

# MINNESOTA ELDER JUSTICE CENTER

*The mission of the Minnesota Elder Justice Center is to mobilize communities to prevent and alleviate abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of older and vulnerable adults.*

## Elder Abuse - The Problem

- Elder abuse can include physical, sexual, emotional abuse; financial exploitation, neglect or often, a combination of these abuses.
- About 1 in 10 adults over the age of 60 are victims of elder abuse.
- When there is a dementia-type disease, the risk increases to 1 in 5.
- Older victims lose over \$3 billion each year.

## What We Do

### *Direct Victim Services*

We provide support and advocacy to older and vulnerable victims of abuse, and their families. Our services also include assistance to others who work with older adults, as well as limited legal representation for victims.

### *Professional Education & Public Awareness*

We provide entry-level and advanced training to individuals and institutions who work with older and vulnerable adults. Our audiences include social services, legal community, health care, financial institutions, and others. We also provide specialized trainings for law enforcement and criminal justice professionals.

In addition, we provide statewide public awareness and education opportunities to the public so they can be informed, help those around them, and build communities that do not tolerate abuse against older and vulnerable adults.

### *Public Policy & Systems Change*

We advocate for policy initiatives that benefit older and vulnerable victims of abuse, prevent abuse, and hold perpetrators accountable. We work with county and community teams to support a coordinated response to elder abuse. We coordinate opportunities professionals to work together to learn, discuss and prepare recommendations to strengthen systems to protect older and vulnerable adults.

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## 2020 Work:

Provided free support and advocacy to over 625 victims of elder abuse.

Began providing free legal representation with a new pilot legal services program.

Provided over 70 free trainings reaching over 5,400 professionals and community members.

Provided technical assistance to statewide professionals working with older or vulnerable adults.

Managed a pilot project to enhance county vulnerable adult Multi-Disciplinary Teams in 4 Greater MN communities.

Helped craft and advocate on behalf of the 2020 Guardianship Reform law, signed into law June 2020.

## Who We Are:

Statewide nonprofit organization working to prevent and alleviate abuse of older and vulnerable adult abuse. All of our services are free of charge.

9 staff, located in St. Paul and Moorhead.

## Get Help:

If you or someone you know is experiencing elder abuse, call 651-440-9300 for support, guidance and help.

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