



## Native American Elder Abuse Online Interactive Educational Modules

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*“Restoring respect and dignity by honoring Indigenous elders”*



## Objectives

- ❖ Addressing Elder abuse in Indian Country.
- ❖ Purpose and goals for Online Educational training modules.
- ❖ Review of Native American Elder Abuse Online Interactive Educational Modules.

## What is Elder Abuse?

“Any knowing, intentional, or negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult.”

- National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA)

## Identifying Problems and Concerns

- ❖ The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA, 2005), estimated that for every reported case of elder abuse, 14 cases will go unreported.
- ❖ Little is known about how widespread elder abuse is in Indian Country.
- ❖ No infrastructure or coordinated systems currently in place for prevention, protection, and support for the elder.
- ❖ Understanding of what constitutes elder abuse is difficult, as many elders may only consider victimization as physical abuse, increasing risks of other forms of abuse.



## NIEJI's Intended Purpose

- ❖ General consensus that people may not know what constitutes elder abuse or neglect.
- ❖ Produce information on how to define and recognize elder abuse in Indian Country.
- ❖ Educate **EVERYONE** on elder abuse and neglect, and learn ways on how to help prevent it.
- ❖ Creation of culturally relevant materials providing viewers with training tools and information about elder abuse and neglect. Specifically geared for formal and informal care providers, law enforcement, and elders themselves.

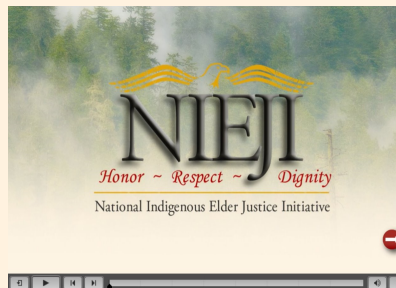


## Online Interactive Educational Modules

On June 15<sup>th</sup> 2016, NIEJI launched the Native American Elder Abuse Online Interactive Educational Modules. Available at [www.nieji.org](http://www.nieji.org)

Designed for professional disciplines working with and caring for Native Elders in a variety of settings.

- Elder
- Caregiving
- Social Services
- Financial
- Legal
- Policy
- Healthcare






## Interactive Icons

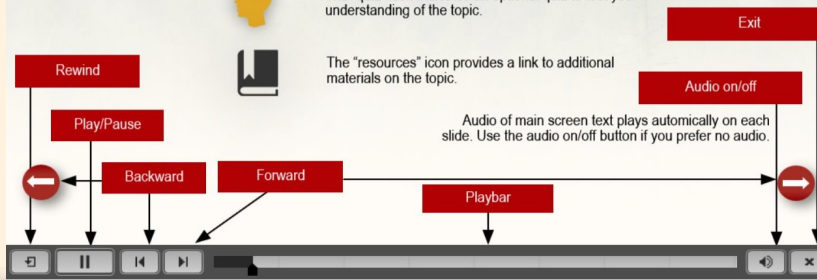
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### Interactive Icons

Some modules include icons that will allow you to access and interact with the material.

-  Clicking the "audio" icon provides an audio recording.
-  The "quiz" icon indicates an optional quiz to test your understanding of the topic.
-  The "resources" icon provides a link to additional materials on the topic.

Audio of main screen text plays automatically on each slide. Use the audio on/off button if you prefer no audio.



## Current Training Modules

Online educational modules on Elder Abuse and Neglect are located on the NIEJI website:

- We recommend users watch the "Elder" feather icon first as this is an introduction to all other modules.
- Three completed trainings for professionals in elder care fields; Social Services, Financial, and Caregivers.
- We are currently working on training modules for Policy, Legal, and Health Care workers.





## Online Interactive Educational Modules

- ❖ Modules contains valuable information to gain cultural understanding and best practices in the various disciplines addressing elder abuse and neglect in Indian Country.
- ❖ Each training module includes aims and learning objectives for professionals working closely with Native American elders.
- ❖ Included are ways to identify potential signs and risk factors for elder abuse and neglect, and how to report suspected abuse to proper authorities.
- ❖ Also included are culturally appropriate practices such as use of language while working with Native American elders. All of which will help the professional to address these concerns in a respectful manner which adheres to Native American traditional beliefs and practices.



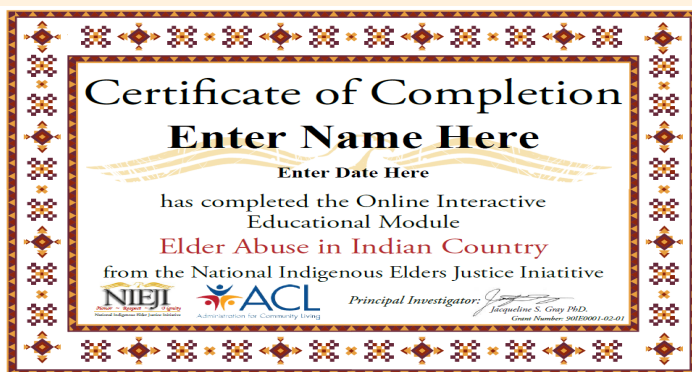
## NIEJI- Online Interactive Educational Modules

- ❖ Lets watch the NIEJI- Elder Abuse online educational modules!!!!
  - <https://www.nieji.org/training/elder-abuse/>



## Certificates of Completion

- ❖ Included is a certificate of completion at the end of each educational module.



## For More Information

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