

National Center on Elder Abuse

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National Institute of Justice Hosts Elder Abuse Workshop

In February, over 80 leading analysts, educators, advocates, and practitioners met to review and discuss emerging research and future initiatives in the elder abuse arena. The workshop was the third convened by the National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice, since 2000 when it hosted the *Elder Justice: Medical Forensic Issues Concerning Abuse and Neglect* roundtable. While participants reported on the progress and challenges of ongoing studies and debated theoretical perspectives and definitions, one consensus prevailed: the portfolio of rigorous research in the elder abuse field has grown significantly during the past eight years.

In 2004, NIJ invited the original 27 participants of the *Elder Justice* roundtable back, and expanded the dialog to include representatives from other federal agencies with an interest in elder abuse research. As a result of the second conference, and in response to the sense that research efforts were piecemeal and insufficient, NIJ launched a competitive program with a sustained funding stream to aggressively build a research portfolio on elder abuse. The first competitive solicitation, announced in 2005, generated over 40 proposals. Four projects were funded in each of 2005, 2006, and 2007. The elder abuse research portfolio priority areas are: the identification and evaluation of forensic markers; program evaluation; the study of risk and protective factors; the study of incidence and prevalence (and the development of standard definitions and measures); and the evaluation of coordinated community responses.

The 2008 workshop highlighted projects funded by NIJ as well as research conducted by the National Institute on Aging, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Bureau of Justice Statistics. Discussion panels were grouped along the following themes: incidence and prevalence; screening tool development; working with large data sets; elder abuse forensics; abuse and neglect in long-term care; theoretical model development; and system response to elder abuse.

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National Crime Victims' Rights Week: "Justice for Victims. Justice for All."

The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Victims of Crime and the National Center for Victims of Crime annually collaborate to promote victims' rights, and to honor crime victims and their advocates through a nationwide observance. This year, April 13th through April 19th has been designated National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The theme, "*Justice for Victims. Justice for All.*," reminds us that crime victims' rights should be of concern to everyone.

As a prelude to the weeklong commemoration, the Office of Victims of Crime will sponsor two events in Washington, D.C. The first is a National Observance and Candlelight Ceremony, to be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, April 10th, at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The featured speaker will be Dominick Dunne, a renowned author and journalist who was personally affected by crime. On Friday, April 11th, the Attorney General's Crime Victim Service Awards will be presented at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium. Awards recognize exemplary programs and dedicated individuals, including volunteers, responding to the needs of victims. A Special Courage Award is presented to either a survivor who demonstrates extraordinary perseverance in addressing his or her own victimization, or to someone who displays bravery in assisting a victim or preventing a crime.

To promote community involvement during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, and to support and sustain public awareness efforts throughout the year, the National Center for Victims of Crime has produced the 2008 [National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide](#), available online. The guide includes recommendations for maximizing public awareness, advice for working with the media, artwork (including crime clocks), and statistical overviews and resources.

Not only is the resource guide a valuable tool for National Crime Victims' Rights Week, members of the aging services arena will find the guide useful in planning events to commemorate World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, annually held on June 15th. The guide emphasizes the need to partner with allied organizations in order to maximize resources and outreach. The "Ideas for Special Events" chapter highlights public awareness activities ranging from the traditional (such as a rallies, vigils, and information fairs) to the more innovative (such as the "*Empty Shoes*" display of Collin County, Texas, which symbolizes victims "walking through" the legal system to achieve justice). Tips provided for writing op-ed columns may also be of interest.

In addition, the guide includes examples of how aging services advocates and seniors themselves have partnered with others to raise the profile of elder abuse. In the "*Tribes United in Victim Awareness*" event held in Nevada, 2006, participants marched 20 miles to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to combat elder abuse, child abuse, and domestic violence. The event was organized by the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, whose members were joined by others from the Walker River Paiute Tribe, the Yerington Paiute Tribe, the McDermitt Paiute Tribe, the Yomba Shoshone Tribe, and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

To learn more about National Crime Victims' Rights Week, and to access materials such as web ads, posters, and bookmarks, [click here](#).

NIJ Conference on Elder Abuse *(continued from page 1)*

In all, 27 projects were presented, addressing diverse topics such as bruising as a forensic marker for elder abuse; CT imaging as a tool for the post-mortem detection of elder abuse; resident-on-resident abuse; court-focused elder abuse initiatives; criminal background checks; and participatory research among Native American elders. Participants robustly discussed the challenges to conducting research, including issues of access, ethical concerns (particularly related to providing consent, and to conducting research within the context of fieldwork), definitions and terminology, and theoretical frameworks.

