



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Summary Report Recipients of NCPEA mini-grants and Activities by State

California

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This mini-grant provided funding for a meeting held in conjunction with a reception to promote World Elder Abuse Day in honor of the opening of a multidisciplinary Elder Abuse Forensic Center (EAFC) on the campus of LAC+USC Medical Center. Printed materials were distributed and participants received complimentary educational materials including a CD on identifying elder abuse and USPS DVDs on fraud, elder abuse, and identity theft. The Los Angeles County Forensic Center is a team of professionals that work to provide expert and comprehensive case examination, documentation, consultation and prosecution of elder and dependent adult abuse cases.

Colorado

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Pat Stanis, an active member of NCPEA from Colorado was instrumental in bringing in the applications from our Colorado applicants. Thanks to her initiative there was immense reporting of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Activities in Colorado. An NBC affiliate in Colorado hosted a program on elder law attorneys who dispensed free legal information on all aspects of elder abuse. Moreover, the Colorado Bar Association – Elder Law Section provided Elder Abuse Awareness information at their annual Senior Law Day. This dissemination also included fact sheets, EA prevention topics and purple ribbon pins. Grantees included the following:

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An Elder Abuse Awareness & Prevention Symposium was held in honor of June 15th. The mini-grant enabled Gunnison County providers to learn more about the resources available to educate the community of Elder Abuse prevalence and prevention. Three local newspapers ran articles about World Elder Abuse Awareness Day to raise public awareness. Educational materials were provided to all local medical clinics in both Gunnison and Crested Butte, the local LTC facility, the Willows Assisted Care facility, Mountain View senior independent living complex, the Young at Heart Senior Center, Senior Resources Office, Department of Human Services, Mountain Home Health, Gunnison Valley Hospital, and the Mental Health Center. Topics covered in the materials included general abuse awareness, identity theft, power of attorney issues, and local resources. The local hospital is to purchase training videos for their staff on recognition and prevention and local banks have been contacted to begin specialized training for their employees to recognize signs of coercion or exploitation.

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A presentation on elder abuse was prepared to address the fear seniors have of the abuse committed by family and caregivers. The program sought to give seniors the tools to protect themselves before, during and after the fact. A proclamation was offered by city/county officials at Senior Resource Development agencies (SRDA) in honor of June 15th. A lunch for local seniors was made available and then followed by a panel which addressed such topics as police procedures, laws, adult protection, medical issues and statistics of abuse. Fact sheets and phone lists were provided to participants as was training for foster grandparents and outreach for caregivers. PSA's were run on local stations and flyers distributed to local doctor offices and within the Seniors Services network.

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A proclamation by Mayor, Karen Stuart, announcing Elder Abuse Awareness Day in the City and County of Broomfield was initiated on June 15th, 2006. The lobby of the Senior Center was filled to capacity to join the Mayor for the proclamation. Educational periodicals, brochures and prevention hand-outs were made available with over 300 pieces distributed that day. A congregated lunch of 84 community members was followed by a presentation by local service providers including the senior liaison police officer, an adult protection officer, a social services case worker and senior services staff. This educational process is to continue in Broomfield at the Senior Resource Fair in November of 2006. The efforts of June 15th are to form the foundation of a legacy of new information and action plans in fighting elder abuse for years to come.

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The "Seniors - Our Golden Resource" program initiated for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day sought to make the community aware of the day and the issues of elder abuse. The local newspaper ran a two page article on the event and the significance and prevalence to locals in the community. Aspen Mine held a three hour training program to educate seniors from Victor, Cripple Creek and Florissant about what the day meant. The meeting was well attended and received. Posters detailed the problems and statistics of elder abuse. Following the program, seniors were provided with a refrigerator magnet with emergency numbers for APS and Police. The feedback was impressive. Seniors have asked for more educational programs that empower and enable them to be educated about their rights and available resources.

