

GATEKEEPER

Gatekeepers are people who come into contact with elders and other vulnerable adults through their jobs and everyday activities. They are crucial eyes and ears in our community, a vital means of finding those most at risk of abuse.

March 2011

Greetings Gatekeeper Readers,

Elder Abuse is often in the news lately. By now, you have probably learned about Mickey Rooney and Etta James, but there are so many seniors whose names don't make the headlines, who suffer everyday in silence. With 10,000 Americans turning 65 every day for the next 20 years, the time has come to confront elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. We no longer have the luxury of looking the other way.

This issue of Gatekeeper spotlights several important elder abuse reports and highlights some of the most significant news stories currently circulating. Data are important, but what we do with the information we collect is even more important. We at the Elder Abuse Prevention program invite you to attend an Multidisciplinary Team meeting, contact us about an elder abuse prevention and reporting training for your organization, spiritual community, or social group, or partner with us on an outreach program in May for Elder Abuse Awareness Month. How about advocating with us to keep mandated reporter requirement for financial institutions? (See our Legislative and Policy section for more information about SB33.) Please contact us if you have ideas about ways to collaborate. Together, we can create communities where people age in safety and with dignity.

Warmly,

Talitha Guinn, Elder Abuse Services Manager and
Mary Grant, Institute on Aging Volunteer

Dispatches from the Field

In The News

Actor Mickey Rooney Falls Victim to Elder Abuse

Actor Mickey Rooney, 90, has been granted court protection from his stepson and his stepson's wife after alleged abuse.

According to court documents, the couple is accused of draining Mr. Rooney financially, verbally abusing him, and denying him basic necessities, including food.



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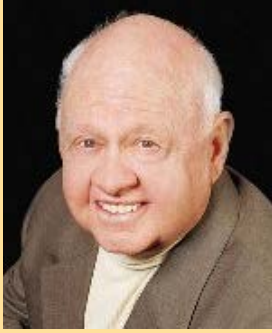
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Mr. Rooney stated that,
"All I want to do is live a peaceful life, to regain my life and be happy. I pray to God each day to protect us, help us endure, and guide those other senior citizens who are also suffering."

Mickey Rooney is a Hollywood legend who made his stage debut when he was only 15 months old and has starred in over 365 films. He has won multiple awards, including an Academy Award, a Golden Globe, an Emmy Award, and he has four stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

[LA Times article](#)

[LA Times article - update](#)

Mickey Rooney gave testimony regarding his recent experience with elder abuse at the Senate Special Committee on Aging.



Senate Special Committee on Aging, "Justice for All: Ending Elder Abuse, Neglect and Financial Exploitation" - Featuring Testimony from Mickey Rooney

On March 2, 2011 the Senate Special Committee on Aging hosted a hearing entitled "Justice for All: Ending Elder Abuse, Neglect and Financial Exploitation". This event was hosted by Chairman Herb Kohl (D-WI), and featured Hollywood star Mickey Rooney, who bravely and passionately discussed his recent struggle as a victim of elder abuse.

Mr. Rooney implored the committee to do what it must to end elder abuse and also spoke directly to seniors stating in part, *"To those seniors and especially elderly veterans like myself, I want to tell you this: You are not alone and you have nothing to be ashamed of. You deserve better. You have the right to control your own life, to be happy, and not live in fear. Please, for yourself, end the cycle of abuse, and do not allow yourself to be silenced any longer. Tell your story to anyone who will listen and above all, HAVE HOPE. Someone will hear you. If we all stand strong together and speak up, we can begin to take the necessary steps to end the cycle of elder abuse."*

This hearing was held in conjunction with the release of a new Government Accountability Office (GAO) report exploring Adult Protective Services (APS) by analyzing the national elder abuse data available, highlighting resource issues facing these programs, and assessing the adequacy of current state and federal support in meeting the needs of these important programs. The GAO report is featured in our *Spotlight* section below.

