



EJI Commemorates World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Today, the Department of Justice joins millions around the world in commemorating World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), a day intended to raise public awareness of the fight against elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. Research sponsored by the Department's National Institute of Justice finds that millions of older Americans experience some form of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation every year, often by someone they love. The harms resulting from mistreatment of older Americans drives our work every day. Today, we are proud to announce 10 new resources to train, inform, and support elder justice professionals across the country.

[President Biden's 2023 WEAAD Proclamation](#)



Training and Resources for Elder Justice Professionals

New Course Being Offered by the MDT TAC

MDT Alchemy: Creating High Performance Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Teams

Elder Abuse MDTs strive to serve our nation's older adults, but few resources exist to support MDTs in their work. The MDT TAC is working to close this gap by providing customized MDT training for teams. Trainings include an initial consultation to better understand where your team is in terms of formation and infrastructure development and to hear from you about the challenges your team is facing.

This is an interactive training for the entire team that uses case examples, group discussion, research driven information about MDTs and lessons learned from the work of similar teams to cover three essential topic areas: Foundation, Evaluation, and Adaptation.

Based on our initial consultation, the training will be tailored to the needs of your MDT. The MDT TAC is available for ongoing consultation after the training.

To learn more or request a training, email:

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EJI Funds SAFE (Safe and Accessible Forensic Interviewing with Elders) Training in 10 Communities

SAFE Interviewer training was developed to meet the growing need for victim-centered, trauma-informed interview techniques for use with older adults in criminal contexts. In the coming year, EJI will provide SAFE training to 10 law enforcement entities and their partners from across the country through an application process. Learn more about [SAFE Training](#) and how to apply for the 2-Day SAFE Training [here](#).



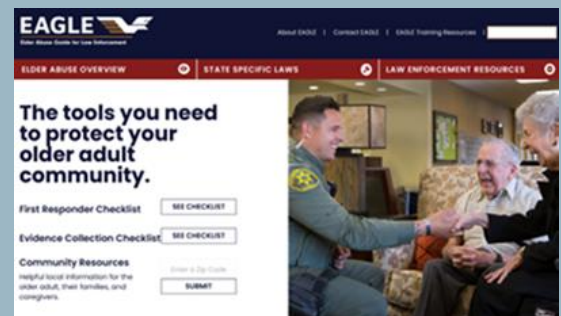
The National Center for State and Tribal Elder Justice Coalitions (NCSTEJC)

State and tribal coalitions are an important mechanism for exchanging information and advancing elder justice goals. Launched in October, 2022, with funding provided by the Office for Victims of Crime, the NCSTEJC is intended to promote and grow state and tribal elder justice coalitions. Lifespan, a founding member of the [National Network of State Elder Justice Coalitions](#), will manage the project. With a June 5th application deadline, the first [RFP](#) was released with the intention of funding 8 state or tribal elder justice coalitions.



Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement (EAGLE) Train-the-Trainer Under Development

Many are familiar with EJI's [EAGLE](#), an online tool designed to support officers in quickly identifying, intervening, and resolving elder abuse situations. Based on the EAGLE, EJI supported the development of a one-hour no-cost [EAGLE Online Training](#), with POST certification in 36 states. To expand the reach of EAGLE, EJI is currently supporting the National Center on Elder Abuse to develop a Train-the-Trainer curriculum, along with some additional new resources, anticipated for release in the spring of 2024.



Elder Justice Resources for the General Public

IC3 Financial Fraud Reporting Public Service Announcement (PSA)

EJI collaborated with the FBI's IC3 program to develop a financial fraud PSA for the general public. This PSA encourages the public to file reports of internet-related financial fraud through the IC3 electronic reporting system, demonstrates how to file the report, and explains what types of fraud can be reported, including internet-related fraud targeting older Americans. The PSA stresses the urgency of filing reports quickly to increase opportunities to intervene.

Please share the [free 2 min. PSA](#) with members of your community.



