NC Partnership To Address Adult Abuse

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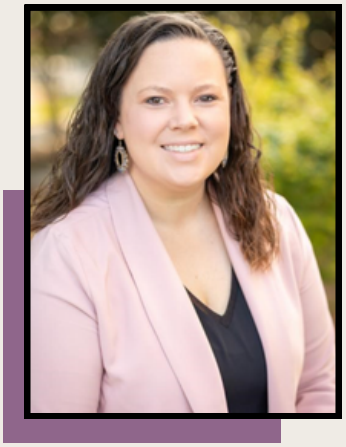
A SHARED COMMITMENT TO PREVENTION AND PROTECTION:

Strengthening Partnerships to Prevent Adult Abuse



A Note From Our Chair

June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month, a time to recognize the importance of protecting older adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Elder abuse can happen to anyone and may include physical, emotional, financial, or verbal harm. By staying connected, showing kindness, and speaking up when something feels wrong, we can help create a safe and supportive community for all seniors. Together, we can raise awareness and ensure every older adult is treated with dignity, respect, and care.

2026 Virtual General Meeting Dates:
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!

ADVOCACY UPDATES

Elder Justice Reauthorization and Modernization Act of 2026 What You Need to Know

The Elder Justice Reauthorization and Modernization Act of 2026 (HR 8060) was recently introduced by Representatives Richard Neal and Suzanne Bonamici.

The Act proposes increased funding to support APS at the state and local levels for each year through federal fiscal year 2030. The bill authorizes $500 million per fiscal year, an increase over the current statute and past proposals, with a reserve set aside of 2% to support tribal APS programs.

According to the National APS Association, the funding levels proposed would immensely help states and tribes to effectively respond to the growing numbers of reports being made to APS across the nation. An authorization of $500 million is moving in the right direction but much more is needed. It is essential that APS receives an increase in appropriations beyond the inadequate $15 million currently authorized.

Tell your Congressional Representative to co-sponsor the Elder Justice Reauthorization and Modernization Act and support APS. Easily email a message or make a call with the NAPSA and EJC Action Alert.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE: SIMPLE WAYS TO RECOGNIZE WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is just a couple of weeks away, and many organizations across North Carolina are already making plans. If your organization has not had time to organize something, there is still an opportunity to participate in a meaningful way.

Many agencies are managing staff turnover, high caseloads, and increasingly complex cases. **Recognizing WEAAD does not have to be time-intensive to be effective.** Small, visible actions can help raise awareness and reinforce your community's commitment to preventing abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Here are a few simple, low-effort ideas:

- **Wear purple**

Designate a day for staff and partners to wear purple, the color of WEAAD. A group photo shared internally or on social media can extend the message with minimal effort.

- **Set up a resource table**

A small table at a community event, farmers market, or government office can provide accessible information and spark conversation.

- **Use your existing communication channels**

Post a brief message, statistic, or resource on your agency's social media platforms to acknowledge the day and promote awareness.

Even small actions can make a difference. WEAAD is an opportunity to raise awareness, strengthen partnerships, and remind communities that preventing adult abuse is a shared responsibility.

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

This year's NCPAAA Annual Conference was held in Charlotte, NC May 13-14, 2026. We were fortunate to be able to offer a free two-day SAFE Training (Safe Accessible Forensic Interviewing for Elders) presented by Modell Consulting Group and the Department of Justice Elder Justice Initiative grant. Through our generous sponsors, the North Carolina Department of Insurance and United Healthcare, we were able to provide lunches and snacks both days. This year, NCP3A awarded three scholarships for travel expenses associated with the conference.

STATE-WIDE EVENTS & AWARENESS

In advance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) on June 15th, NC Governor Josh Stein has issued a proclamation designating May as "Older Americans Month". The NC Department of Health and Human Services' annual WEAAD event is entitled "WEAAD 2026: Hands, Hearts, Action! – Small Steps Toward Big Change" and will be held at their new headquarters office at 1915 Human Services Way in Raleigh from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. The Piedmont Triad AAA will be holding their Elder Abuse Awareness Walk, Stroll and Roll on Saturday, June 13th at Triad Park, 9652 West Market St. Kernersville, starting at 9:00am. 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

Partnership members and Awareness Committee Co-Chairs, Stephanie Bias (NC Dept. of Insurance, SHIIP/SMP) and John Maron (NC Dept. of the Secretary of State), continue to criss-cross the state representing their respective agencies and the Partnership at various anti-fraud events, many of which have been organized by other Partnership organizations and feature representatives from the NC Attorney General's Office and local law enforcement. Of growing concern are scams in which vulnerable adults are enticed into making fraudulent payments using cryptocurrency ATMs. Partnership member, AARP NC, recently organized a public media event in conjunction with Fuquay-Varina Police Department where they visited stores in the Raleigh/Cary area and encouraged store owners to post signs near the crypto ATMs warning of the possibility of scams. ABC11 aired a story on this effort.

Visit our website to view upcoming meetings, membership information, scholarship information, events, resources and more!

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Next General Meeting:

July 15, 2026
via Zoom
9:30am-11:30am
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