[Watch the hearing](#)

[Read Mr. Rooney's testimony](#)

[Read the testimony of other panelists](#)

Etta James to undergo a Court Ordered Medical Exam

A Riverside County Superior Court judge on March 10, 2011 ordered an immediate medical evaluation of R&B great Etta James after her son's attorney said the



health of the singer, who is receiving care at her Riverside home, could be in "serious danger."

James' husband and sons have been locked in a court dispute over control of the singer's \$1 million savings, with all parties involved saying their only concern is to ensure that James receives proper medical care.

[LA Times article](#)

[BBC article](#)

[Atlanta Post article](#)

Frontline- Post Mortem Death Investigation in America



Popular television shows portray death investigators as high-tech sleuths wielding the most sophisticated tools of 21st century science. An unprecedented collaborative investigation by Frontline, ProPublica and NPR found a very different reality: a dysfunctional system in which there are few standards and little

oversight, and mistakes are literally buried. In state after state, reporters found autopsies -- our final physical exam -- conducted by doctors who lacked certification and training. An increasing number of the 2.5 million Americans who die each year go to the grave without being examined at all.

In Los Angeles, Post Mortem reveal that it is the vulnerable -- the sick, the young, the elderly -- who suffer most from our dysfunctional system of death investigation. Chief Death Investigator Craig Harvey tells FRONTLINE that because he doesn't have enough staff to check out all the deaths he would like to, "the possibility that a homicide's going to be missed are pretty great." The reporting reveals how a caregiver at a high-end nursing home beat 80-year-old resident Elmore Kittower, breaking 29 of his ribs and smashing his toes and larynx. But when Kittower died, his death certificate stated that he'd died of "natural causes." Only because of an anonymous tip days after his death was Kittower's body exhumed and the caregiver sentenced to life in prison.

[Frontline - Post Mortem Death Investigation in America](#)

Attorney Faces Disbarment for Sham Marriage

A veteran Pacifica attorney is facing disbarment for allegedly duping an 85-year-old client into giving her \$339,000, entering into a sham marriage with him and ignoring his will by having him cremated after his death.

[Read the article here](#)

Diagnosing Financial Vulnerability in Older Patients

Doctors and medical professionals across the country, are taking part in a new effort to screen older patients for financial vulnerability as well as indications they are being exploited financially by family members, friends or strangers.

[Read the article here](#)

89-year-old Redwood City Widow Wins in Court

After signing what Pauline Reade believed to be a repair permit for her backyard shed, Fetuu Tupoufutuna, an itinerant handyman, stole \$600,000 in the form of a home equity loan against her real estate holdings. After

receiving notice that her home was soon to be auctioned, Reade contacted the San Mateo County Legal Aid Society, who sued the handyman, the bank, and the mortgage company, resulting in an undisclosed settlement in her favor. The fraudulent loan was forgiven since she had no knowledge of it, and Mrs. Reade remains in her home. Mr. Tupoufutuna is believed to have fled the country.

[Read the article here](#)

Riverside Caregiver Convicted of Second-degree Murder in Death of Disabled Stroke Victim

A Riverside caregiver whose neglect and abuse of a 70-year-old mentally disabled stroke victim led to the woman's death was convicted of second-degree murder and other charges. Jurors spent roughly three days deliberating before finding 38-year-old Rebecca Marie Perez-Welch guilty of the murder count.

[Read the article here](#)

Tennessee Nursing Home Employees Fired for Exploitation

Two certified nursing assistants at a Pigeon Forge Care and Rehabilitation Center will spend two years in prison for taking degrading pictures and videos of elderly patients. Mary Ann Burges and April Longmire pled guilty to four counts of health care abuse, and have been banned for life from working in nursing homes.

[Read the article here](#)

Placer County Jails Nurse

Marlene Delp, 64, has been sentenced to 300 days and three years' probation for stealing medications from seniors at the Terraces of Roseville, a senior care facility. Delp's nursing license has been revoked and a restraining order issued to stay away from her former place of employment.

