



**Achieving safety, dignity and respect
for all NYC's elders through
steadfast commitment to collaboration
and inspired solutions.**



NYC Elder Abuse Center

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Welcome to the NYC Elder Abuse Center's Inaugural eNewsletter!

The NYC Elder Abuse Center (NYCEAC) seeks to coordinate responses to effectively help victims while efficiently utilizing resources. NYCEAC's monthly eNewsletter will provide timely, pertinent and practical information and resources professionals need to help elder abuse victims.

We hope you find the information provided in this eNewsletter useful. We welcome your feedback and ideas for future editions. Please email your thoughts and suggestions to info@nyceac.com.

Together we can prevent elder abuse - and increase victim safety, reduce suffering and improve the quality-of-life of older New Yorkers.

Regards,
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NYC Elder Abuse Center: Overview

Financial exploitation. Physical abuse. Psychological Abuse. Abandonment. Neglect. All are aspects of elder abuse, increasingly common nationwide, with over 75,000 older adults victimized in their own homes each year in NYC alone.

Elder abuse and neglect cases are heartbreaking and complex, requiring innovative solutions. As a result, the NYC Elder Abuse Center (NYCEAC)

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was launched in 2009 to respond to these cases with an unprecedented level of collaboration and coordination.

This is a new partnership of NYC's government and non-profit agencies, many of which have been addressing the problem of elder abuse for decades. Now, through NYCEAC, these organizations provide a streamlined and rapid response to elder abuse cases. In addition, the depth and breadth of expertise and resources of the participating agencies helps to minimize gaps and reduce systems fragmentation and overlap of services.

For more information, please see the [NYC Elder Abuse Center's website](#).



Multidisciplinary Teams

The NYCEAC coordinates and facilitates two teams. The Manhattan-based team is called the Elder Abuse Case Coordination and Review Team (EACCRT); the Brooklyn-based team is called the Brooklyn MDT.

Although the two teams are designed differently, both offer a central response point for the agencies and people working on elder abuse cases in the community. In addition, both MDTs serve as an important informational resource for professionals working in the health, mental health, public safety, justice/legal, victim assistance and social service systems.

Professionals throughout Brooklyn and Manhattan have an opportunity to present complex elder abuse cases to the MDTs and receive recommendations on assessment and interventions from the teams. For more information on these teams and how to refer a case to them, please refer to the NYCEAC's website - [EACCRT](#) and [Brooklyn MDT](#).

In-Service Orientations: Utilizing the MDTs

The NYC Elder Abuse Center's staff and team members conduct orientations on the MDTs - their goals, structure, intake processes - so that professionals will understand how to access the teams' services and how best to present cases to them. For more information about these educational opportunities for your staff, please email [Robin Roberts](#) or call her at 718-722-4839.



The Forum

The Forum is the interactive, go-to place to ask NYC colleagues from a range of disciplines and systems about resources, training materials, and practice issues related to elder abuse and neglect. [Join the conversation!](#)

Brooklyn Case Consultation Services

The NYCEAC offers medical and social work consultations for Brooklyn-based elder abuse cases. These case consultations are available at no fee to any professional assisting a Brooklyn-residing elder abuse victim. For more information about this service, please [click here](#).

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Brooklyn Medical and Mental Health Provider Directory

NYCEAC is developing a network of Brooklyn-based medical and mental health care providers to assist elder abuse victims. As an initial step towards accomplishing this goal, the Geriatric Mental Health Alliance and an Advisory Group surveyed providers to ascertain their interest in working with NYCEAC, their expertise in working with elder abuse victims and training needs.

For more information about the survey conducted and to download the directory with listings of Brooklyn medical and mental health providers available to assist victims, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

Upcoming MDT Meetings

Elder Abuse Case Coordination and Review Team (EACCRT) Meeting

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2011
Time: 9:30 AM -11:00 AM
Place: Convenient Manhattan location
RSVP: Email [Robin Roberts](#) or call at 718-722-4839.

Brooklyn MDT Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday mornings, 9:00-10:30 AM, 3 meetings/per month
Place: Downtown Brooklyn location
RSVP: Email [Robin Roberts](#) or call at 718-722-4839.

Contact Us

We want to hear from you! If you have ideas for articles or other suggestions about how this eNewsletter could be helpful to you in your work with elder abuse victims, please [email us](#) or call Risa Breckman at 212-746-1674.

Please forward this eNewsletter to anyone you think would benefit from it. *Thank you!*

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