

New York State Coalition on Elder Abuse
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Elder Justice Act of 2008

Time is running out to pass the federal Elder Justice Act (EJA). Victims of elder mistreatment should not have to wait for this comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to **elder justice to finally become a reality**. If the legislation does not pass now, the **whole process will have to start over again next year**.

The **next critical step** is the Senate Finance Committee meeting on **Wed, Sept 10, 2008**. **U.S. Senator Charles Schumer** is a member of the Finance Committee and a co-sponsor of the EJA. Please contact Senator Schumer. **Tell him why passage of this landmark legislation is so important to older adults in your community**.

Not only does this legislation provide a **comprehensive federal response** to elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation, it will provide the **necessary funding to help states and local communities** develop a coordinated response to address the very complex issues associated with elder mistreatment.

Each of you can help make a difference, even if you do so as a private citizen rather than in your professional capacity. If you have previously contacted Senator Schumer about this issue, please **do so again now**; and please **encourage others to do the same**.

Senator Schumer: <http://schumer.senate.gov/SchumerWebsite/contact/contact.html>

Senate Finance Committee web site: <http://www.senate.gov/~finance/sitepages/hearings.htm>

Hearing to consider S. 1070 Elder Justice Act and S. 1577 Patient Safety and Abuse Prevention Act:
<http://finance.senate.gov/sitepages/hearing091008.htm>

To listen to the hearing live online: <http://www.capitolhearings.org/>

For information about the legislation: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

NCEA Elder Justice Community Collaborations: Request for Proposals

On behalf of the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA), the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (NCPEA) is accepting requests for funding to assist organizations in developing new, local multidisciplinary elder justice networks. **NCEA will award ten, \$10,000 mini-grants**.

Application DEADLINE: Mon, **Sept 22, 2008, **5 pm** EST by email or fax**

RFP and application instructions:

http://www.ncea.aoa.gov/ncearoot/Main_Site/index.aspx

http://www.ncea.aoa.gov/NCEAroot/Main_Site/About/Initiatives/doc/Elder_Justice_Community_RFP.doc

For a list of first year grantees:

http://www.ncea.aoa.gov/NCEAroot/Main_Site/Resources/Newsletter/2008/2008-v10-n5.pdf

For more information, please contact:

Pamela Teaster, NCPEA President, pteaster@uky.edu, (859) 257-1450, ext. 80196

Elder Rights Advocacy Hall of Fame

National Association of Legal Services Developers (NALSD) is **accepting nominations for the Elder Rights Advocacy Hall of Fame**, recognizing those who have advanced the legal rights of our nation's over-sixty population. This is an opportunity for those who have advocated on behalf of the poor, disadvantaged, socially needy, and vulnerable elderly to receive special recognition for their efforts.

DEADLINE for receipt of nominations: Wed, **Sept 10**, 2008

Please send nominations to: Bill Graham, bill.graham@ofa.state.ny.us, (518) 474-0609; you may also contact Bill if you have any questions.

Please note: The eligibility criteria and nomination procedure document will be included as an attachment in the 2nd Coalition email, which you will receive immediately following this email.

New NYS Law

NY Penal Law §120.05 – Assault in the second degree

Amended to add a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:

12. With intent to cause physical injury to a person who is sixty-five years of age or older, he or she causes such injury to such person, and the actor is more than ten years younger than such person.