[Read the article here](#)

Senior Sexual Assault--Relative Charged

Anthony Square was hired to cook and do household chores for an 80-year-old in-law in Richmond. He was scheduled to be arraigned last week on five felony charges of rape using a knife and false imprisonment, among others, but he failed to appear. Bail has been set at \$3.5 million.

[Read the article here](#)

Fair Oaks Residential Elderly Care Home Shut Down

Sean Suh's grandmother, Kyong Hui Duncan, a single mother, immigrated from North Korea during wartime, then to Guam, and later to southern California where she operated a coffee shop and market, and sent her grandson through college. She moved to the Sacramento area after retirement and lived independently until 2009, when she moved to the Fair Oaks Residential Elderly Care home due to increasing frailty. Her grandson, Sean Suh, noticed unexplained bruises and cuts, and also suspected that she might be drugged. After informing the administrators, he installed a granny cam, which he often found unplugged, and he initiated a search for a new facility; however, his grandmother died. When Suh viewed the recordings, he stated that he still has nightmares. The California Department of Social Services investigated, the home was shut down that day, and the department is moving to permanently revoke the home's license. The home's operators, Myung S. Kim and Jay J. Kim, dispute all allegations.

[Read the article here](#)

Institute on Aging News

The Senior Campus Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Institute on Aging Welcomes You

Join IOA **Saturday, April 2nd** as we officially open the doors to our state-of-the-art Senior Campus.



Located at **3575 Geary Boulevard in San Francisco**, the Senior Campus now serves as the main location for IOA's comprehensive health and social support programs. **Festivities begin at 11:30AM**. Open house style tours will be available.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Bay Area's new home for comprehensive, professional senior services!

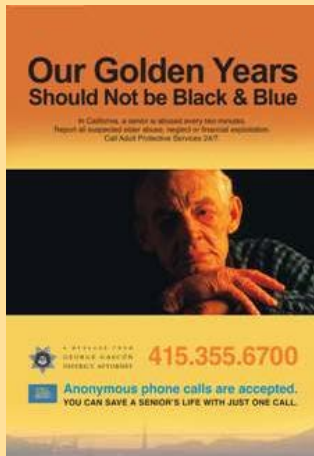
For more information contact Laura Rhine: lrhine@ioaging.org

Elder Abuse Prevention Program News

Want to Learn More about Elder Abuse and Mandated Reporting?

The Elder Abuse Prevention Program offers FREE training on the topics of elder abuse and mandated reporting, AND we can come to you. We will tailor our presentation to the needs of your staff, team, or community. Call or email the EAP today to calendar your event.

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San Francisco Elder Abuse Forensic Center is Partnering with the District Attorney's Office on Elder Abuse Ads

A two-part ad campaign has just launched to bring awareness to the issue of elder abuse.

The first ads appeared on March 7th at 50 bus shelters around San Francisco, and will run for four weeks. Ads are also running on the exterior of muni buses. The second part of this campaign will launch in May, Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month, and will focus on financial abuse.

This will be the the third year in a row that the Forensic Center has run bus shelter ads to raise awareness about elder abuse. This year we were honored to collaborate with the DA's office from conception to completion.

The IOA hosted a press conference to announce this joint elder abuse awareness campaign on March 8th. Here are links to some of the news coverage:

[KTVU channel 2](#)

[KTSF Channel 24 - Chinese language](#)

[KGO Radio](#)

See our *Calendar of Events* section below for information about our *Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month* activities during the month of May!

Fraud and Scam Alerts



Robberies Target Senior Women in Oakland

There is a new warning for people in one Oakland neighborhood where at least half a dozen shoppers have been targeted leaving a grocery store, followed home, and robbed. Police say the robbers are looking for vulnerable people, usually older women, outside the Safeway store on Redwood Road, just off Highway 13.

