



# National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative (NIEJI): Using NIEJI as a Resource

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*"Restoring respect and dignity by honoring Indigenous elders"*



## What is NIEJI?

### ❖ National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative

- National Resource Center for Indigenous Elder Abuse Information and Technical Assistance
- Initiative to
  - Increase Awareness about Elder Abuse in Indian Country
  - Provide Culturally Relevant Materials on Elder Abuse
  - Provide Technical Assistance to Indigenous Groups on establishing elder abuse codes, policies and services
  - Increase the data available on indigenous elder abuse.



## NIEJI Resources

- ❖ Web page <http://www.nieji.org>
- ❖ Technical Assistance for PSA
- ❖ Resources
  - Publication
  - Presentations
  - Product Examples
- ❖ Tribal Elder Abuse Codes
- ❖ State/Tribal Hotline Map
- ❖ Training Modules
  - Elder Abuse, Financial, Social Services, Caregiving,
  - **Coming Soon!-Policy, Legal, and Health Care**



## NIEJI Home Page



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### National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative

Most cases of elder abuse are undetected, under reported, and unresolved resulting in injury, financial decimation, and even death. The National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative (NIEJI) was created to address the lack of culturally appropriate information and community education materials on elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation in Indian Country. Some of the undertakings of the initiative include:

- Establish a resource center on elder abuse to assist tribes in addressing indigenous elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
- Identify and make available existing literature, resources and tribal codes that address indigenous elder abuse.
- Develop and disseminate culturally appropriate and responsive resources for use by tribes, care providers, law enforcement and other stakeholders.

NIEJI is funded by the [Administration for Community Living](#) to provide research, education, and training for the identification and prevention of elder abuse in Indigenous communities. This program serves American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elders in an effort to improve their quality of life. The project is housed at the [University of North Dakota Center for Rural Health](#).

### Join the Conversation





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## Elder Abuse Awareness Videos

We need your help! NIEJI would like to add additional videos in your traditional language!

- [Learn how to submit your video](#)

Wilson Wewa, NIEJI Public Service Announcement



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- [News & Events](#)  
News, events, conference and seminars
- [Publications](#)  
Newsletter articles, research reports and other documents
- [Presentations](#)  
Presentations/poster presentations from related meetings and conference
- [Product Examples](#)  
Items created by Elder Abuse prevention grantees
- [Websites & Tools](#)  
Related websites



# Publications

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**Other Resources**

- News & Events
- Publications**
- Presentations
- Product Examples
- Websites & Tools

## Publications

### NIEJI Publications

- [Lifelong Disparities among Older American Indians and Alaska Natives](#)  
AARP Policy Institute  
Goins, R.T., Schure, M., Crowder, J., Baldrige, D., Benson, W., Aldrich, N.
- [Contributing Factors to American Indian/Alaskan Native Elders' Quality of Life Fact Sheet](#)  
Lyons, L., Wheeler, M., Gray, J., Bluehouse, R., Gomez, T., Morgan, R.  
August 2015
- [Identity Theft Among American Indian and Alaskan Native Elders Fact Sheet](#)  
Riley, D., Wheeler, M., Gray, J., Bluehouse, R., Gomez, T., Morgan, R.  
July 2015
- [Technology Use Among American Indian/Alaskan Native Elders Fact Sheet](#)  
Azure, W., Wheeler, M., Gray, J., Bluehouse, R., Gomez, T., Morgan, R.  
July 2015
- [American Indian FAQs](#)
- [Model Civil Elder Abuse Code](#)
- [Model Criminal Elder Abuse Code](#)



# Other Publications

## Other Publications

- [Tech Tips for Older Adults: Tech Safety](#)  
National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life, 2015
- [Tech Tips for Older Adults: Tech Safety](#)  
National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life, 2015
- [Tech Tips for Older Adults: Online Privacy & Safety](#)  
National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life
- [Technology and Abuse in Later Life](#)  
National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life
- [Understanding Elder Abuse](#)  
Fact Sheet, 2013  
National Center for Injury Prevention and Control



# Presentations

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**Other Resources**

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- Websites & Tools

## Presentations

All files are in PDF format 

### NIEJI Presentations

- [Disrespect of Our Elders: Elder Abuse in Indian Country](#)  
[View Webinar](#) | [Webinar Transcript](#)  
 Presentation  
 Presented by Gray, J. on May 10, 2017 at the APS Research to Project (R2P), Webinar Series
- [Elder Abuse and Grandparent Abuse](#)  
 Presentation  
 Presented by Henry, S. on April 3, 2017 at the Honoring Elder Wisdom Conference, Walker, Minnesota
- [Native Elder Abuse Online Interactive Educational Training Modules](#)  
 Presentation  
 Presented by Gray, J., Henry, S. on Nov 16, 2016 at the Long-Term Services Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- [Native Elder Abuse Online Interactive Educational Training Modules](#)  
 Presentation  
 Presented by Henry, S. on Sep 14, 2016 at the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) Conference, Niagara, New York



# Product Examples

Other Resources

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- Websites & Tools

## Product Examples

The following are items created by Elder Abuse prevention grantees.