While the body of work presented indicates that the field is advancing, many research gaps exist; for example, in areas such as elder sexual abuse and outcomes-based evaluation of interventions. Representing elders with cognitive impairment remains a research dilemma; ethical challenges surround the ability to provide consent, yet dementia is a well-documented risk factor for abuse. Although several studies address this (notably Dr. Laura Mosqueda's project, "*People with Dementia as Witnesses to Emotional Events*"), the issue is part of a larger constellation of human subjects challenges pervasive in elder abuse research. NIJ sees this as an area that their agency, along with other federal collaborators, can take the lead in addressing.

The workshop concluded with a panel of representatives from potential funding organizations (the Centers for Disease Control, the Archstone Foundation, AARP, the U.S. Administration on Aging, the DOJ Office of Victims of Crime, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, along with NIJ and NIA) who provided an overview of possible opportunities.

NIJ views the elder abuse research portfolio as one of its most promising. The conference participants expressed the need to reconvene regularly to effectively advance the research agenda, just as they had indicated at the 2004 workshop. A newer sentiment voiced by many, however, was that the body of research had grown considerably since the last conference. This sense was best summarized by Dr. Karen Stein, Director of the Clearinghouse on Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly, an international archive of elder abuse literature.

"The number of projects funded, the variety of the research questions posed, and the innovation of the study methods described are remarkable and promising."

NIJ is the research, development, and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice. For more information on the NIJ Elder Abuse Research Agenda, [click here](#).

NCEA Public Awareness Campaign Update!

- **NCEA Student Arts Competition Honors will be awarded on April 24th, 2008.**
 - **National video PSAs starring William Mapother are in the final stages of post production and dissemination plans are underway.**
 - **NCEA is continuing to collect public awareness materials for the national inventory. Please [email](#) electronic materials or mail hard copies to:**
 - **NCEA/CCRS, University of Delaware, 297 Graham Hall, Newark, DE 19716.**
- The May NCEA E-NEWS will include detailed information about these and other projects.**

Hospitalization Costs Associated with Elder Abuse: AHRQ News and Numbers

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality recently released a report on the hospitalization costs for violence during the year 2005. Results are based upon statistics from the 2005 Nationwide Inpatient Sample, a nationally representative sample of inpatient stays in all short-term, non-federal hospitals.

The following information on costs associated with elder abuse was summarized by AHRQ experts at NCEA's request:

- "Elder abuse was defined as adult maltreatment, observation and evaluation of abuse and neglect, and criminal neglect among 65+ year olds.
- "Total number of hospitalizations for elder abuse: 1,830
- "Mean total costs per stay for elder abuse: \$7,500
- "Mean total costs per day for elder abuse: \$1,300
- "Aggregate costs for elder abuse: \$13.3 million
- "Weighted national estimates from Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project Nationwide Inpatient Sample 2005, AHRQ [are] based on data collected by individual states and provided to AHRQ by the states.
- "Total number of ED visits related to elder abuse in selected sample of states*: 1,370
- "Percentage of ED visits related to elder abuse that result in hospitalization: 52.5%

*State statistics from HCUP State Inpatient Database and State Emergency Department Databases 2005, AHRQ [are] based on data collected by all states that provided ED data to AHRQ (Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Wisconsin).

To read the statistical brief, [click here](#).

Special thanks to Joyce Middleton of AHRQ for submitting this information. For questions or to speak with an AHRQ data expert, please contact Joyce at Joyce.Middleton@ahrq.hhs.gov.

Question of the Month:

"How is Your Community Planning to Commemorate World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 15th, 2008?"

Although elder abuse was first recognized in the U.S. in the late 1970's, it remains in the shadows of the public consciousness. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is an opportunity to focus much needed international attention on the problem. Every community that participates will intensify the message that "our elders deserve better."

The NCEA would like to share *your* ideas for raising public awareness. We will publish readers' submissions in upcoming newsletters. Your initiative may inspire another community to take action. We welcome your thoughts.

Email: NCEA-INFO@aoa.hhs.gov.

March's Question of the Month:

"What is Your Organization Planning for WEAAD?"

