

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# ElderJustice INITIATIVE

## Law Enforcement Investigations of Financial Exploitation and Fraud of Older Americans

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# ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE

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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.

# ELDERJUSTICE.GOV

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

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



## **Outreach Materials**

Get involved, get safe community presentations, pamphlets, and materials on all types of elder abuse.



## **Prosecutor Video Series**

Training videos geared toward successful prosecution of elder abuse cases.



## **Elder Abuse Research**

References to articles, books, and government reports on all types of elder abuse and financial exploitation topics.



## **Elder Abuse Statutes**

State statutes relevant to elder abuse cases.



## **MDT Guide & Toolkit**

Start or grow a local elder abuse case review multidisciplinary team with this research- and resource-rich toolkit.



## **Financial Exploitation & Reporting**

Learn about financial scams and find the right reporting agency.



## **Webinars**

Webinars targeted to elder abuse professionals and those interested in elder abuse topics



# Speakers

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## **Skip Swain**

Detective

Fresno County Sheriff's Office

Elder Abuse Unit

## **Gary MacNamara**

Chief of Police (ret.)

Fairfield (CT) Police Department

## **Charles Szatkowski**

Detective

Colorado Springs Police Department

## **Andrea Higgins**

Criminal Elder Abuse Investigator

San Mateo County (CA) District

Attorney's Office



# Law Enforcement Resources





# ***COPS***

*Community Oriented Policing Services  
U.S. Department of Justice*







***COPS*** ★  
*Community Oriented Policing Services*  
**TRAINING**





## Elder Justice Resources

### ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

**The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) recognizes the need for additional resources to identify and combat elder abuse, neglect, and financial fraud and scams that target our nation's older adults. As the baby boomers age, there become an even greater need for federal, state, and local law enforcement officers to be prepared for their critical role in our response to the crime of elder abuse and financial exploitation.**

The DOJ's Elder Justice Initiative (EJI) has developed an unprecedented amount of tools, training, and resources to assist law enforcement. The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is making its resources as well as EJI's available below. Please scroll down to see and use the interactive investigative tools, officer checklists, sample



## Elder Abuse Resources for Law Enforcement



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The Department of Justice provides training, toolkits and resources to assist law enforcement in their mission to combat elder abuse and financial exploitation.



### EAGLE (Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement)

Web module to support law enforcement in elder abuse and financial exploitation cases.



### SAFTA (Senior Abuse Financial Tracking and Accounting Tool) Toolkit

Downloadable toolkit to assist financial exploitation investigations and prosecution.



### Roll Call Videos and Other Media

A compilation of elder abuse roll call videos, podcasts, webinars, and other media training.



### Working Collaboratively

Resources to build strong working relationships with other professionals.



### Learn More about Elder Abuse

Documents and websites specifically for law enforcement involved in elder abuse and financial exploitation cases.



### Prosecution News

Law enforcement's identification and pursuit of cases promotes prosecution.

# Elder Justice Website Law Enforcement Webpage


# ELDER ABUSE GUIDE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT (EAGLE)



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**First Responder Checklist**  
Survey the scene.

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**Evidence Collection Checklist**  
Collect evidence.

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**Community Resources**  
Leave behind helpful information for the elder and their families and caregivers.

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**EAGLE Training from National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C)**

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## Introducing **EAGLE** Online Training

### Online elder abuse training *for* law enforcement *by* law enforcement

The **Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement (EAGLE)** is a national web module designed to support officers in identifying, intervening, and resolving cases of elder abuse while in the field or at their desk.

To help officers get the most benefit from EAGLE, the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) developed a free online training for law enforcement.