- [2016 Stop Elder Abuse Calendar](#)
- [Banner](#)
- [Billboard](#) | [Billboard Proof](#)
- [Placemat Example 1](#)
- [Placemat Example 2](#)

### Flyers

- [Ways to Love our Elders Poster](#)





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# Poster

## Ways to Love Our Elders

**LISTEN** • Hug them • Be **PROUD** of them • Tell them you **LOVE** them • Take them out to eat • Open the door • Steady them so they won't fall • Brush their hair • Have them teach you **TRADITIONS** • Spend time with them • Make them a cup of tea • Cook their favorite food • Take them to a movie • Take them out for a meal • Sing together • Dance • Sweep the floor • Wash their clothes • Take out the trash • Be **PATIENT**, let them take their time • Clean their yard • Talk with them • Spend your own money on them • Make sure they are dressed warmly for the weather • Bring children to **VISIT** • Play games together • Pray with them • **RESPECT** their spiritual beliefs • Give birthday gifts • Remember them on holidays • Tell them the latest news (gossip) • Shake their hands • Make their bed • **HELP** them get dressed for the day • Clean out the stove • Check their windows & doors • Fix the fence or gate • Feed the dogs & horses • Make fry bread • **RESPECT** their history • Ask about their childhood • Ask them to tell you a story • Tell a story • Talk about what you did today • Read the newspaper • Be **KIND & RESPECTFUL** • Include them in your family plans so they won't be alone • Let grandma relax at gatherings instead of cooking • Tell a good **JOKE** • Clean their jewelry • Make jewelry, do bead work, weave or sew • Check to see if they are okay • Chop & haul wood • Offer to pay their utility bill • Buy some groceries, potatoes or flour • Play their favorite song • Wash the vehicle • Take **CARE** of their medications • Let them keep & enjoy their gifts • Bring them your favorite food • Treat grandma like a lady, open doors for her & let her go first • Give their change back, when they ask you to buy something for them • Give a cheerful greeting, say "Hello, Goodnight, I **LOVE** you." • **LEARN** to make traditional foods • Offer to interpret forms • Give them pictures of yourself • Let them be by themselves if they want • Make sure they have a first aid kit • Make sure their house is a safe place to be • **HELP** with farm belongings after work • Return



you use them • **RESPECT** their opinions • Sit with them • Buy a flashlight with batteries • Buy hair color if they want it • Take them to the flea market or garage sales • Make a sack lunch when they are traveling • **HELP** them watch their diet, less sugar, less fat, & less salt • **VISIT** elders in the nursing homes • Watch a movie together • **LEARN** Native words • **HELP** them find the restrooms at a restaurant or store • Go for a walk together • Take them to senior centers, special events, fairs, tribal meetings, & pow wows • Weed the garden • Buy them Kleenex, Vicks, eye drops, or Ben Gay • **LEARN** from their teachings • Clean their eyeglasses • **HELP** them remember

