



NC Partnership To Address Adult Abuse

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A SHARED COMMITMENT TO PREVENTION AND PROTECTION:

Strengthening Partnerships to Prevent Adult Abuse

A Note From Our Chair



Serving as Chair of the North Carolina Partnership to Address Adult Abuse is incredibly meaningful to me because it allows me to advocate for some of our most vulnerable adults across the state. This role provides the opportunity to collaborate with other professionals, strengthen prevention efforts, and help ensure that victims of abuse, neglect, and exploitation have a voice and feel heard. I enjoy bringing partners together around a shared mission and working toward solutions that make a difference in our communities.

NCPAAA is currently seeking to fill our open Secretary position. If you are interested in serving and believe your skills and passion would make you a strong fit for the role, we would love to hear from you at ncpaaa@gmail.com.

2026 Virtual General Meeting Dates:

March 18th, May 13th and 14th (Annual Meeting),
July 15th, September 16th, November 18th.

Become a Member of the Partnership Today!

The Partnership is comprised of individuals, agencies and businesses that support the purposes of The Partnership and pay annual dues. Your membership and active participation strengthens our ability to meet our mission “to promote safe communities for older adults and adults with disabilities in NC through prevention, recognition, protection and prosecution of abuse, neglect and exploitation.”

Membership Options (The membership year is from July 1 through June 30):

- Individual Member: \$25
- Organization/Agency Member (Any number per agency, limited to two votes): \$50
- Student and individuals age 65 and older: \$10

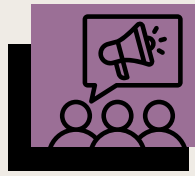


Visit www.ncp3a.org/membership and fill out the membership application to receive access to professional networking opportunities, education, advocacy tools, annual conference discounts and more!

NCP3A Testimonial

“I have appreciated the NC Partnership to Address Adult Abuse since its inception in 2015, and find great value when like-minded individuals, agencies and businesses collaborate with the same goal – to address adult abuse issues. I enjoy the annual conferences that are affordable, educational and offer excellent speakers. NCP3A is an important and vital organization in NC.

–Carolyn Pennington, Long-Term Care Regional Ombudsman



ADVOCACY UPDATES

Advocacy Update from Elder Justice Coalition

House and Senate leaders announced an agreement on remaining Fiscal Year 2026 funding and several healthcare provisions. As it relates to elder justice, as has been the case with many policy issues, the final agreement is far better than how last year began.

Three examples: **Adult Protective Services** was proposed for elimination in early 2025 Administration budget documents. This agreement specifically calls for dedicated APS formula grant funding of \$15 million. Overall, Title VII Elder Rights Support Activities is flat funded at \$33.9 million in the agreement.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman was also proposed for elimination in early 2025 Administration budget proposals. The final agreement calls for flat funding of \$26.68 million. **Social Services Block Grant** is funded at \$1.7 billion in this agreement. Learn more by visiting the [Elder Justice Coalition Website](#).

Elder Justice Coalition			
Current as of 1/20/2026			
Older Americans Act Programs: FY26			
Program Name	FY25 Final	FY26 Trump	FY26 Negotiated
Title III-B Home and Community-Based Services	\$410 million	\$410 million	\$414 million
Title III-C Nutrition	\$1.059 billion	\$1.059 billion	\$1.059 billion
Title III-D Preventive Health	\$26.3 million	\$26 million	\$26.3 million
Title III-E Family Caregiver Support Program	\$207 million	\$207 million	\$209 million
<i>National Family Caregiver Strategy</i>		\$2 million	\$3 million
Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program (CSEOA-DOL)	\$405 million	0	\$395 million
Title VI Native Americans Nutrition/Supportive Services	\$38.2 million	\$38.2 million	\$40.26 million
Title VI Native Americans Caregiver Program	\$12 million	\$12 million	\$14 million
Title VII Long-Term Care Ombudsman + Prevention of Elder Abuse Programs	\$26.68 million	\$26.6 million	\$26.68 million
Title VII Elder Rights Support Activities Total	\$33.9 million	\$33.9 million	\$33.9 million
<i>Adult Protective Services formula grants</i>			\$15 million
Block Grants: FY26			
Program Name	FY25 Final	FY26 Trump	FY26 Negotiated
Social Services Block Grant (HHS-ACF)	\$1.7 billion	\$1.7 billion	\$1.7 billion
Community Services Block Grant (HHS-ACF)	\$770 million	0	\$810 million
Community Development Block Grant (HUD)	\$3.3 billion	0	\$3.3 billion

None of these funding levels reflect the reality on the ground when it comes to elder abuse prevention. The immediate work of the EJC will be to increase these funding level for FY 2027 which begins on October 1, 2026.