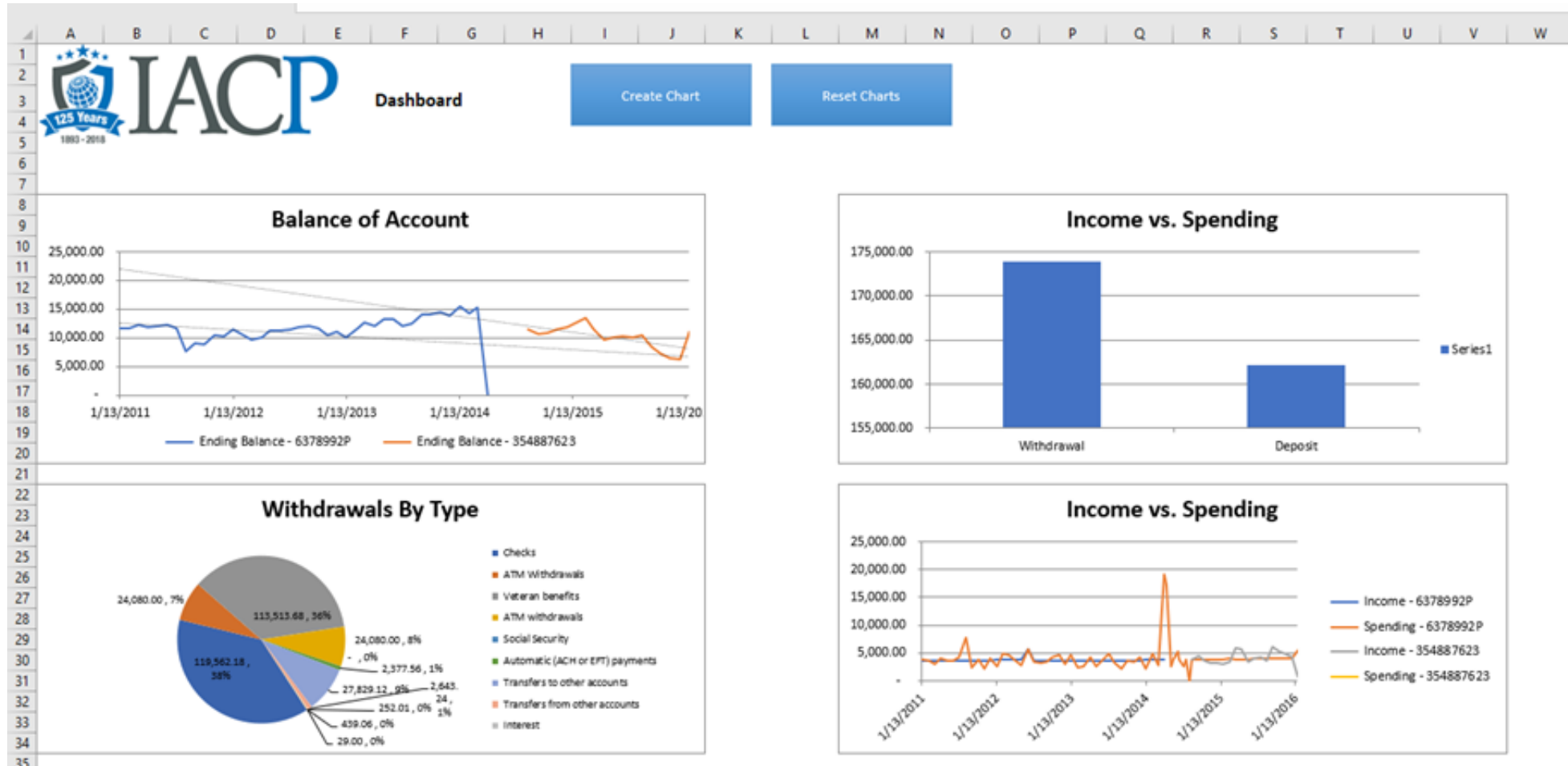
- *Certified by the IADLEST National Certification Program™*
- *1 hour of POST credit in 36 states*
- *Self-paced online training*
- *Mobile friendly*



Take the EAGLE training!

# IADLEST-Certified Elder Abuse Online Training

# SENIOR ABUSE FINANCIAL TRACKING AND ACCOUNTING TOOL (SAFTA)



# Roll Call Videos

## Financial Abuse By A Stranger



## False Imprisonment



## Financial Exploitation By A Family Member



## Physical Abuse



## Neglect (2 Cases)



## Understanding Elder Abuse





- [Safe Return: Alzheimer's Disease Guide for Law Enforcement](#) <sup>PDF</sup> (Alzheimer's Association)
- [A Booming Problem: Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Elder Abuse](#) (COPS Office)
- [Approaching Alzheimer's: First Responder Training Program](#) <sup>PDF</sup> (Alzheimer's Association)
- [Communicating with Someone with Dementia](#) <sup>PDF</sup> (Alzheimer's Association)

## Make Your First Response the Right Response

If you encounter a person living with dementia in the community where you protect and serve, would you know how to appropriately adjust your approach? With input from first responders, we developed the free online course: [Approaching Alzheimer's](#).