[Read the article here](#)

FDIC/Homeland Security Scam E-mails fraudulently claiming to be from the FDIC are attempting to get recipients to click on a link that may ask them to provide sensitive personal information. These e-mails falsely state that FDIC deposit insurance is suspended until the requested customer information is provided.

The e-mail informs the recipient that "in cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security, federal, state and local governments...the FDIC has withdrawn deposit insurance from the recipient's account due to account activity that violates the Patriot Act." It further states that deposit insurance will remain suspended until identity and account information can be verified using a system called "IDVerify." If consumers go to the link provided in the e-mail, it is suspected they will be asked for personal or confidential information, or malicious software could be loaded onto the recipient's computer.

For more information: www.scamnot.org

Telephone Scam Includes Death Threat

Out of nowhere, 79-year-old Connie Newell got a call this month on her cell phone from a man telling her she had won \$1 million and needed to send him \$100 in order to collect.

A widow from southern San Diego County, Newell didn't bite. She told the man she wasn't interested, but before she could hang up he made this threat: "Do you want someone to put a bullet in you? We know exactly where you live."

Older people are often targeted by phone scam artists, but there are steps they can take to protect themselves, Sheriff's Sgt. Mark Varnau said:

- Get caller ID.
- Screen your calls. If you don't know who is calling, let the answering machine pick up.
- Use a mechanical voice on your answering machine.
- Be wary. Check and verify before sending money to anyone. Get a second opinion.
- Never send money to an unknown person, especially via wire service.
- Hang up if a caller is rude or threatening.
- Report threatening calls to authorities.

[Read the article here](#)

Better Business Bureau Warns Elderly of Door-to-Door Scam

The Better Business Bureau is warning the elderly to beware of a door-to

-door scam artists claiming they are financial planners with the Area Agency on Aging. Once in the home, they ask to get on the person's computer to load software relating to financial planning. Instead, they get the victim's credit information and then start charging the credit card.

[Read the article here](#)

For more information call the Better Business Bureau at 361.852.4949 or log onto their website at www.bbb.org

Top 5 "Under the Radar" Elder Financial Scams

By Shawna Reeves, MSW, Council on Aging Silicon Valley

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#1 Tax Prospecting - Insurance agents and mortgage brokers go into business as tax preparers so that they can establish trust and gain access to seniors' financial information. They then sell annuities and reverse mortgages to their senior clients.

One client was sold a reverse mortgage because the his tax adviser said it was a good idea. The adviser also happened to be a broker licensed to sell reverse mortgages. Unfortunately, the client trusted his advice because of the tax adviser relationship.

#2 Veterans' Aid and Attendance - Insurance agents promise to qualify seniors for a little known VA pension by selling them annuities to spend down assets. They may call themselves "volunteers" and target your senior center or assisted living facility with seminars and brochures. These agents may represent themselves as partners of attorneys who specialize in placing assets into irrevocable trusts. But by putting assets into annuities or irrevocable trusts, the seniors are tying up money they may need down the road for care. Also, they may not be able to qualify for Medicaid because money put into annuities will count as assets.

Two weeks ago, Michael Finney of ABC's 7 On Your Side did a story on a Veterans' Aid and Attendance scam.

[See Veterans Duped Into Paying for Service Offered for Free](#)

#3 Stranger Originated Life Insurance - Seniors are talked into applying for life insurance and are given a cash payment for their trouble. The resulting policy is then sold to a third party investor, who pays the premium and collects the proceeds of the policy when the senior dies. (Also see "viatical settlements"; not the same thing but related, and also troubling.) The California Assembly held a hearing on STOLIs three years ago but resulted it in terms of legislation. *SF Weekly* published a fascinating cover story on STOLIs titled *Roll of the Die: Human Life Speculators Bet on Elder Deaths*.

