person in charge of the money <input type="checkbox"/> Photographs of living conditions, wounds, evidence destruction, locks, location of mobility devices, victim injuries <input type="checkbox"/> Release of medical records by victim or by conservator/guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Photographs taken by: _____	<p>Lethality Assessment</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Intimidation by threats, yelling <input type="checkbox"/> Suspect has used or threatened to use a weapon <input type="checkbox"/> Suspect abuses Alcohol/Drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Victim is unable / not allowed to perform Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) <input type="checkbox"/> Victim has opened / untreated wounds, lack of ADLs <input type="checkbox"/> Suspect controls finances of the victim <input type="checkbox"/> Victim isolated from friends, relatives, activities <input type="checkbox"/> Victim's physical condition poor/declining <input type="checkbox"/> Victim's mental conditions poor/declining <input type="checkbox"/> Victim living conditions poor/subs <input type="checkbox"/> Prior incidents involving APS/Law Enforcement
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Describe: Add name and contact information for APS and the date an oral referral was made to APS at
 1-855-444-3911

At the Death Scene of An Older Adult

What would you see at the scene if the victim was 20 instead of 87?
 Who was the last person to see the deceased?
 Who would benefit from death Is there obvious neglect?
 Was the person responsible for the care in a parasitic living arrangement with the victim?

STATUTES TO KNOW

Embezzlement of Vuln. Adult 750.174a	Embezzlement 750.174
Obtaining a False Signature 750.273	Fraud / False Pretenses 750.218
Racketeering 750.159i	Embezzlement / Joint Account 750.181
Identity Theft 445.65	Caregiver Commingling 750.145p

*Source: Emerson, C. & Painter, R. – Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan
 Tejer, S. – Michigan Attorney General's Office*



POSSIBLE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

- In emergency medical situations call an ambulance
- Report to APS as required
- When necessary, ask APS to freeze assets in Probate Court
- Evidence of spending may be the motive for physical abuse, obtain consent or search warrants when necessary to obtain financial evidence
- Give all information to medical examiner (Request autopsy)

WHERE TO REPORT HEALTH CARE FRAUD OF MICHIGAN'S OLDER ADULTS

Attorney General's Health Care Fraud Division Hotline:
 1-800-24-ABUSE or 1-800-242-2873

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Call 1-877-987-3728 (Telemarketing, collection agencies, money scams, fraud)

National Institute on Prosecution of Elder Abuse (NIPEA)

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON PROSECUTION OF ELDER ABUSE

- ▶ 3 ½-day training course for prosecutors
- ▶ Offered 1–2 times per year
- ▶ Created by:
 - National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL)
 - AEquitas: The Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women
- ▶ Funded by:
 - U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
 - U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division

INSTITUTE APPROACH

- ▶ Hands-on and interactive
- ▶ Focuses on the forms of abuse most unfamiliar to us:
 - Neglect
 - Financial exploitation
- ▶ Builds skills needed for the proper handling of these cases
- ▶ Provides substantive information on topics central to the successful prosecution of these cases

INSTITUTE TRAINING – SAMPLE AGENDA

TUESDAY

- Overview of Course and Introductions
- Practical Prosecution Problems
- Elder Abuse Overview
- Analyzing an Elder Abuse Case: Understanding Capacity and Decisionmaking

WEDNESDAY

- Bail and Search Warrants
- Using Medical Evidence and Experts Effectively
- The Role of Other Agencies in Elder Abuse Cases
- Victim-Centered Response

INSTITUTE TRAINING – SAMPLE AGENDA

THURSDAY

- Using Financial Evidence and Experts Effectively
- Charging and Proving the Case
- Life After Crawford
- Direct Examination of an Older Victim
- Voir Dire

FRIDAY

- Cross-Examination of the Defendant
- Ethical Considerations
- Enhancing a Coordinated Community Response

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Justice System Coordinator

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ELDER PROTECTION RESOURCES FOR STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL STAFF

FOCUS: CONSUMER PROTECTION



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Vermont Office of the Attorney General
TJ Donovan, Attorney General

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RESOURCES FOR UNDERSTANDING STATE SYSTEM OF ELDER PROTECTION & ELDER VULNERABILITIES

Colleagues: Consumer Protection, Criminal/MFCU, Human Services

- ▶ Recommendation: Establish cross-division relationships/team (VT)

State agencies: Dept. of Aging (APS/DLP/OPG), Dept. of Fin. Reg., State Police, etc.

- ▶ Recommendation: Establish cross-agency relationships/team (WI)

Federal & local prosecutors: USAO/EJCs & SAs/DAs

- ▶ Recommendation: Understand respective jurisdictional boundaries/interests and develop referral network

NGO stakeholders: Area Agencies on Aging, advocacy organizations, hospital social workers, home health agencies, Meals on Wheels drivers, etc.