The NCEA would like to thank Leslie Karyl Caudill, Nurse Consultant and Inspector, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and Chair of the Elder Abuse Awareness Rally Committee, who shared the following information:

"Kentucky will be hosting the 4th Annual Elder Abuse Awareness Rally on June 13, 2008, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Capitol Rotunda, Frankfort, Kentucky. The Rally was planned to coincide with the week the world will be focusing on Elder Abuse Awareness. The purpose of the Kentucky Rally is to raise public awareness of elder abuse, to inform the public of state agencies' efforts to eradicate elder abuse; to recognize/promote the Commonwealth's Local Coordinating Councils on Elder Abuse; and to recognize those impacted by this crime. Our focus is prevention, bringing perpetrators to justice, and serving the victims of this heinous crime."

We would also like to thank Linda Puzan, Director of the Elder Protective Service Program, Franklin County Home Care, Turner Falls, Massachusetts, who reported on a variety of planned activities:

"Our Protective Service Program covers 31 towns and we are expanding some of our outreach in June in recognition of the day. The following activities are planned:

- "Having local towns sign and publicize declarations in recognition of the day, defining elder abuse and providing contact numbers;
- "Alerting the local women's crisis center of this day and providing information about the protective service program;
- "Creating a poster to hang at our yearly Meals on Wheels fundraising benefit;
- "Contacting libraries to request they display the posters in their lobbies;
- "And I will be on local radio and TV stations to discuss elder abuse."

NCEA to Sponsor Webcast Highlighting World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Initiatives

On Tuesday, April 15th, the National Adult Protective Services Association will host the second NCEA webcast of 2008 on the topic of *World Elder Abuse Awareness Day*, an annual observance held on June 15th and intended to generate awareness on a global level. Guest speakers include: Betty Malks of the International Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, who will discuss the INPEA's *Community Guide to Raise World Awareness on Adult Abuse*; Trudy Gregorie, senior director of Justice Solutions, who will highlight National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities and other resources as vehicles for raising awareness; and Carolyn Petrak, NCEA social marketing and outreach director, who will feature elements of the Center's public awareness campaign, such as the NCEA Student Arts Competition.

The webcast will air at 2:00 PM EST. Registration information will be forthcoming through the NCEA listserv, and will be posted on the [website](#).

For more information, [email NAPSA](#).

USPS and the FTC Team Up to Prevent Identity Theft

In February, the United States Postal Service and the Federal Trade Commission joined forces to launch a public awareness campaign to reduce the frequency of identity theft. "*Deter. Detect. Defend. Avoid Identity Theft*" is the tagline for the campaign which stresses three principles. *Deter* identity theft by safeguarding personal information; *detect* suspicious activity early through regular monitoring of financial reporting information; and *defend* by taking immediate action, such as placing a "Fraud Alert" on your credit report.

The FTC invites community partnerships in this prevention campaign. To download copies or place bulk orders for public awareness materials, visit [FTC Avoid Identity Theft](#) online. The page also links to an educational video, reporting forms, and other relevant resources and publications.

The [U.S. Postal Inspection Service](#), the law enforcement division of the USPS, has taken a leading role in investigating identity theft and educating consumers about various types of frauds and scams.

"Older Americans 2008: Key Indicators of Well-Being" Now Online

The Federal Interagency Forum on Aging-Related Statistics has recently published its fourth comprehensive report on the well-being of older Americans, based upon official statistics. There are five categories of indicators: population, economics, health status, health risks and behaviors, and health care. According to the report, Americans are living longer with greater health and prosperity, but there are important disparities across gender, race, age brackets, and income levels. Educational and economic disparities exist between whites and non whites; for example, of households headed by individuals age 65 and older, those headed by whites had median net income levels six times greater than those headed by blacks. Older Americans also demonstrated lower rates of health literacy than other age brackets, and it continues to decrease with age, which may hold substantial implications for the future. To read the report, [click here](#).

Podcasts are Now Available from the 2007 National Aging and Law Conference

The American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging has posted podcasts of sessions from the 2007 National Aging and Law Conference. Eight sessions are currently available, and include topics such as multidisciplinary approaches to elder mistreatment in the community and long term care, guardianship, and fair housing for seniors. Two new podcasts were recently added:

- "Administration on Aging's Model Approaches to Statewide Legal Services: Ensuring Access to the Safety Net for the Nation's Most Needy Elders,"
- "It's Not What You Say: Using Measurable Outcomes to Measure the Value of Legal Assistance"

ABA will continue to add podcasts as they become available. All sessions can be accessed from the [ABA continuing legal education web page](#).