[Read the article here](#)

#4 Shoddy Legal Document Preparation Services - Paralegals and notaries offer to prepare living trusts at very low cost. Although they call themselves document preparation services, they actually give legal advice and often end up making a mess of estate plans, creating "junk trusts," as the probate judges call them. These predators generally do not sell annuities along with the living trusts, but they might in some instances.

#5 Scammers in the Senior Centers - Trying to block financial predators from coming into contact with seniors at senior centers is one of the best ways to prevent abuse. Predators target the senior centers because they know that it is where seniors let their guards down and can

be easily swindled. In 2007, the Securities and Exchange Commission investigated 110 senior financial seminars and found that 100% of them were in fact sales presentations. SEC Chairman Christopher Cox called the findings "a wake-up call."

You cannot stop these financial predators by yourself. You must have a solid plan in place.

For more information on how to protect your senior center against predators, contact me at 408-350-3229 or sreeves@scccoa.org

Spotlight

Three Special Reports on the Subject of Elder Abuse

Elder Justice: Stronger Federal Leadership Could Enhance National Response to Elder Abuse
GAO-11-208 March 2, 2011



Summary

Each day, news reports cite instances of older adults across the United States being abused, denied needed care, or financially exploited, often by those they depend on. This report contains information on (1) existing estimates of the extent of elder abuse and their quality, (2) factors associated with elder abuse and its impact on victims, (3) characteristics and challenges of state Adult Protective Services (APS) responsible for addressing elder abuse, and (4) federal support and leadership in this area. To obtain this information, GAO reviewed relevant research; visited six states and surveyed state APS programs; analyzed budgetary and other federal documents; reviewed federal laws and regulations; and interviewed federal officials, researchers, and elder abuse experts.

The most recent study of the extent of elder abuse estimated that 14.1 percent of noninstitutionalized older adults had experienced physical, psychological, or sexual abuse; neglect; or financial exploitation in the past year. This study and three other key studies GAO identified likely underestimate the full extent of elder abuse, however. Most did not ask about all types of abuse or include all types of older adults living in the community, such as those with cognitive impairments. In addition, studies in this area cannot be used to track changes in extent over time because they have not measured elder abuse consistently. Based on existing research, various factors appear to place older adults at greater risk of abuse.

Recommendation: The Congress may wish to consider mandating the Secretary of HHS to conduct, in coordination with the Attorney General, a periodic national study of elder abuse's extent to track it over time.

Recommendation: To help APS programs more effectively and efficiently respond to elder abuse, the Secretary of HHS should determine the feasibility and cost of establishing a national resource center for APS-dedicated information that is comprehensive and easily accessible.

Recommendation: To facilitate the development of a nationwide APS data collection system, the Secretary of HHS should direct AoA to

develop a comprehensive long-term plan for implementing such a system within a reasonable amount of time.

Recommendation: To ensure federal and state collaboration in planning and implementing such a system, the Secretary of HHS, in coordination with the Attorney General, should convene a group of state APS representatives to help determine what APS administrative data on elder abuse cases would be most useful for all states and for the federal government to collect; what APS administrative data all states should uniformly collect; and how a system for compiling and disseminating nationwide data should be designed.

Recommendation: To determine the feasibility and cost of collecting uniform, reliable APS administrative data on elder abuse cases from each state, and compiling and disseminating that data nationwide, the Secretary of HHS should, in coordination with the Attorney General, conduct a pilot study to collect, compile, and disseminate these data.

Read the full report here:

www.gao.gov/new.items/d11208.pdf

Family Violence Council Comprehensive Report on Family Violence in San Francisco - 2010

This second annual report released by the Family Violence Council, a multi-agency advisory body that addresses the intersections of child abuse, domestic violence, and elder abuse, illuminates the true scope of the issue.

With three years of data, the 2010 report is the first to include trend lines for many of the agencies represented, including the Police Department, the District Attorney's Office, the Adult Probation Department, Family Court, Family and Children's Services, Adult Protective Services, and a number of other City and community service providers.