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# Alzheimer's Training Center

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*It's not a question of **whether** law enforcement will be dealing with Alzheimer's disease, but rather **when** we'll encounter Alzheimer's disease, and **how** we'll respond.*

**Direct Training Program - 1 Day**

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# National Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse Community

The NEDAA Community is a secure online forum where prosecutors and investigators from across the country can learn from one another and collaborate on issues involving elder abuse prosecution.

Free community membership includes: Online Discussions, Resource Library, Announcements, and Responsive Format.

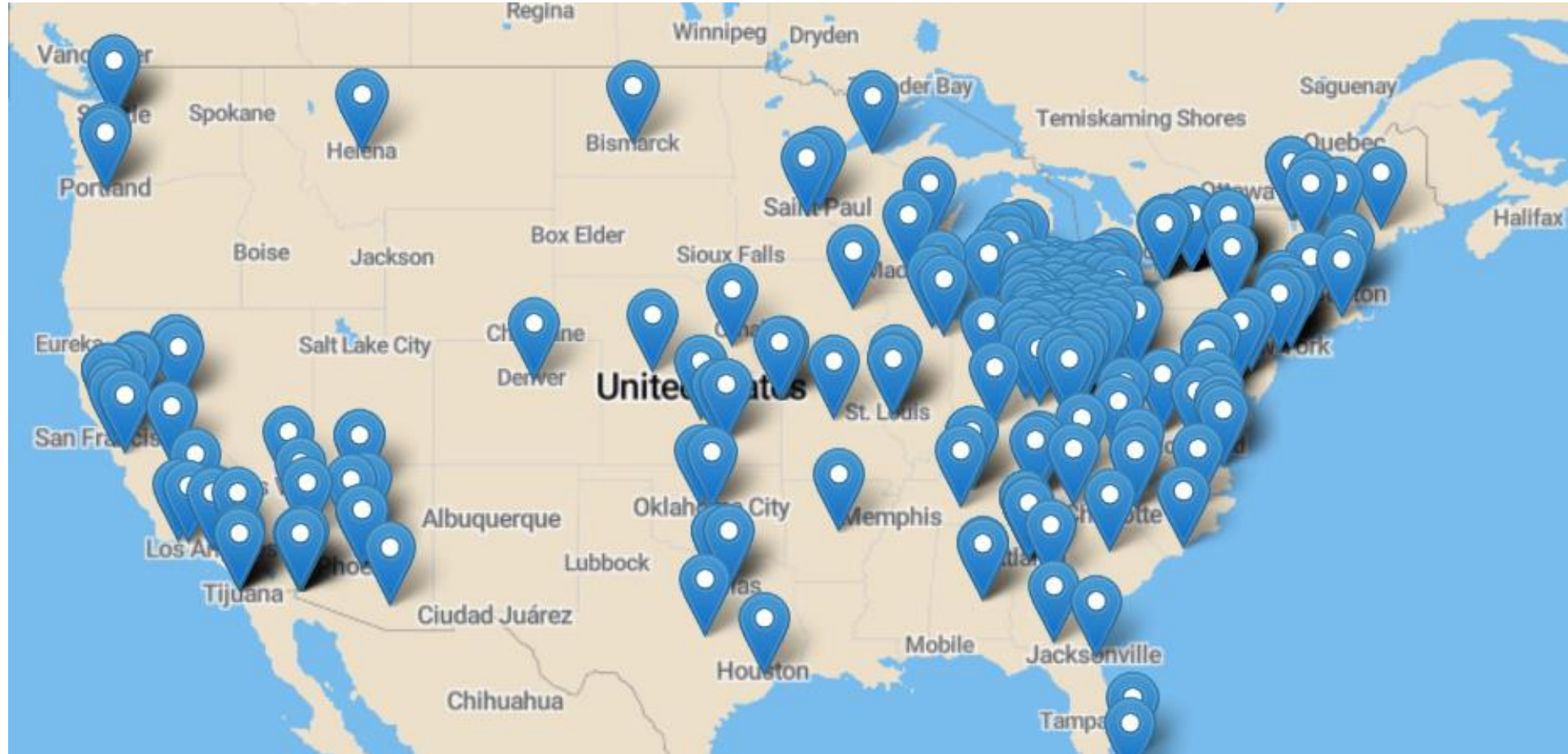
To join the community email: [emartinelli@cdaa.org](mailto:emartinelli@cdaa.org)





# Network Locator Map

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# OVW Fiscal Year 2020 Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program Solicitation