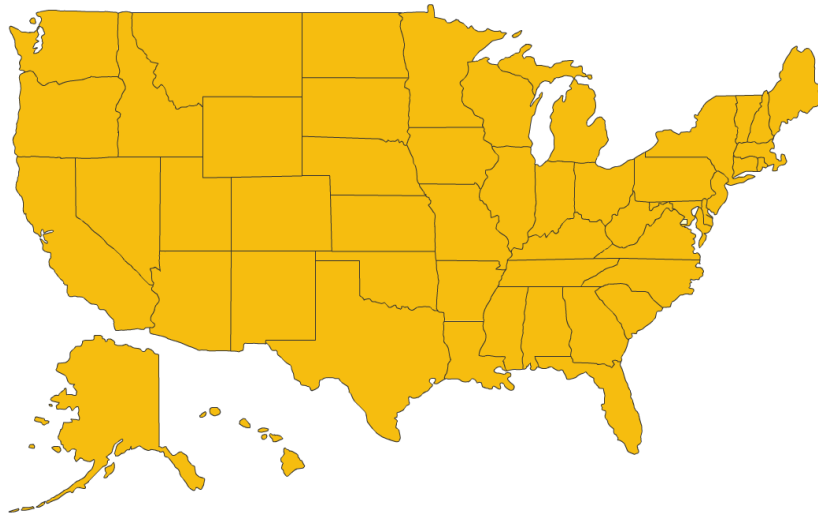
### Websites & Tools

- [Administration on Aging Native American Programs](#)
  - [Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program: Opportunities for Services for American Indians](#)
- [Assessment of Elder Mistreatment in Two American Indian Samples: Psychometric Characteristics of the HS-FAST and the Native Elder Life – Financial Exploitation and – Neglect Measures.](#)  
Jervis, L., Fickenscher, A., & Beals, J. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, April 1, 2013, 33: 255-257.
- [Baldwin Targets Senior Financial Fraud](#)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
  - [2013 Adult Protective Services Handbook](#)
- [Elder Financial Protection Network \(EFPN\)](#)
  - [What is Financial Abuse?](#)
  - [Who Are the Abusers?](#)
  - [Types of Abuse](#)
  - [Warning Signs](#)
  - [Report Suspected Abuse](#)
  - [Identity Theft](#)
  - [Protect Yourself](#)
- [Mandatory Reporting Provisions - Statutes by State](#)
- [National Adult Protective Services Association](#)

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- [National Adult Protective Services Association](#)
  - [Protecting Mom & Dad's Money — What to Do When You Suspect Financial Abuse](#)  
Consumer Reports magazine: January 2013
- [Native American Disability Law Center](#)
- [National Center on Elder Abuse](#)
  - [Addressing Elder Abuse with American Indian Tribes](#)
  - [Elder Abuse Awareness Kit](#)
  - [Elder Abuse Coalitions](#)
  - [Types of Elder Abuse](#)
- [National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse](#)
- [National Congress of American Indians](#)
  - [Resolution #SAC-06-073 Developing a Comprehensive Tribal Response to Elder Abuse](#)
- [National Indian Council on Aging](#)
  - [Elder Abuse in Indian Country](#)
  - [Native American Elder Abuse](#)
  - [Using Your Tribal Values to Develop an Elder Protection Code](#)
- [National Legal Resource Center](#)
- [Native American Rights Fund](#)
- [Nursing Response to Elder Mistreatment Curriculum](#)

## State/Tribal Hotlines

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### Select Your State

- [Alabama](#)
- [Alaska](#)
- [Arizona](#)
- [Arkansas](#)
- [California](#)
- [Colorado](#)
- [Connecticut](#)
- [Delaware](#)
- [Florida](#)
- [Georgia](#)
- [Hawaii](#)
- [Idaho](#)
- [Illinois](#)
- [Indiana](#)
- [Iowa](#)
- [Kansas](#)
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- [Rhode Island](#)
- [South Carolina](#)
- [South Dakota](#)
- [Tennessee](#)
- [Texas](#)
- [Utah](#)
- [Vermont](#)
- [Virginia](#)
- [Washington](#)
- [West Virginia](#)
- [Wisconsin](#)
- [Wyoming](#)

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https://www.niej.org/hotlines/montana

### Montana Tribal Hotlines

Blackfeet Nation	1-406-338-7521
Chippewa Cree Tribe	1-406-395-4282
Senior Center	1-406-395-4728
Social Services	1-406-395-4885
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes	1-888-835-8766 or 1-406-675-2700
Arlee Senior Citizens Center	1-406-726-3221
Elmo Senior Citizens Center	1-406-849-5055
Hot Springs Senior Citizens Center	1-406-741-3266
Polson Senior Citizens Center	1-406-883-6877
Ronan Senior Citizens Center	1-406-676-5495
St. Ignatius Senior Citizens Center	1-406-745-4240
Tribal Health and Human Services	1-406-745-3525
Crow Tribe	1-406-638-3700
Fort Belknap Indian Community Council	1-406-353-2205
Hays Senior Center	1-406-673-3234
Human Services	1-406-353-8376
Lodge Pole Senior Center	1-406-673-3488
Senior Citizens Center	1-406-353-8499
Social Services	1-406-353-8346
Fort Peck Tribal Council	1-406-768-5155

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## Additional Resources

- ❖ Training Modules for
  - Legal
  - Policy
  - Financial Exploitation
  - Health Care
  - Social Services
  - Caregivers
- More resources
- More fact sheets








# NIEJI Innovation Grant

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## NIEJI Innovation Grant

NIEJI Innovation Grant is focused upon development of innovative ways to address the issue of elder abuse among American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian programs.

The NIEJI Innovation Grant provides opportunities for tribes to:

- Develop elder abuse protection programs
- Gather tribal data about elder abuse in Indian Country
- Produce additional training modules for professionals on working with elder abuse in Indian Country

## Opportunities

- [Native Elder Abuse Innovation Awards 2017 Announcement \(RFP\)](#)
- [Elder Maltreatment Survey](#)



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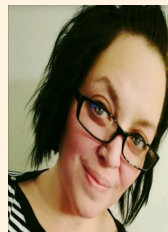


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