Several agencies have seen an increase in reports of family violence or help-seeking, especially agencies and departments working in the field of elder abuse; for example, reports of abuse made to Adult Protective Services increased by 15% over the last three years. Cases of elder financial abuse increased 16% over 2008. The number of cases received by the District Attorney's Office Elder Abuse Unit increased 300% in three years.

Council Co-Chair Mary Twomey, Director of the U.C. Irvine Center of Excellence in Elder Abuse and Neglect, states, "The report highlights a pattern that must be recognized by advocates and policy-makers alike. While we don't necessarily think that there has been a spike in elder abuse in recent years, we know from national studies that only about 1 in 5 cases of elder abuse is ever reported. The rise in reporting here in San Francisco could mean that the outreach and organizing efforts of the City and the community are having an impact. These efforts must continue to ensure no elder San Franciscan suffers abuse in silence."

The report addresses current trends and offers. The Department on the Status of Women administers the Council, and public meetings are held quarterly. Meeting times and locations are online.

Download the report and find out more about the Family Violence Council online at www.sfgov.org/dosw

[Direct link to report](#)

Weathering the Storm: The Impact of the Great Recession on Long-Term Services and Supports - AARP January 2011

by: Jenna Walls, Kathleen Gifford, Catherine Rudd (Health Management Associates), Rex O'Rourke, Martha Roherty, Lindsey Copeland (National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities), Wendy Fox Grage (AARP Public Policy Institute)

This report documents how the recession continues to affect state programs for older individuals and adults with physical disabilities. States have used many administrative tools to curtail expenditures, while at the same time, demand for publicly funded services has grown and resources—including staff—are stretched thin according to this new 50-state study. Specifically, 31 states cut aging and disability services programs (non-Medicaid) in FY 2010, and 28 states were expecting to cut these programs in FY 2011.

Major revenue sources (personal income, corporate, and sales taxes) for 2011 are expected to be below pre-recession levels for most states. Faced with significantly falling tax revenues, states are also contending with increasing service demands, forcing many states to impose new limits on non-Medicaid long-term services and supports (LTSS). States are holding steady with Medicaid LTSS because funding from the ARRA stimulus funds requires them to maintain eligibility; however, many states expect they will need to make additional cuts in LTSS when the funds phase down and expire in June 2011.

On a brighter note, many states are using the economic downturn as an opportunity to balance services from institutional to noninstitutional settings. The Affordable Care Act provides states with new opportunities to expand home and community-based services, yet many states are reluctant to commit to these programs until further federal guidance is issued.

[Click here to read the full article and watch the video](#)

[Click here to read the California Report](#)

[Click here to view the AARP Fact Sheet that references this data](#)

Legislative & Policy News

Support SB33

In 2005, Senator Joe Simitian (D-Palo Alto) passed the Elder and Dependent Adult Financial Abuse Act (Senate Bill 1018). That law aims to prevent elder financial abuse by mandating that financial institutions, the frontline for witnessing financial abuse first hand, report financial abuse to authorities. Senate Bill 33 extends the Elder and Dependent Adult Financial Abuse Act by eliminating a January 1, 2013 sunset date in the law.



Join with EAP in writing a letter of support for SB33.

[More about SB33](#)

[More about SB 1018](#)

The following legislative and policy updates have been prepared by

California Elder Justice Workgroup (CEJW). To find out more about the work of CEJW, visit their wiki site: <https://cejw.pbworks.com>

CEJW Provides Testimony at Recent Assembly Joint Hearing on Elder Abuse

On February 22, 2011, the Aging & Long-Term Care and Public Safety Committee hosted the hearing *From Financial Scams to Surveillance Cams: A Spotlight on Elder and Adult Abuse*. The hearing was convened by Assemblymembers Yamada (D-Davis) and Ammiano (D-San Francisco) and brought together stakeholders from law enforcement, District Attorneys, APS, Ombudsman, Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse, and Advocacy Organizations. Lisa Nerenberg testified on behalf of CEJW.

