



# Elder Mistreatment: A United States Perspective

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# **Increased Recognition as a Widespread and Serious Public Health Problem**

- Recent advances in prevalence research
- Population surveys found rates of 7.6 %, 9 % and 11 %
- 5.6 million victims 60 and over in the U. S.



# Recent Headlines

## **Elder abuse on rise**

**Economy adds to family stresses; Budget cuts limit options for care**

## **Man gets 28 months in elder abuse case**

**Former nurse's aide pleads guilty to abuse**

## **Long Beach Insurance Agent Charged with Grand Theft, Elder Abuse**

**Elder neglect trial begins with images of 'filth'**




# Elder Mistreatment: Key Areas for Action

- Elder Justice Roadmap
  - 750 stakeholders
  - Expert interviews
  - Extensive research review
- [http://ncea.aoa.gov/Library/Gov\\_Report/](http://ncea.aoa.gov/Library/Gov_Report/)




# Elder Mistreatment: 3 Key Areas for Action

- *Research:* Develop a knowledge base for elder mistreatment
- *Services:* Create a comprehensive network of elder mistreatment services and training opportunities
- *Policy:* Forge a coordinated policy approach to reduce elder mistreatment




# 1. Develop a knowledge base for addressing elder mistreatment

- Conduct scientific evaluation of elder mistreatment services
- Connect brain science to elder mistreatment research
- Conduct research on the scope and impact of financial exploitation and effective measures to reduce it
- Expand research on mistreatment in long-term care



## 2. Create a comprehensive network of services and training opportunities

- Expand the range of services for elder mistreatment
- Expand training opportunities for professionals
- Create a coordinated response on the local level



### 3. Forge a coordinated policy approach to reduce elder mistreatment

- Implement and build on the vision of Elder Justice Act
- Expand and coordinate collection of elder mistreatment data