- ▶ Recommendation: Go out and listen → inform CP & office-wide priorities

RESOURCES FOR SUPPORT IN CONSUMER PROTECTION WORK

Sister state CPU colleagues focused on elder protection. Contact:

- NAAG Program Counsel Joanne Thomka - jthomka@naag.org
- VT AAG Jamie Renner jamie.renner@Vermont.gov

2018 report on recent state AGO-CPU elder protection efforts:

- Covers enforcement, legislation, outreach, grants, office-wide initiatives
- For report copy, visit NAAG website or contact NAAG Program Counsel Joanne Thomka or VT AAG Jamie Renner (email addresses above)

NAAG “PAGE” - Wiki for “Promoting Attorneys General Expertise”

FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION WORK

AGO CPUs have received grants to support:

- ▶ Training for law enforcement, professionals, judges, and prosecutors
- ▶ Establishment of multidisciplinary and community response teams
- ▶ Providing direct services and outreach to exploitation victims
- ▶ Establishing statewide coalitions (e.g., identity theft)
- ▶ Outreach on elder fraud/scams

FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION WORK

Funders/Grantors:

- ▶ AARP
- ▶ Center for State Enforcement of Antitrust & Consumer Protection Law
- ▶ U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women
- ▶ National White Collar Crime Center
- ▶ U.S. Administration for Community Living
- ▶ National Identity Theft Victims' Assistance Network
- ▶ Fund for Consumer Protection and Education

RESOURCES FOR MFCU STAFF

- ▶ All below provide resources/education, training, conferences:
- ▶ National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
 - <http://www.namfcu.net/>
- ▶ National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association
 - <https://www.nhcaa.org/>
- ▶ Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
 - <http://www.acfe.com/>

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USING ANATOMICAL MODELS



GERIATRIC SIMULATOR



Weight Vest

Ankle Weights

Wrist Weights

Elbow Restraints

Knee Restraints

Gloves

Cervical Collar

Visual Impairment
Glasses

Walker

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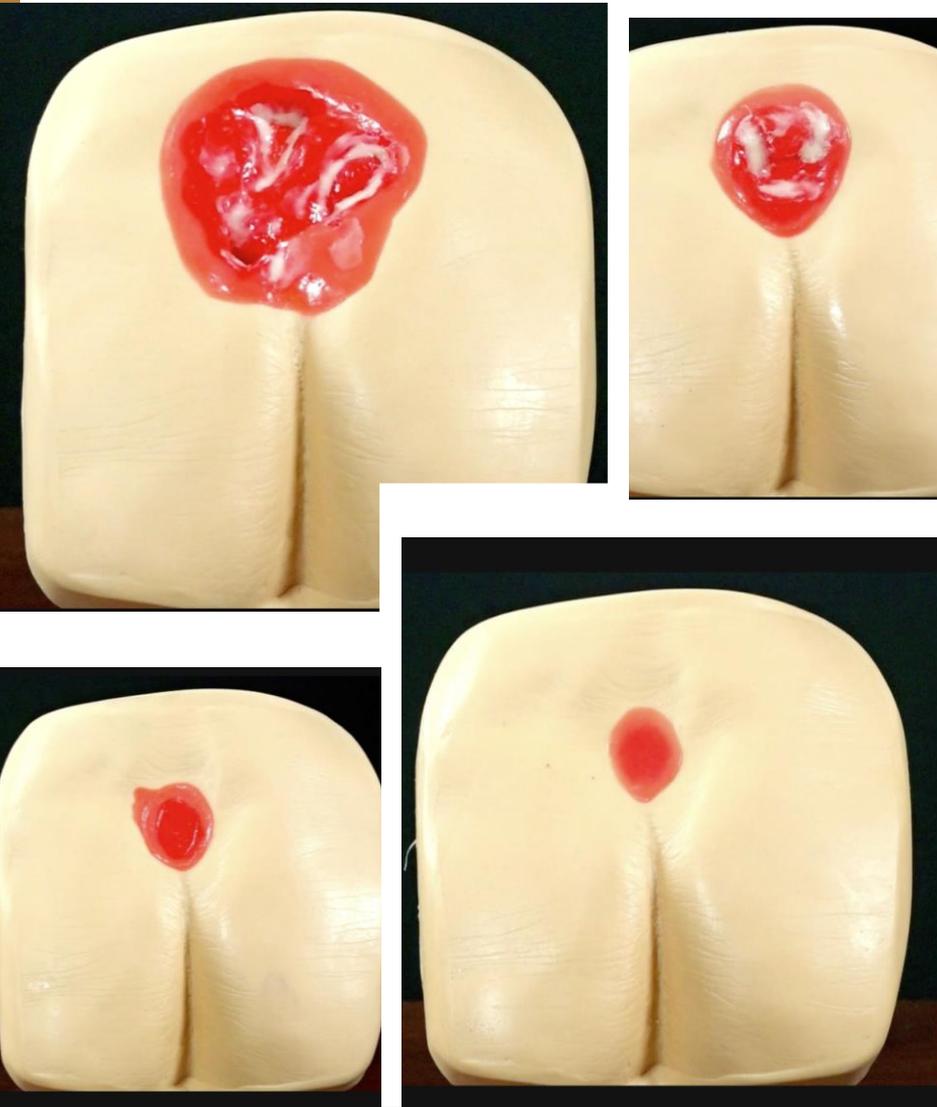
Hearing
Impairment
Simulator