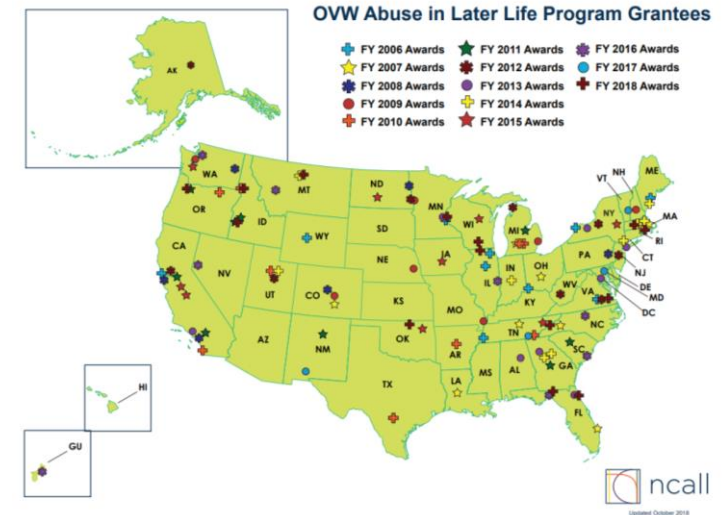
Release Date: on or about December 4, 2019.

## Eligibility

Eligible applicants are limited to: States; units of local government; tribal governments or tribal organizations; population specific organizations with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals over 50 years of age; victim service providers with demonstrated experience in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and state, tribal, or territorial domestic violence or sexual assault coalitions.

(See "[Eligibility Information](#)")

# 2020 Awarded \$3.8m







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# Training for Law Enforcement to Improve Identification of and Response to Elder Fraud Victims

## Award Information

**Awardee:** [NW3C Inc. d/b/a the National White Collar Crime Center](#)

**Award #:** 2020-V3-GX-K006

**Location:** [Richmond, VA](#)

**Awardee County:** Choose State...

**Congressional District:** [7](#)

**Status:** Awarded, but not yet accepted

**Funding First Awarded:** 2020

**Total funding (to date):** \$1,940,738

**Original Solicitation:**

[OVC FY 2020 Training for Law Enforcement to Improve Identification of and Response to Elder Fraud Victims](#)

## Similar Awards

[Aiding and Empowering Child Survivors \(AECS\) Project](#)

[Ayuda's Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking Grant](#)

[Specialized Services for Human Trafficking Victims in Hennepin County, Minnesota](#)

Awarded  
NW3C  
\$1.9m

Description of original award (Fiscal Year 2020, \$1,940,738)



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# Over \$7.9 Million Awarded by Office for Victims of Crime to Improve Victim Services for Older Victims

October 6, 2020

In commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the [International Day of Older Persons](#)—a day in which we reaffirm our commitment to protecting and promoting the rights of seniors—[Attorney General Barr announced](#) \$9.4 million in funding to programs serving older victims of fraud and abuse.

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<https://ovc.ojp.gov/announcement/over-7-million-awarded-office-victims-crime-improve-victim-services-older-victims>



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## National Elder Fraud Hotline

To help combat fraud against older Americans and provide services to victims, OVC announces the launch of the National Elder Fraud Hotline. Call 833-FRAUD-11 (833-372-8311) to receive help from a hotline case manager.

Learn more on the [National Elder Fraud Hotline](#) website.



**NATIONAL ELDER  
FRAUD HOTLINE**

**1-833-FRAUD-11**

**1-833-372-8311**





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# Pathways to Safety: An Examination of Federal and State-Level Barriers and Facilitators to Elder Abuse Reporting and Response

## Award Information

**Awardee:** [Education Development Center, Inc.](#)

**Award #:** 2020-75-CX-0003

**Location:** [Waltham, MA](#)

**Congressional District:** [5](#)

**Status:** Awarded, but not yet accepted

**Funding First Awarded:** 2020

**Total funding (to date):** \$433,368

**Original Solicitation:**

[Research on the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Individuals, Fiscal Year 2020](#)

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# A Skeletal Atlas of Elder Abuse: Establishing Markers of Physical Abuse and Developing a Digital Diagnostic Tool for Education and Screening

## Award Information

**Awardee:** [AZ Board of Regents on behalf of Arizona State University](#)

**Award #:** 2020-75-CX-0005

**Location:** [Tempe, AZ](#)

**Congressional District:** [9](#)

**Status:** Awarded, but not yet accepted

**Funding First Awarded:** 2020

**Total funding (to date):** \$1,035,328

**Original Solicitation:**

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# Thank You

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