



# How VOCA Funds Have Been Used Across the Country To Create or Enhance Elder Justice Programs

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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.



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**Elder abuse is a complex issue that intersects with many disciplines.**

Elder abuse can happen to anyone. It affects people of every ethnic background, gender, and financial status.



Abused seniors are **3X MORE LIKELY TO DIE** than non-abused seniors.



**COGNITIVE DECLINE IS A RISK FACTOR FOR** elder abuse, including **FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION.**



Aproximately **1 IN 10 SENIORS** is abused **EACH YEAR.**

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# PRESENTERS

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