



2019 ANNUAL UPDATE

The mission of the North Carolina Partnership to Address Adult Abuse (NCP3A) is to promote safe communities for older adults and adults with disabilities in NC through prevention, recognition, protection and prosecution of abuse, neglect and exploitation.

NCP3A raises awareness about adult abuse, is a resource for education, offers a voice for advocacy, and provides access to a network of other professionals.

Membership:

The Partnership is composed of individuals, agencies and business members that support the mission of NCP3A. For the year 2018 – 2019 there are 17 organizational members and 14 individual members.

Budget:

The anticipated revenue and expenses for the year 2018-2019 were \$6,400.00 and \$6,134.00 respectively. A year end report will be available in July 2019.

Education:

NCP3A is committed to providing training and technical assistance about abuse, neglect and exploitation of older adults and adults with disabilities. The Partnership had five meetings-of-the-whole between July 1st 2018 and June 30th 2019. (A sixth had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.) Informative topics included: Joyce Massey-Smith, Director, NC Division of Aging and Adult Services, Orange County Rural Alliance (OCRA) & SALT Program, Sexual Violence Prevention for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities, Justice System & vulnerable adults and, the 2019 Annual Meeting and Conference.

Presentation material can be found at the website www.ncp3a.org and streamed on Facebook Live <https://www.facebook.com/ncpartnership>.

Advocacy:

The Advocacy Committee is a standing committee of the NCP3A. It is responsible for activities related to advocating for public policy and legislation that enhances the safety and well-being of older adults and adult with disabilities who are vulnerable to abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Anyone with interest in advocacy is welcome to participate.

The NC Partnership to Address Adult Abuse (NCP3A) joined with the NC Senior Tarheel Legislature, NC Social Services Consortium, AARP NC, NC Coalition on Aging, NC Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, and Friends of Residents of Long Term Care to support legislative action during the current session of the NC General Assembly to make needed improvements to North Carolina's Adult Protective Services (APS) system.

There is a profound, statewide, historic lack of resources needed to meet the needs of a growing number of abused, neglected, and financially exploited vulnerable adults as required by NC G.S. 108A, Articles 6 and 6A. Resources needed include (but are not limited to) funding for trained APS line staff and services to remediate abuse; support to modernize NC's Adult Protective Services (APS) statute and data system; requirements for mandated training and caseload size for APS staff.

This year the Partnership joined the newly formed National Network of State Elder Justice Coalitions <https://www.elderjusticecal.org/national-network.html>

Awareness:

John Maron, Director, Investor Education Program with the Securities Division of the NC Department of the Secretary of State and Stephanie Bias, NC Department of Insurance, SMP Program Coordinator, make many presentations across the state each year regarding financial fraud and abuse and Medicare fraud. At each of those presentations they raise awareness of NCP3A and its work to expand public understanding of the issue of victimization of older adults and adults with disabilities.

Between May 1, 2018 and April 30, 2019, the Investor Protection and Education Services team of the NC Department of the Secretary of State has conducted 114 educational outreach events. Approximately 4200 people either attended, listened to and/or viewed the events. We have conducted anti-fraud events in 52 different cities across 38 different counties. We continue to promote the Partnership in appropriate settings, and whenever we convene the NC Senior Consumer Fraud Task Force. Stephanie Bias conducted 116 Group Education, Outreach and Media efforts for the Seniors Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) and the North Carolina Senior Medicare Patrol Program (NCSMP) which included awareness of the mission and partnership of NCP3A reaching a total of 18,247 citizens comprised of Medicare beneficiaries, caregivers, valued aging and social service professional partners as well as the public. These opportunities occurred in all of North Carolina's 100 counties including media efforts.

Communications:

The Partnership utilizes its website nc3pa.org and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ncpartnership> to educate and inform. Tabletop displays, palm and business cards are used at events to promote the Partnership.

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