[Read Her testimony and view handouts](#)

AG Harris Convenes "Smart Group" on Victim Needs

Shortly after taking office, California Attorney General Kamala Harris appointed the "Smart on Crime Work Group on Victims' Rights" to "tap the best practices in the field from other Attorneys General, law enforcement leaders, district attorneys, universities, foundations, think tanks and other leaders at the forefront of research, ideas and innovation." Small subcommittees focused on specific victims groups and contributed to a briefing paper for AG Harris. An Elder Abuse subcommittee, which was chaired by Gary Lieberstein, Napa County District Attorney (chair) also included CEJW chair Lisa Nerenberg, Honorable Julie Conger, founder of the Alameda Elder Protection Court; Ingrid M. Evans, consumer law attorney; Paul Greenwood, Deputy DA of San Diego County; Erin J. Martinelli, California District Attorney's Association; Tristan D. Svare, Deputy DA of San Bernardino County, and Mark Zahner, Chief of Prosecution, Attorney General, Bureau of MediCal Fraud and Elder Abuse.

Pilot Projects Under the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act to Begin in 2011-2012

The Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act (AB 590, Feur, D-Los Angeles) was signed into law in October 2009. Administered by the Judicial Council of California/Administrative Office of the Courts, the program is slated to start in 2011 and will be initially authorized for a three-year period. Funding will be generated by a \$10 fee increase on certain court services. California is the first in the nation to recognize a right to representation for low-income individuals in civil cases and to provide assistance for people fighting eviction, domestic abuse or neglect of the elderly or disabled, and loss of child custody. Announcements regarding awards are anticipated in May 2011.

[Click here for more information](#)

Obama Budget for FY 2012 Includes Elder Justice Act Funding

In their February 14, 2011 newsletter, the Elder Justice Coalition (EJC) announced that President Obama's FY 2012 budget proposed more than \$20 million in first time funding for programs included in the Elder Justice Act of 2010. The funding breakdown is as follows:

- Adult Protective Services (APS)-\$16.5 million for State Adult Protective Services demonstrations to improve operations. Of these funds, \$1.5 million will be targeted for coalition building, training and technical assistance, elder rights program development and research for preventing and addressing elder abuse within Tribal nations according to the Administration on Aging (AoA).
- Long-term Care Ombudsman Program-an additional \$5 million to improve resident advocacy to elders and adults with disabilities

who live in long-term care settings.

[Learn more about the Elder Justice Coalition](#)

Money Follows the Person (MFP) Demonstration Program Extended an Additional 5 Years

On February 22, 2011, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced that nationally, \$4.3 billion in new funds will be provided to help establish and expand community-based alternatives to institutional long term care. Through the Affordable Care Act (ACA), 13 states will receive additional funding for two programs, the Money Follows the Person (MFP) demonstration program and the Community First Choice Option program. California and 28 states plus the District of Columbia already operate MFP programs. [Read the press release](#)

Calendar of Events

Elder Abuse Prevention (EAP) Program Events

EAP hosts educational and networking meetings detailed below, including [Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month events](#). For further information please contact the EAP program. eap@ioaging.org
415-750-4180 ext. 222



Multidisciplinary Team Meeting (MDT)

Professionals from the fields of aging meet to review complex elder and dependent adult abuse cases and to learn about new services and resources. Since our meetings have merged with the San Francisco Elder Abuse Forensic Center case review meeting, our members now include community service providers, a psychologist, a psychiatrist, and a geriatrician, as well as representatives from Adult Protective Services, the San Francisco Police Department, the Public Guardian, and the DA's office. If you are a service provider dealing with a difficult case of elder abuse, feel free to contact us. We will consult with you to determine if presenting your case at the next MDT may be of benefit to you and your client.