EJI Elder Justice Public Outreach Flyers

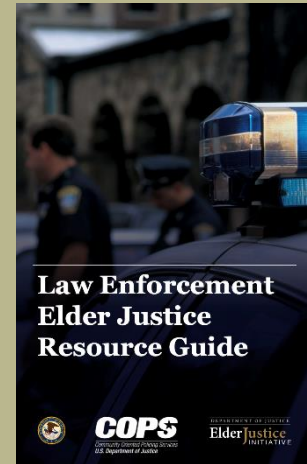
EJI recently completed the redesign of its [elder justice public outreach flyers](#). Designed to be uplifting and empowering, the flyers include plain language, simple messages, and importantly, information about where to find help. Covering a number of relevant topics (see graphic), each of the five flyers is available in seven languages: Chinese, English, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.



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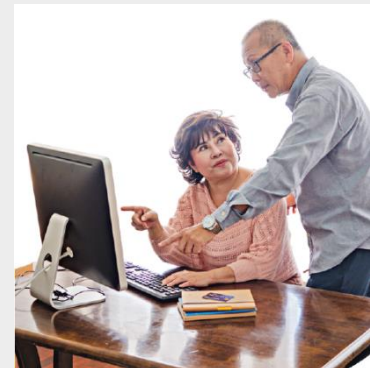
National Law Enforcement Outreach

As part of the Department's [Agency Priority Goals](#) (p. 35), EJI is connecting with state POSTs and Chiefs of Police associations to share our [law enforcement resources](#) and to offer to conduct webinars or draft articles on elder justice specifically for law enforcement (e.g., the Michigan Chiefs of Police Magazine published *The Department of Justice's Elder Justice Resources for State and Local Law Enforcement* (May 2023); EJI hosted a webinar for the Rhode Island POST on May 1, 2023). EJI has contacted at least one of these organizations in each of the 50 states, and secured with 15 entities agreements to incorporate our law enforcement training and resources in some manner into their law enforcement resources.



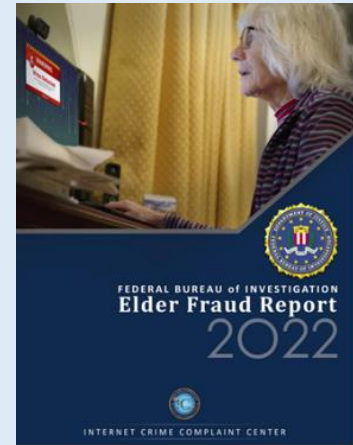
Furthering the Fight Against International Fraud Operations

The Department announced its expansion of the [Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force](#) in October 2022. Led by the Consumer Protection Branch, the Strike Force is now comprised of 20 U.S. Attorney's Offices and partnering law enforcement specifically tasked with fighting foreign fraudsters' efforts to target older U.S. consumers.



2022 Elder Fraud Report

Released April 17, 2023, the [2022 Elder Fraud Report](#), produced by IC3 (FBI), provides statistics and information on financial scams affecting older Americans in the past year. For example, the Report found an 84% increase in losses from 2021. Of the 88,262 victims ages 60 and older, 17,810 were victims of Tech Support, followed by Non-payment/Non-Delivery. However, the highest financial losses resulted from Investment fraud, followed by Tech Support. Cryptocurrency-related losses reported by older adults increased by 350%, largely due to Investment fraud.



The National Elder Abuse Victim Services Needs Assessment

Under a contract with EJI, ICF is undertaking the first-ever national elder abuse victim services needs assessment, intended to capture the service needs of persons harmed by elder abuse from the initial incident to investigation and prosecution, and throughout recovery. The assessment will be specific for each type of abuse, as well as gender identity, culture, and other important factors. The project involves surveys and focus groups with elder justice professionals, federal staff, and most importantly, persons harmed by elder abuse and their family and friends to ensure their voices are captured in the results. Recommendations are anticipated in August, 2024, and will be available on the Department's [Elder Justice Website](#).



If you or someone you love is being harmed, call the [National Elder Fraud Hotline](#) at 833-FRAUD-11 or 833-372-8311 Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. eastern time. Learn more [about elder abuse](#).

Mission Statement

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

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