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A presentation on Elder Abuse Awareness was given June 14th at the local senior organization's board meeting. Seminar-in-a-Sack packets of information were also provided at a senior luncheon with local community members held that same day. These packets provided education

materials on types of elder abuse, identification, reporting, a resource guide listing county-wide sources of assistance and a bookmark promoting June 15th as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. 200 resource guides were printed and distributed. However, publicity was poor for this year's program, the first of its kind. It is expected that future programs would be well received and better attended due to increased lead time. Park County, Colorado is a large county with a relatively small population. Our older adults are often geographically isolated, allowing abuse and neglect to occur undetected. Friends and neighbors may suspect a problem but are unsure how to help. Victims of elder abuse may not seek assistance from service providers and other resources available. Increased awareness and education is expected to empower our elders and improve community support.

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In support of the observance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in the State of Delaware, press releases were distributed with supporting information to 36 in-state media outlets. A newsletter was published and disseminated with a story about WEAAD and local resources to 550 faith communities, 27 judicatorial offices, 30 community-based senior centers, 9 state and local government officials, and 62 members of the Delaware General Assembly. Proclamations were provided in honor of the day by the Governor of Delaware and County Executive of New Castle County. Flyers and purple ribbons were distributed to local and state government officials and a presentation was made to the State of Delaware House of Representatives. In follow up, a special conference on caregiving and elderly protection was held later this summer. Plans have been put in place to make World Elder Abuse Awareness Day an annual event in Delaware with additional proclamations and resolutions and media events.

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A press conference and education presentation was held on June 15th in the County Commission Chambers and was later aired multiple times on a local television station. The program included a nationally-recognized panel of speakers discussing a variety of topics from elder justice, to facility abuse and medical issues to the law enforcement and caregiver perspectives. In addition to the education piece, awareness materials were distributed and a hotline for reporting made available.

Illinois

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In observance of WEAAD the agency distributed informational flyers and pencils at the congregate meal sites and with the home-delivered meals in the five counties that the agency serves. Prairie Council on Aging provides services to people over the age of sixty in the counties of Morgan, Scott, Cass, Greene, and Jersey in central Illinois. 7000 flyers were printed and included information on types of elder abuse and provided a hotline reporting number for the

area. The pencil was stamped with the name of the agency and phone number. Additionally, agency staff was made available to answer questions and take reports of elder abuse.

Kentucky

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A training program was held on May 31, 2006 for community providers of services to the elderly. The training successfully brought about awareness of the issues regarding elder abuse and recognized June 15th as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Attendees received printed materials informing citizens about the various types of abuse, symptoms exhibited by those abused, characteristics of abusers, how and to whom to report suspected abuse and measures to take to help prevent abuse of the elderly. Silver ribbons were provided in honor of June 15th as well as to local businesses. Additionally, laminated cards were provided to all transport providers in attendance with telephone numbers for local APS providers and the Kentucky Elder Abuse hotline contact along with indicators of elder abuse for the clients they serve.

Maryland

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A series of lectures were organized for June 15th at Bowie City Hall to mark the 1st annual world Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Proclamations honoring the day were provided by Governor Bob Ehrlich, County Executive Jack Johnson, PG County Council Chair, Thomas Denoga, the Mayor of Bowie, G. Frederick Robinson and the Honorable Kweisi Mfume. Health providers and seniors from facilities across Maryland were provided with flyers on the event and 65 registered in attendance. Presentations covered a variety of topics of elder abuse and in particular, preventive interventions. 250 boxed lunches were provided with surplus meals going to City of Bowie seniors centers. The organizers plan to replicate such events in coming years and are planning vigorous grassroots awareness campaigns.

New York

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A day long conference in honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was held for attorneys, physicians, social workers, nurses, policymakers, interested community members and the media. The “Out of the Shadows – Elder Abuse in the Community: Recognition, Intervention and Prevention” program included a morning plenary followed by a series of interdisciplinary workshops. The NY Governor’s office and Mayor’s office provided proclamations designating the event as a WEAAD event were presented. The conference was designed to help professionals address the complex problems of elder abuse and providing effective interventions. The funding was utilized for scholarships to bring 20 seniors served by the Hebrew Home for the Aged and JASA to participate in the day’s conference and workshops.