Upcoming NIJ Conference Plans Panel on Elder Abuse in Residential Care

Registration for the National Institute of Justice Annual Conference (July 21-23, 2008, Arlington, VA) is now open. Preliminary panel descriptions are available, and include "*Hidden Abuse: Mistreatment of the Elderly in Residential Care*." According to NIJ, this panel features a presentation that will focus "...on programs designed to detect, prevent, investigate and prosecute abuse, with an emphasis on the roles played by state licensing agencies, adult protective services, and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. The second presentation examines resident-on-resident abuse, the most common reason for police involvement in residential care facilities. Panelists will describe barriers to the detection and prevention of elder mistreatment, and report on promising new 'smart practices' to combat abuse."

Other panels currently scheduled will feature the effectiveness of protection orders, and the link between sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE) and prosecution rates.

The conference is intended for researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and students in the criminal justice arena. Registration is free, but space is limited. For more information, [click here](#).

May is Older Americans Month:

"Working Together for Strong, Healthy and Supportive Communities."

For more information, and to download public awareness materials visit the [Administration on Aging website](#).

Funding Opportunities

The following funding opportunities are available through the Department of Justice Office of Victims' of Crime:

1. Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grants

Helping Outreach Programs to Expand (HOPE) awards grants to improve outreach to, and services for, crime victims. Grassroots, nonprofit, community-based, and faith-based victim services organizations are among those eligible to apply.

Application deadline: Open, dependent upon available funding.

For more information, [click here](#).

2. OVC 2008 Enhancing Public Awareness and Outreach for Victims in Underserved Communities

This program will grant five awards of up to \$75,000 each to raise awareness among underserved populations regarding victims' rights and available resources for crime victims in the local community. Please note that OVC cannot fund prevention- or researched-focused initiatives.

Application deadline: April 28, 2008 (extended from the previous April 17, 2008 deadline)

For more information, [click here](#).

3. Fiscal Year 2008 State Victim Assistance Academy Initiative

This grant opportunity offers five first-year awards of \$35,000 for the development and provision of comprehensive, academically based, fundamental education and training for victim assistance providers, victim advocates, criminal justice personnel, and allied professionals who routinely work with victims of crime.

Application deadline: April 29, 2008

For more information, [click here](#).

4. Postsecondary Education: Integrating Crime Victims' Issues Into University and College Curricula

A competitive program that will award one grant of \$300,000 to develop innovative, interdisciplinary education models (i.e., classroom, online, clinical) that address victimization issues and responses to crime victims and that can be integrated into university or college curricula and faculty development.

Application deadline: May 1, 2008

For more information, [click here](#).

5. Fiscal Year 2008 National Field-Generated Training, Technical Assistance, and Demonstration Projects Grants

These OVC awards are designed to support the development of national initiatives that expand the capacity of service providers to address the needs of crime victims. Elder abuse is one of the program's areas of focus.

Application deadline: May 29, 2008

For more information, [click here](#).

State News

Ohio to Host Annual Conference

The Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services will host its annual conference on May 12-13, 2008 in Columbus, Ohio at the Columbus Hilton at Easton. Featured topics include:

Aftermath of Trauma
Suicide Prevention
Ethics
Forensic Interview
Compassion Fatigue
Advocacy
Elder Abuse & Animal Mistreatment
Grant Writing

OCAPS is a statewide coalition that strives to enhance the provision of services to adults at risk of abuse, neglect and exploitation through education and advocacy. For more information on the organization and conference, [click here](#).

Iowa: Senior Seminar on Elder Financial Abuse Prevention in Des Moines: 'Be Aware! Protect Your Assets!'

On April 10th, 9:30 AM, the Bank of the West will host a free senior seminar on the prevention of financial abuse. The event will take place at the Downtown Central Library located at 1000 Grand Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

"Today's criminals use the phone, the internet and the mail to commit crimes against the elderly," says Christine Hensley, Community Affairs Regional Officer at Bank of the West. "We want to help our seniors understand how to avoid becoming victims of financial fraud, especially at a time when they should be enjoying their golden years."

Participants are also invited to bring documents and junk mail that require shredding, as the Bank will park a mobile industrial shredder, courtesy of Shred-It USA, Inc., in front of the site. According to conference planners, this is not only a best practice in prevention; it will publicly demonstrate that seniors are taking action against financial abuse.

Jenefer Duane, CEO and Executive Director of the Elder Financial Protection Network, will deliver keynote remarks. Additional speakers include representatives from the AARP Iowa State Office, the Aging Resources of Central Iowa, the Financial Investigations Bureau of the Des Moines Police Department, the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs, Iowa Legal Aid, and the Polk County Attorney's Office - Dependent Adult Abuse Unit.

