

The Elder Justice Roadmap: A Call To Action

What is the Elder Justice Roadmap?

Having solicited input from 750 stakeholders and subject matter experts from around the country, the Roadmap provides a resource for strategic planning to combat elder abuse. It identifies priorities and strategies for public and private engagement at the local, state and federal levels.

The Elder Justice Roadmap identified the field's most urgent needs, categorized them into four domains and outlined the highest priorities:

Direct Services

- Care management
- Caregiving workforce
- Cultural sensitivity
- Geriatric expertise
- Multidisciplinary teams

Education

- Cultural competency
- Enlarge network of expert educators
- Identify target populations and communities for training
- Public awareness

Policy

- Adult Protective Services
- Funding and implementation of laws
- Infrastructure
- Long-term care
- Program evaluation

Research

- Clarify definitions
- Define successful outcomes
- Enhance the cadre of researchers
- National research centers
- Research translation

Some Groups Who Are Already On The Road:

- Cataloging and assessing current training material begun (Keck School of Medicine of USC funded by the Archstone Foundation)
- Minnesota Elder Justice Center founded (an advocacy collaborative at the William Mitchell College of Law)
- National grassroots elder justice movement launched (Ageless Alliance 501 (c)(3))
- National MDT planning meeting hosted (by the NYC Elder Abuse Center, Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging and the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention)

Things You Can Do To Begin Your Journey:

- Become a member or start a multidisciplinary team in your area
- Collaborate with your local academic institutions on research
- Compile relevant resources and toolkits to train and educate others
- Educate local clergy and others from your faith community
- Include older people's input in all aspects of elder justice efforts
- Partner with like-minded organizations to educate caregivers about elder abuse
- Utilize social media outlets to raise awareness

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