When: 1:30-3:00 - 03/03/11, 04/21/11, 06/16/11, 08/04/11, 09/29/11, 11/17/11

Where: 1650 Mission St., 4th floor

Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month Events Hosted by EAP

1) Elder Abuse Prevention: Trends and Best Practices

Presenter: Erika Falk, Psy.D., Director, Geriatric Services, Institute on Aging, and Director, San Francisco Elder Abuse Forensic Center

When: May 5, 2011- 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Where: IOA's Senior Campus - 3575 Geary Blvd. in San Francisco

[Register Now!](#)

2) Train the Trainer - Seniors!

We are looking for individuals who are 50 years young or more who have

a passion for elder issues to join us for a two-day Elder Abuse Prevention training to become a trainer. In this two-day training you will

- Learn about elder abuse prevention and intervention
- Talk about elder abuse case examples
- Explore frequently asked questions
- Learn presentation skills
- Gain practical experience in facilitating trainings
- Earn an IOA education certificate

This event will be facilitated by Mary Twomey, MSW, and Erika Falk, Psy.D. Lunch will be served.

When: May 26 and 27, 2011- 10 AM-3PM

Where: IOA's Senior Campus - 3575 Geary Blvd. in San Francisco

3) Older and Wiser: Getting Better At Serving Older Adults

In Collaboration with The MHSA Training Institute

Facilitated by, Erika Falk, Psy.D.

Increasing longevity and the coming "silver tsunami" as the first baby boomers begin turning 65 in 2011 means that all health and mental health practitioners will need to better understand both the biopsychosocial complexities that accompany aging, and the opportunities for healing and continued growth.

Participants will:

- Understand how common medical conditions and medications can mimic neurocognitive and psychological disorders.
- Become more familiar with the strengths and weaknesses of common screeners for delirium, depression and neurocognitive disorders.
- Learn a range of interventions and resources that can enhance the ability of older adults to continue to live in the community.

When: May 20, 2011 1 PM-5 PM

Where: IOA's Senior Campus - 3575 Geary Blvd. in San Francisco

To register email: mhsatraininginstitute@gmail.com

4) Elder Abuse Prevention Trainings

The EAP is available to provide in-service training on topics of elder abuse and neglect and mandated reporting. This May, schedule a training as one of your elder abuse awareness month activities!

Info: email eap@ioaging.org or call (415) 750-4180 x222

Institute on Aging (IOA) Events

IOA's Education Department provides numerous professional trainings, seminars, and continuing education (CE) credits opportunities each year.

For more information go to: www.ioaging.org/education

Community-based Palliative Care

Presenter: Cristina Flores, PhD, RN, Director of Health Services Research

Institute on Aging

When: June 2, 2011 - 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Where: IOA's Senior Campus - 3575 Geary Blvd. in San Francisco

[Register Now!](#)

Other Community Events

Please contact event host individually for more details.

Call to Action 2011



Elder Financial Protection Network Call to Action - 7th Annual National Summit

Call to Action brings together hundreds of professionals representing financial institutions, law enforcement, social services, elder justice advocates, and the legal community to share

best practices and to express our collective determination to prevent elder financial abuse.

When: 8:30 AM-5 PM, March 31, 2011

Where: Mission Bay Conference Center UCSF

For more information or to register visit: <http://www.bewiseonline.org>

Elder Court Roundtable- Fresno Hosted by Fresno Superior Court

When: May 13, 2011

Where: BF SISK Courthouse, 630 "O" Street, Fresno California 93724

Pre-registration is required

Please contact Roxann Severin at Fresno Superior Court to register

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Elder Abuse Resources

The EAP has compiled a list of resources that we find valuable when working on issues of elder abuse. While this is not an exhaustive list, we hope you will find it useful.

[Click here to view resources](#)

Recently added resources

The New Old Age - NY Times Blog

<http://newoldage.blogs.nytimes.com>

Family Service Agency of San Francisco

www.fsasf.org

Legacy Film Series

www.legacyfilmseries.com

If you have resources that you would like to see added to this list, please email tguinn@ioaging.org

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