

**Aging and Adult Services Agency**  
**Prevent Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Exploitation, Neglect Today Initiative**  
**FY 2017 Grantees**

**Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University**

*Award: \$167,071*

The Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University will create a new financial exploitation educational and prevention program, as well as expand on current efforts in early detection and investigation of financial crimes perpetrated against older adults. The project will prevent financial exploitation and lessen the health consequences for victims.

Website: [www.iog.wayne.edu](http://www.iog.wayne.edu)

Contact: Dr. Peter Lichtenberg, Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University, [p.lichtenberg@wayne.edu](mailto:p.lichtenberg@wayne.edu)

**Great Lakes Legal, Inc.**

*Award: \$120,000*

Great Lakes Legal, Inc. will expand on efforts to support elder mediation services for family conflicts that are not well-suited for the courts. The project will protect seniors' right to self-determination, improve communication, preserve relationships and reduce costs.

Website: [www.nlsmichigan.org](http://www.nlsmichigan.org)

Contact: Antonia B. Harbin, MBA, JD, Great Lakes Legal, Inc., [aharbin@wcnls.org](mailto:aharbin@wcnls.org)

**Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan**

*Award: \$100,000*

The Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM) will expand its current efforts to conduct statewide trainings for financial services employees and local law enforcement to prevent, identify, and respond to vulnerable adult financial abuse. The project will increase the effectiveness of local investigative teams, as measured by increased investigative activity and more cases being forwarded for prosecution.

Website: [www.michiganprosecutor.org](http://www.michiganprosecutor.org)

Contact: Ryan C. Painter, PAAM, [painterr@michigan.gov](mailto:painterr@michigan.gov)

**Region 2 Area Agency on Aging**

*Award: \$91,007*

The Region 2 Area Agency on Aging will improve elder abuse prevention efforts in Jackson County by creating a temporary emergency safe haven for older adults involved in a neglect and abuse situations. The project will collaborate with Adult Protective Services and other local agencies, volunteers and other community resources to identify and empower adults who are at risk or being abused to get the assistance they need to regain their safety and dignity.

Website: [www.r2aaa.net](http://www.r2aaa.net)

Contact: Julie Wetherby, Region 2 Area Agency on Aging, [julie.wetherby@r2aaa.net](mailto:julie.wetherby@r2aaa.net)

**Area Agency on Aging Region IIIA**

*Award: \$76,180*

The Area Agency on Aging Region IIIA will support the Kalamazoo County Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition to create multidisciplinary and specialty teams to support elder abuse investigations. This includes a financial exploitation review team, a vulnerable adult hoarding review team and an elderly and vulnerable adult death review team.

Website: [www.kalcounty.com/aaa](http://www.kalcounty.com/aaa)

Contact: Judy Sivak, Area Agency on Aging Region IIIA, [jasiva@kalcounty.com](mailto:jasiva@kalcounty.com)

**Detroit Area Agency on Aging**

*Award: \$75,000*

The Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA) will engage faith-based organizations and other key community stakeholders in the development and implementation of elder abuse prevention efforts tailored for faith-based organizations and minority older adults. The project will increase elder abuse awareness, detection, and service interventions through faith-based organizations.

Website: [www.detroitseiorsolution.com](http://www.detroitseiorsolution.com)  
Contact: Paul Bridgewater, DAAA, [bridgewaterp@daaa1a.org](mailto:bridgewaterp@daaa1a.org)

### **Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress**

*Award: \$75,000*

The Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP) will enhance training curriculum with improved case scenarios and resource materials designed to increase public awareness of the issues and promote increased reporting of incidences of abuse, neglect and exploitation. The project will increase public awareness and reporting of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation, in an effort to reduce the number of reported cases of crimes against older and vulnerable adults.

Website: [www.upcap.org](http://www.upcap.org)  
Contact: Jonathan Mead, UPCAP, [meadj@upcap.org](mailto:meadj@upcap.org)

### **Disability Network Oakland & Macomb**

*Award: \$70,000*

The Disability Network Oakland & Macomb (DNOM) will provide mobile outreach to educate target populations about elder and vulnerable adult abuse, neglect and exploitation. The project will support abuse detection and reporting training for various stakeholders, including financial services employees in an effort to detect and report crimes against older and vulnerable adults.

Website: [www.dnom.org](http://www.dnom.org)  
Contact: Kelly Winn, DNOM, [kwinn@dnom.org](mailto:kwinn@dnom.org)

### **Jewish Senior Life**

*Award: \$65,000*

Jewish Senior Life (JSL) will continue to support its Center for Elder Abuse Prevention, which seeks to empower victims of elder abuse through safe haven and services, and to champion a safer Michigan for older adults. The project will provide support for the center's continued operation and help raise awareness about elder abuse, neglect and exploitation in the local community.

Website: [www.jslmi.org](http://www.jslmi.org)  
Contact: Barbra Giles, JSL, [bgiles@jslmi.org](mailto:bgiles@jslmi.org)

### **Northeast Michigan Community Services Agency/Region 9 Area Agency on Aging**

*Award: \$45,000*

The Northeast Michigan Community Services Agency/Region 9 Area Agency on Aging (NEMCSA) will develop and expand a program to raise awareness and increase prevention efforts around elder abuse, specifically senior bullying. The project will decrease bullying behavior and increase empathy by training staff of Councils/Commissions on Aging, adult foster care facilities, and homes for the aged.

Website: [www.nemcsa.org/Region\\_9.aspx](http://www.nemcsa.org/Region_9.aspx)  
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### **Sixty Plus Inc., Elderlaw Clinic**

**Award: \$33,950**

Sixty Plus Inc., Elderlaw Clinic will convert the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's, "Managing Someone Else's Money" guides into Michigan-specific educational materials. The educational materials will then be part of a training and education campaign that will target high-risk communities to help reduce the incidence of financial exploitation of vulnerable and older adults.

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