Seating is limited, and those interested in attending should contact the Bank of the West, at (515) 883-1953.

Federal Legislative Update:

A Monthly Look at Federal Legislation and Activity that May Impact Older Americans

Special thanks to Liz Kowalczyk of the Center for Community Research and Service at the University of Delaware for compiling this update.

The **Senior Investor Protection Act of 2008 (S. 2794)** was introduced on April 1, 2008, by Senators Herb Kohl (D-WI) and David Vitter (R-LA). The bill will offer states the resources necessary to protect seniors from unscrupulous financial advisors who prey on the retirement savings of the elderly by touting misleading or fraudulent "senior designations."

[S.2794>>Click here to read the Senate bill.](#)

The **Elder Justice Act (S. 1070/H.R. 1783)** gained the support of Senators Olympia J. Snowe (R-ME) and Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Representatives John Lewis (D, GA-5), Grace F. Napolitano (D, CA-38), Dale E. Kildee (D, MI-5), James L. Oberstar (D, MN-8), and Leonard Boswell (D, IA-3) in February and March, bringing the total to 24 co-sponsors in the Senate and 103 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives.

[S.1070>> Click here to read the Senate bill.](#)
[H.R.1783>> Click here to read the House bill.](#)

The **Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act of 2008 (S. 2736/H.R. 2930)**, which seeks to "amend section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for the elderly," was introduced in the Senate by Herb Kohl (D-WI) on March 7, 2008. The bill was previously introduced in the House of Representatives by Tim Mahoney (D, FL-16) in June 2007. In March, the Senate bill gained the support of Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Charles E. Schumer (D-NY), and Deb Stabenow (D-MI), bringing the total number of co-sponsors to 3 in the Senate and 15 in the House. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

[S.2736>> Click here to read the Senate bill.](#)
[H.R.2930>> Click here to read the House bill.](#)

The **Community Choice Act (S. 799/ H.R. 1621)** seeks to "amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes." Last month, the bill gained additional support from Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD) and Representatives John R. "Randy" Kuhl, Jr. (R, NY-29), Tim Murphy (R, PA-18), Dennis Moore (D, KS-3), Charles W. Dent (R, PA-15), William J. Jefferson (D, LA-2), Timothy H. Bishop (D, NY-1), Jim Gerlach (R, PA-6), and Louise McIntosh Slaughter (D, NY-28) bringing the total number of co-sponsors to 20 in the Senate and 84 in the House of Representatives.

[S.799>> Click here to read the Senate bill.](#)
[H.R.1621>> Click here to read the House bill.](#)

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Elder Abuse Research

The Clearinghouse on Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly maintains an annotated catalog of peer-reviewed literature on elder mistreatment and related issues. The following are highlights of recently identified publications. To search for additional references, [click here.](#)

Special thanks to Liz Kowalczyk for compiling this update.

Elder Abuse: Disparities Between Older People's Disclosure of Abuse, Evident Signs of Abuse, and High Risk of Abuse

Cohen, M., Levin, S., Gagin, R. & Friedman, G.

Journal of the American Geriatrics Society

Vol. 55 (8), 1224-1230; August 2007.

Journal article (research)

This study compared and evaluated the effectiveness of three methods commonly used to identify elder abuse: direct questions, identification of evident signs of abuse, and assessment of high risk for abuse. Seven-hundred and thirty patients hospitalized during 2004-2005 in two Israeli hospitals and their caregivers participated in the study. Findings showed disparities in the effectiveness of different elder abuse identification tools used in hospital settings. The researchers concluded that the use of all three assessment strategies concurrently is optimal for identifying elder abuse and stressed the importance of developing an effective tool that can be used in routine screening.

The Impact of an Educational Intervention for Elderly Care Nurses on Recipients' and Family Relatives' Ratings of Quality of Care: A Prospective, Controlled Intervention Study

Hasson, H. & Arnetz, J.

International Journal of Nursing Studies

Vol. 45 (2), 166-179; February 2008.

Journal article (research)

This Swedish study assessed whether or not an educational intervention, rated highly by elder care nurses, corresponded to improved residents' and family members' perceptions of quality of care received. Researchers hypothesized that quality ratings would increase in the nursing home that received the intervention -- an educational "toolbox" designed to improve the confidence and skill level of nursing staff -- compared to ratings of the control nursing home that did not participate in the training. However, results indicate that there was no change, either positive or negative, in residents' and family members' ratings of the quality of care received.