Geriatric
Arthritis
Simulator

Geriatric
Tremor
Simulator



PRESSURE ULCER, FOOT



PRESSURE ULCER, BUTTOCKS







18-PART TORSO WITH OPEN BACK/NECK



NATIONAL ELDER ABUSE ONLINE COMMUNITY



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WHAT IS THE NATIONAL ELDER ABUSE COMMUNITY?

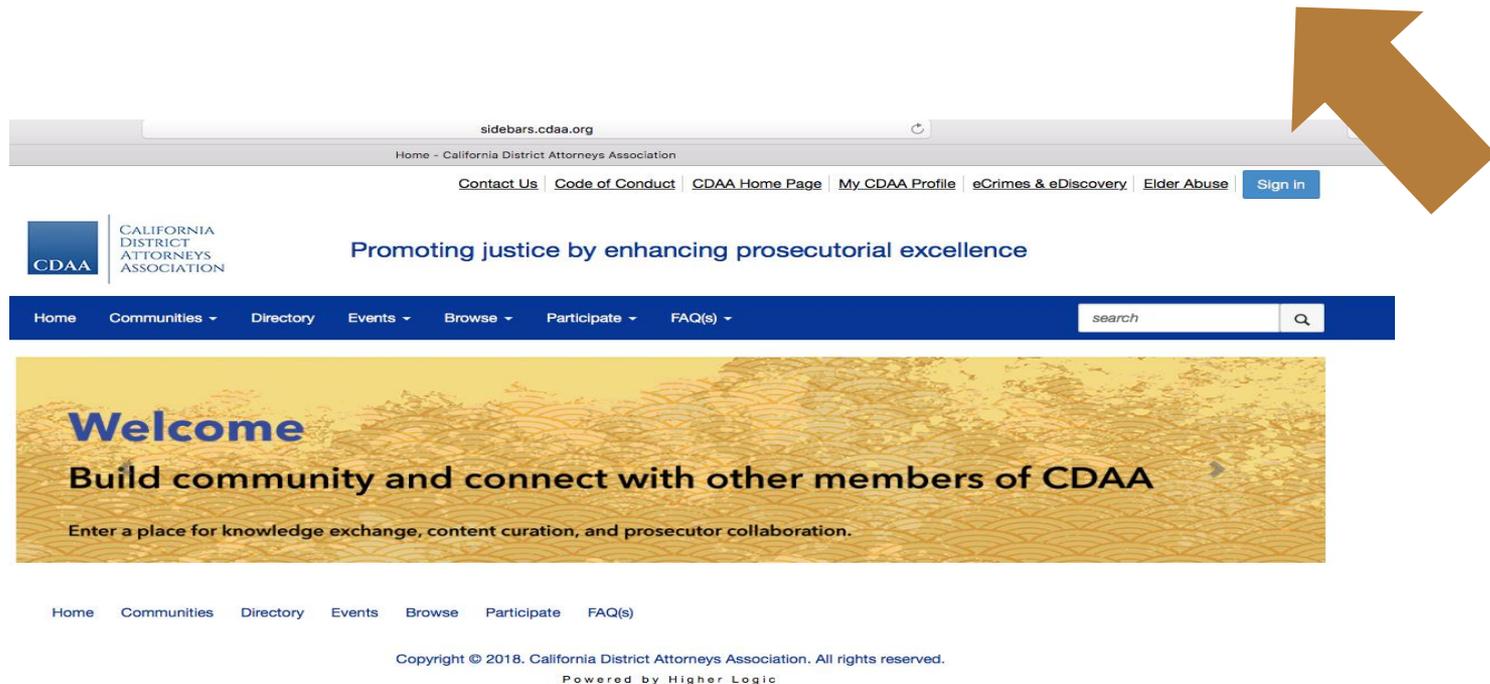
An online forum hosted by the California District Attorneys Association on its Sidebars platform, where prosecutors and investigators from across the country can come together and collaborate on issues involving elder abuse prosecution.

