



ELDER ABUSE TASK FORCE

SET OF SECOND INITIATIVES

- 1. Establish a court watcher program to monitor adult guardian and conservator hearings to highlight the court's transparency and help determine whether issues need to be addressed to strengthen the rights of elderly and vulnerable adults.
- 2. Provide comprehensive training to implement the [Financial Exploitation Prevention Act](#).
- 3. Develop local level multidisciplinary teams by publishing updated protocols, identifying successful teams, encouraging mentorships, and facilitating productive collaboration.
- 4. Encourage and facilitate probate court referrals of financial exploitation to local prosecutors by developing an easily accessible form.
- 5. Pass a family consent law that allows family members to consent to medical treatment thus reducing the number of necessary guardianships.
- 6. Pass a visitation law that better protects a legally incapacitated individual's right to communicate, visit, or interact with a person of their choosing.
- 7. Revise power of attorney statute to increase acceptance and reduce fraud.
- 8. Revise consumer protection laws to include criminal penalties for violations involving victims over 80 years old and increase the associated civil penalty.
- 9. Provide statutory procedure for vulnerable adults to remove unwanted occupants from their home.
- 10. Refresh partnership with Social Security Administration to identify instances of embezzlement from vulnerable adults in nursing homes. Send letters to all nursing homes soliciting information on suspicious financial activity, *i.e.*, known resident income coupled with history of non-payment. Take appropriate enforcement action.

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