TOOLS YOU CAN USE: THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE

In each issue, we will share tools you can put to work right away in your efforts to prevent and address adult abuse. The [U.S. Department of Justice Elder Justice Initiative \(EJI\)](#) offers a collection of practical, field-tested resources designed to improve how professionals prevent, identify, investigate, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. The site includes MDT guidance, investigative and prosecution tools, training materials, and publications that translate federal expertise into resources professionals can use in day-to-day work.

These materials are especially valuable because they clarify how different disciplines approach elder abuse cases and what each partner needs from the others:

- **APS professionals** can better understand what law enforcement and prosecutors require to move cases forward and how to document cases for potential prosecution.
- **Law enforcement officers and investigators** can access guidance specific to financial exploitation, interviewing older victims, and working within MDTs.
- **Prosecutors** will find toolkits and case guidance tailored to elder abuse and exploitation cases.
- **Attorneys and legal services providers** can use issue-specific guidance related to capacity, undue influence, and evidentiary considerations.
- **MDT coordinators and members** can use the MDT Guide and Toolkit to strengthen team structure, roles, and collaboration.
- **Victim advocates and service providers** can better understand the criminal justice process and how to support older adults through it.

If you are looking for credible, ready-to-use materials that help professionals work together more effectively on complex adult protection cases, the [Elder Justice Initiative website](#) is an excellent place to start.



Bonus Resource: [Online Scams Targeting Older Adults: 5 Cybersecurity Tips to Stay Safe](#)

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: SAFE ACCESSIBLE FORENSIC INTERVIEWING FOR ELDERLY (SAFE) TRAINING



REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE

The [North Carolina Partnership to Address Adult Abuse \(NCP3A\)](#) is offering SAFE (Safe Accessible Forensic Interviewing for Elders) training as its 2026 annual conference. This two-day training focuses on victim-centered, trauma-informed interview techniques for communicating with older adults who are alleged victims of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. While this course is not designed specifically for forensic interviewers, it is ideal for adult protective services professionals, law enforcement, prosecutors, victim services professionals, medical professionals, and others who regularly engage with older adult victims.

Trainer: Modell Consulting Group

Dates: May 13–14, 2026

Time: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm each day

Location: Valerie C. Woodard Complex, 3205 Freedom Drive, Charlotte, NC 28208

There is no registration fee. Lunch and snacks will be provided both days. Attendees are responsible for travel and any overnight accommodations. Note: NCP3A offers scholarships to eligible professionals to support attendance at qualifying events. Visit the NCP3A website for details about eligibility and how to apply.



STATE-WIDE EVENTS & AWARENESS

The New Year brings new opportunities to raise awareness about the Partnership and the important work being done to combat abuse of adults. Please share any upcoming activities or events from your organization so we can help spread the word. The Partnership's Calendar of Events (www.ncp3a.org/calendar.html) allows you to link your organization's calendar so events automatically appear in real time. For help linking calendars, [contact John Maron](#)

In January, partners participated in several outreach efforts, including a virtual "Medicare Scams and Elder Fraud" Lunch and Learn hosted by the Retired Government Employees Association with 277 attendees. NCP3A was highlighted as a valued partner, and updates were shared at multiple meetings and with retiree groups across the state. John Maron also provided an NCP3A update at the NC Senior Consumer Fraud Task Force quarterly meeting. Upcoming events include Scam Jams hosted by Haywood County Senior Resource Center (March 17), and Cumberland County Council on Older Adults (March 19).

[Visit our website](#) to view upcoming meetings, membership information, scholarship information, events, resources and more!

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and quarterly newsletters!

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Next General Meeting:

March 18, 2026

via Zoom

9:30 am – 11:30 am

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