FEATURES OF THE COMMUNITY

- ▶ **Discussions**—Participants can choose Real Time or Daily Digest options for notification of new posts to the forum.
- ▶ **Resource Library**—A private knowledge-base of best practices with sample documents (briefs, memorandum, points, and authorities), policies, articles, manuals, reference guides, meeting minutes, and videos. Items in the library are archived and searchable.
- ▶ **Announcements**—Learn about upcoming events and meetings.
- ▶ **Responsive Format**—Participants have a positive experience regardless of the Internet browser they use or how they access Communities—from a desktop computer, mobile device, or tablet.

WANT TO JOIN?

GO TO WWW.SIDEBARS.CDAA.ORG AND CLICK ON THE "ELDER ABUSE" LINK AT THE TOP RIGHT OF THE PAGE.



The screenshot shows the website sidebars.cdaa.org. The browser address bar displays "sidebars.cdaa.org". Below the address bar, the page title is "Home - California District Attorneys Association". The top navigation bar includes links for "Contact Us", "Code of Conduct", "CDAA Home Page", "My CDAA Profile", "eCrimes & eDiscovery", "Elder Abuse", and a "Sign in" button. A large blue arrow points to the "Elder Abuse" link. The main content area features the CDAA logo (California District Attorneys Association) and the tagline "Promoting justice by enhancing prosecutorial excellence". Below this is a dark blue navigation bar with links for "Home", "Communities", "Directory", "Events", "Browse", "Participate", and "FAQ(s)", along with a search box. A large yellow banner with a textured background contains the text: "Welcome", "Build community and connect with other members of CDAA", and "Enter a place for knowledge exchange, content curation, and prosecutor collaboration." At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the same navigation links and a copyright notice: "Copyright © 2018. California District Attorneys Association. All rights reserved. Powered by Higher Logic".



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Elder Abuse

National Elder Abuse Community

Thank you for your interest in the National Elder Abuse Community—an online forum for prosecutors and investigators working in the area of elder abuse. This community is by invitation only and members are vetted. If you would like to receive an invitation, please follow these two steps:

STEP ONE

Create a profile by clicking [HERE](#).

Be sure to retain the Username and Password you create.

For security purposes, only individuals with a government-agency email address will be permitted to join this community.

NOTE: If you are a CDAА member or if you have registered to attend a CDAА training event, you already have a profile and do not need to create another one—you can proceed to STEP TWO.

STEP TWO

Send an email request to join to one of the moderators listed below:

STEP ONE: CREATE A PROFILE

Prefix

• First name

Middle name

• Last name

Suffix

Designation

Informal name

Title

• Organization

• Email

Phone

Mobile phone

• Country

• Address

• City

• State

• Postal code

• Username

• Password

• Confirm password

The password must be at least 7 characters long.

For security purposes only individuals with a government-agency email address will be permitted to join

Retain your username and password

STEP TWO: EMAIL A MODERATOR

- ▶ Email one of the moderators, who will verify your employment and notify the site administrator to add you to the community once approved.
- ▶ You will receive a welcome email from the administrator confirming that you have been added to the community.

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Login with your username and password.



The sign-in form is titled 'Sign In' and contains the following fields and options:

- Username:
- Password:
- Keep me signed in
-
- I don't know my [username](#) or [password](#)
- [Create a new account](#)

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By: Janet Smith, 16 days ago

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By: Erin J. Martzell, one month ago

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By: Laura Bell, 22 hours ago

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By: Laura Bell, 22 hours ago

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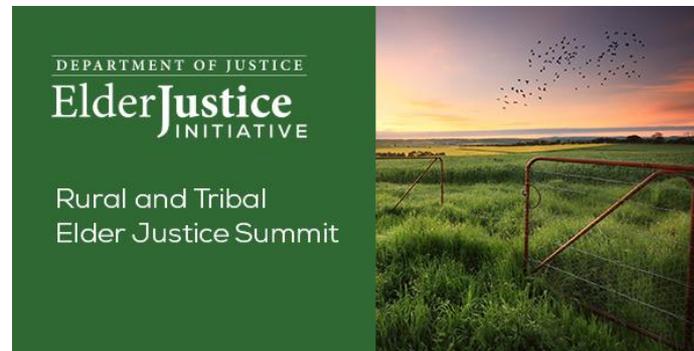
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