Signed by the Governor on April 30, 2008 – Chapter 68 (A9818 / S6979)

Effective date: June 29, 2008

Archived Webcast – Elder Abuse Research

Focusing on the NYS Incidence & Prevalence Study and other significant research

Original broadcast date: **June 26**, 2008, hosted by the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) for the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA)

Speakers:

Dr. Mark Lachs, Professor of Medicine and Co-Chief of Geriatrics and Gerontology at Weill Medical College of Cornell Univ. and Director of Geriatrics for New York-Presbyterian Health System

Art Mason, Director of Lifespan's Elder Abuse Prevention Program and current President-Elect of NAPSA

Kathleen Quinn, NAPSA Executive Director, webcast moderator

Program Highlights:

Overview of how the **NYS Elder Abuse Incidence & Prevalence Study** came about, how it is being undertaken, and what the researchers hope will be learned. Lifespan was recently awarded a grant to conduct a statewide elder abuse incidence and prevalence study, in partnership with **Cornell University**

and NYC Dept. for the Aging. This will be the **first in-depth, statewide study of elder abuse incidence and prevalence in the nation**, funded in part through the NYS Children & Family Trust Fund, administered under NYS Office of Children & Family Services.

Link: http://www.ncea.aoa.gov/NCEARoot/Main_Site/Library/Events_Webcast/Events_Archive.aspx

Elder Law Clinic – Syracuse University College of Law

The Elder Law Clinic is able to take on some additional cases and is **seeking referrals from the Onondaga County area**. Issues of interest for clinic law students include elder abuse and financial exploitation, Medicaid, Medicare, home health care, advance directives, and potentially housing and consumer issues. Income guidelines are 250% of poverty level, with some flexibility.

For Questions or Referrals: Please call the **Elder Law Clinic**, (315) 443-4582

Webcast – Save the Date

NCEA Webcast on Evidence-Based Promising Practices

Date: Sept 19, 2008, 1 pm – 2 pm EST

Registration information will soon be available – keep checking the NCEA web site: www.ncea.aoa.gov

TRAINING & CONFERENCES

Date: Sept 14 – 17, 2008

Event: 13th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma

Theme: *Promoting Peace: Integrating Practice, Research and Policy across the Life-Span*

Location: San Diego, California

Program Highlights & Information: <http://www.ivatcenters.org/www/ElderAbuseTrack.htm>

Registration Information: <http://www.ivatcenters.org/>

Date: Sept 24 – 25, 2008

Event: 15th Annual Adult Abuse Training Institute (AATI)

Theme: *Collaboration: A Response to Protect Vulnerable Adults*

Presented by:

NYS Office of Children & Family Services, Bureau of Training and Bureau of Adult Services

Location: Desmond Hotel & Conference Center, Albany, NY

Highlights / Information / Registration: Please check the web site for AATI program updates and registration information: www.brookdale.org

Questions, please contact: Paul Fleischman, pfleisch@hunter.cuny.edu, (212) 481-3506 or Steven Jones, steven.jones@hunter.cuny.edu, (212) 481-5393

Date: Thurs, Oct 2, 2008 10 am – 4:30 pm

Event: 18th International Day of Older Persons (IDOP)

Theme: *A Call for a Convention on the Rights of Older Persons*

Presented by: NGO Committee on Ageing NY, in cooperation with the UN Dept. of Public Information & Dept. for Economic & Social Affairs

Location: UN Headquarters, New York City

Registration Deadline: Thurs, Sept 25, 2008

Mission Statement, Information and Registration Form: <http://ngocoa-ny.org/events/>

For more information, please email or call: idop2008@aol.com, (917) 535-0457

Please note: Janet Sigal and Susan Somers are co-chairs of IDOP 2008.

Date: Oct 23 – 25, 2008

Event: 36th Annual Meeting and Conference

Theme: *The Road to the Future: Healthy Aging of New York State*

Presented by: State Society on Aging of New York State

Location: Gideon Putnam Hotel and Conference Center, Saratoga Springs, NY

Information / Registration Form: Please check the web site for periodic conference updates and program information: <http://www.ssany.org/Home.asp>

Questions, please contact: Janna Heyman, heyman@fordham.edu

Coalition News Bulletins are sent to interested parties throughout the state. Please feel free to share them with others or contact us if you know of someone who should be added to the list. For questions or comments about the Coalition or the Bulletins, or if you have topic suggestions for future publications, please contact:

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