



A: Coalition for Justice for Elder and Disabled

Advancing Justice Through Education, Awareness & Advocacy

CJEDA: Coalition for Justice for Elder and Disabled Adults

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About CJEDA



- Statewide coalition
- Department of Justice Initiative
- Mission: Justice for older & disabled adults
- Focus: education, awareness, advocacy

The Landscape of Elder Justice



- Abuse, neglect, exploitation are widespread
- 1 in 10 older adults affected annually
- Financial exploitation on the rise

Key CJEDA Initiatives



- Elder Justice Act support
- Awareness Campaign (current focus)
- Financial Exploitation Reforms

Elder Justice Act (2010)



- First comprehensive federal elder abuse law
- National framework for prevention & response
- Established Elder Justice Coordinating Council

Elder Justice Act – Programs & Initiatives

- APS Grants – strengthen state response
- NAMRS – national APS data system
- Ombudsman Program – oversight
- Forensic Centers – multidisciplinary response
- Training – APS, healthcare, law enforcement, courts
- Research & Pilots – studies, demonstration projects

Awareness Campaign



SHOW ME ELDER JUSTICE

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Financial Exploitation Reforms

- Fastest-growing form of elder abuse
- Policy advocacy for stronger protections
- Education to reduce risks

Supporting Victims Through Partnerships

- APS and ombudsman programs as coalition members
- Collaboration across agencies and professions
- Increase partnerships
- Unified response is key

Practical Strategies for Professionals

- Recognize signs of abuse & neglect
- Respond with care & dignity
- Best practices for reporting



Advocacy in Action



- Policy engagement
- Awareness in organizations & communities
- Let's Talk About It!
- Recent advocacy successes

Resources for Continued Learning

- Elder justice organizations
- Training & certification opportunities
- CJEDA contact & coalition partners

Closing & Call to Action



- Recognize • Respond • Report • Advocate
- Together we advance elder justice

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