

## RESOURCES FOR VULNERABLE ADULTS & FAMILIES AFFECTED BY ABUSE, NEGLECT, SELF-NEGLECT, OR EXPLOITATION

\*\*\*This resource list is intended for families and the general public. **NIH Staff:** for information on reporting requirements, please consult policy [M97-5 "Identifying and Reporting Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Neglect, Self-Neglect or Exploitation"](#) .

### NATIONAL RESOURCES

[National Center on Elder Abuse](#) – Administration on Aging, DHHS website with a compendium of fact sheets, publications, training materials and [state specific listings](#) of help lines, hotlines, state laws, state specific data and other resources.

[Eldercare Locator](#) – federal site helps identify services for older or vulnerable adults and their families, searchable by zip code or city/state.

[US Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime](#) – federal site focused on addressing elder fraud and abuse, site also offers publications, resources, and training and technical assistance related to elder fraud and abuse.

[Elder Justice Initiative](#) – US Department of Justice is committed to fighting for justice for older Americans.

[Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse & Neglect](#) – Administration on Aging funded clearinghouse on information related to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

[National Institute on Aging](#) – NIH Institute with information and resources for identifying and preventing elder abuse.

[Justice in Aging](#) – focused on protecting the rights of low-income older adults through advocacy and education.

### LOCAL RESOURCES

[Maryland Department Human Services Adult Protective Services](#) – state agency that oversees adult protective services, contains legal definitions, reporting instructions, [project SAFE](#) (stop adult financial exploitation) and a statewide listing of adult protective service [hotlines by county](#).

[Maryland Department of Aging](#) – information and resources to identify services and programs for vulnerable and older adults.

[DC Adult Protective Services](#) – Provides information, resources, and investigates reports of suspected abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults.

[DC Department of Aging and Community Living](#) – locate resources and services for older adults.

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[Virginia Adult Protective Services](#) - State agency that oversees child protective services, contains legal definitions, and many resources for identifying and reporting abuse neglect, including training modules for mandated reporters. Also contains a statewide listing of child protective service [hotlines by county](#).

[Virginia Office for Aging Services Dept of Community Living](#) – State agency overseeing local [area agencies on aging](#) providing a variety of services for seniors.

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