Hunger Hurts: A Study of Hunger Among New York City's Elderly

Council of Senior Centers and Services

Briefing Paper, December 2007

This report reveals findings of a city-wide survey on hunger among elderly adults in New York City. The survey, conducted during the winter of 2007 by the Council of Senior Centers and Services and the FGE Food and Nutrition Team, collected information from over 800 respondents in 15 communities across the five boroughs. While the majority of respondents were sampled from senior centers, additional participants were approached on the street or in local food pantries.

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Federal Legislation Update *(continued from page 10)*

The **Stop Senior Suicide Act (S. 1854/ H.R. 4897)** seeks to “amend the Social Security Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve elderly suicide early intervention and prevention strategies.” Recently the bill gained additional support from Representatives Donald M. Payne (D, NJ-10), Danny K. Davis (D, IL-7), Steve Cohen (D, TN-9) and Lynn C. Woolsey (D, CA-6) bringing the total number of co-sponsors to 16 in the House of Representatives and 4 in the Senate.

[S.1854>> Click here to read the Senate bill.](#)

[H.R.4897>> Click here to read the House bill.](#)

The **Alzheimer's Treatment and Caregiver Support Act (H.R.1032)**, introduced in the House of Representatives by Maxine Waters (D, CA-35) in February 2007, gained additional support in March from Representatives Gene Green (D, TX-29), Mary Fallin (R, OK-5), Keith Ellison (D, MN-5), Jane Harman (D, CA-36), Earl Blumenauer (D, OR-3), Peter T. King (R, NY-3), Dan Boren (D, OK-2), Kendrick Meek (D, FL-17), and Ron Klein (D, FL-17), bringing the total number of co-sponsors to 71 in the House. The bill, which has been referred to the House Subcommittee on Health, seeks to “amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for treatment and support services for Alzheimer's patients and their families.”

[H.R.1032>> Click here to read the House bill.](#)

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(Hunger Hurts, continued)

Overall, the sample had a much higher rate of food insecurity compared to the national average. Although gender did not appear to be associated with food insecurity, race appeared to play a role, with Blacks and Hispanics reporting higher rates of hunger than Whites. In addition, age was reportedly connected to food insecurity with those in the 60-64 age range reporting the highest levels of hunger. The report includes recommendations for addressing hunger among the elderly in New York City, including provision of additional meals at senior centers and other locations and increased funding for senior centers and meals-on-wheels programs. To read this briefing paper, [click here.](#)

Looking for literature on elder abuse and related topics, such as financial abuse, multidisciplinary responses, self-neglect, and ageism?

Visit the [CANE Annotated Bibliography Series](#) posted on the NCEA website.

Calendar of Events

April 13 – April 19, 2008

*National Crime Victims' Rights Week
"Justice for Victims. Justice for All."*

National weeklong observance.

Website: [Click Here](#)

Telephone: Tel: 202-973-8715

April 22 - 24, 2008

*International Family Justice
Center Conference*

Westin Horton Plaza
San Diego, CA

Website: [Click Here](#)

Telephone: 888-511-3522

April 30 - May 4, 2008

*2008 American Geriatrics Society
Annual Scientific Meeting*

Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Washington, DC

Website: [Click Here](#)

Special Needs Assistance: 856-423-7222, ext. 239

Fax: 301-694-5124

May 7-9, 2008

*2008 Equal Justice Conference
"Pursuing Justice: Balancing
Challenges and Opportunities"*

Hilton Minneapolis
Minneapolis, MN

Website: [Click Here](#)

Telephone: 312-988-5766

May 5 – 6, 2008

*Legal Assistance for Seniors'
4th Annual Elder Abuse Conference*

Hilton Oakland Airport Hotel
Oakland, CA

Website: [Click Here](#)

Telephone: 510-832-3040

July 20 - 23, 2008

*n4a's 33rd Annual
Conference & Tradeshow*

Renaissance Nashville Hotel and
Nashville Convention Center
Nashville, TN

Website: [Click Here](#)

Telephone: 202-872-0888

August 26 - 29, 2008

*The 19th Annual NAPSA Conference
"APS: Advocating, Protecting and Serving
Vulnerable Adults"*

Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers
Chicago, IL

Website: [Click Here](#)

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Association (NAPSA)
On the Web at: www.apsnetwork.org

National Committee for the
Prevention of Elder Abuse (NCPEA)
One the Web at:
www.preventelderabuse.org

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