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Lessons Learned from Judicial Education on Elder Abuse

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Goal & Objectives

Critical Thinking

Goal:

Inspire judges and judicial officers to seek further education opportunities and support that focus on management of elder abuse cases.

Objectives

- Describe the importance of access to judicial education on abuse in later life and elder abuse for judges across the U.S.
- Identify fundamental components of judicial education that are an essential foundation for judges presiding over cases where abuse in later life is present
- Consider how key learnings from the CA judicial education replication of the Enhancing Judicial Skills in Abuse in Later Life Cases apply to your own continuing education as a judge or judicial officer.
OVW Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program
Training: Judges & Judicial Officers

Enhancing Judicial Skills in Abuse in Later Life Cases

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<th>Year</th>
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<th>Partnership</th>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>Based on NJIDV Model (started in 1998)</td>
<td>NCJFCJ FUTURES</td>
<td>352 judges from 47 states and 2 territories</td>
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<td>Virtual:</td>
<td>1205 Multi-disciplinary professionals (over ½ judges)</td>
<td>Upcoming Tysons Corner, VA January 7-10, 2024</td>
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CA Elder Abuse Institute

**Replication**
Started in 2008. Delivered every other year. Based on NJIDV Model (started in 1998); revised regularly and has evolved.

**Recent Topics**
Dynamics, Adult Protective Services (APS), Judicial Leadership—Elder Protection Court, Protective Orders, Medical Issues of Aging, Undue influence, Assessing capacity, Older Defendant/Respondents, Culture and Fairness, Ethical Issues in Fact-Finding, Court Coordination & Communication, Restorative Justice, access.

**Similarities**
Focus on aspects of abuse in later life/elder abuse cases that are different from other cases and how those differences affect judicial fact finding and case resolution.

**Differences**
Some additional experts; State specific faculty

**Benefits**
cost, local experts and faculty

**Note:**
CA developed bench guide
What are we talking about?

Abuse in Later Life

- Willful abuse, neglect, abandonment, or financial exploitation
- Older adult who is age 50+
- By someone in an ongoing, trust-based relationship (i.e., spouse, partner, family member, or caregiver) with the victim.
- Sexual abuse of an older adult by anyone (including strangers)
Open Questions?