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NYC Elder Abuse Center's eNewsletter

September/October 2016

## ***Greetings from the NYC Elder Abuse Center!***

We are delighted to announce the fourth anniversary of NYCEAC's *Elder Justice Dispatch Blog!*

A tradition we started three years ago is to summarize a number of blogs from the past year and provide links to them for further reading. This year's anniversary eNewsletter edition - **NYCEAC's Blockbuster Blogs from July 2015-June 2016** - features nine selected blogs covering a wide range of elder justice issues - from Native American Elder Justice to spotlighting the work of elder justice advocates.

Our eNewsletters always feature an inspiration section. Don't miss this month's inspiration, a poem by Stanley Kunitz. He received many honors for his poetry throughout his long life, including in 2000, being named, at age 95, the United States Poet Laureate.

**Acknowledgements:** A number of dedicated people provided time and talent to ensure these featured blogs contain quality content. Thank you to *Elizabeth Bloemen, Dr. Jacqueline Gray, Talitha Guinn, Marilyn Harris, Cara Kenien, Nancy Oatts, Glendalee Olivera and Ana Poblet-Kouttjie*, the authors of the blogs featured in this eNewsletter. A special thank you as well to *Kasey Brown*, NYCEAC's Program Assistant, for her editorial support, and to *Melanie Turner*, a NYCEAC Risk and Resiliency Internship Project Intern during 2016, for curating this eNewsletter.

Make sure to subscribe to the *Elder Justice Dispatch Blog* from our [home page](#). It's quick, easy and free to do! Once you subscribe, our weekly blog posts will be delivered right to your inbox and will cover a broad range of elder justice topics not typically discussed elsewhere.

Warm regards,

Risa Breckman, LCSW,  
Director, NYCEAC



## NYCEAC's Blockbuster Blogs: July 2015-June 2016

### Advice from the Professionals: Responding to Elder Abuse

This blog, [Elder Justice for Victims & Loved Ones](#), features an interview with Liz Loewy, and spotlights the importance of reporting and prosecuting elder abuse cases. Ms. Loewy served as New York County's District Attorney's Office's Elder Abuse Unit Chief for 18 years until last summer, and was lead prosecutor in the criminal trial involving the late Brooke Astor. In this blog she draws from her experience prosecuting this case as well as hundreds of other elder financial exploitation cases she handled during her time at the Manhattan DA's Office.



Liz Loewy

This blog, [Supporting Victims & Families through the Holidays](#), was reintroduced this year to reach individuals during the Holiday season. Holidays are a time of family gatherings and traditions. During the holidays, the past can be idealized, which can cause this time of year to be especially difficult for victims of elder abuse and those concerned about them. This blog provides useful tips for professionals supporting older victims and families during the holiday season.



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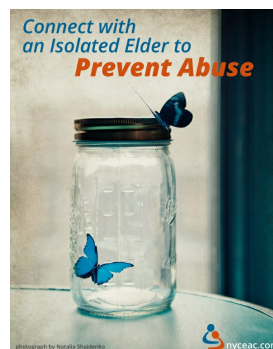
### Spotlights: Advocates in Elder Justice

This blog, [Healing Through Elder Justice Advocacy](#), spotlights Leanne Miller, an elder justice advocate and Ageless Alliance volunteer who was touched by elder abuse when her mother who has dementia was financially exploited by a family member. Leanne worked diligently to expose and end the abuse her mother faced, as well as pursue justice through prosecution. After living through this incredibly traumatic and painful experience, she developed a passion for raising awareness of elder abuse and using her story to help others.



Nancy Oatts Design

This blog, [It Became Love: One Advocate's Journey into the Elder Justice World](#), discusses how a multi-talented designer, writer, and artist became a passionate elder abuse advocate. Nancy Oatts was kind enough to sit down with NYCEAC's Social Media Manager to discuss her personal experience encountering elder abuse, the surprising journey on which it led her, and her hopes for a future where elder abuse is prevented through the relationships that are built between neighbors.



Nancy Oatts Design

NYCEAC's Blockbuster Blogs  
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#### Quick Links

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## Native American Elder Justice

There is a burgeoning elder justice movement among Native American, or indigenous American, tribes across the United States. NYCEAC's Social Media Manager had the wonderful opportunity of interviewing Dr. Jacqueline Gray, Project Director for the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative (NIEJI) to learn about the unique work NIEJI is doing in this area. This blog, [Native American Elder Justice Today](#), describes the current landscape of the indigenous elder justice movement, notes the specific challenges to this community, highlights the work currently being done, and serves as a resource for collaboration.



Dr. Jacqueline Gray, Project Director for the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative

## Prevention Campaigns: Spreading the Word



Convened in October 2015 by the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA), the Elder Justice League is comprised of elder justice advocates representing 11 organizations. Participating organizations have varying funding streams and missions, serve diverse populations, and share a wide breadth of expertise. This blog, [The Elder Justice League: Addressing Elder Abuse through Social](#)

[Media](#), outlines how the League raises awareness of elder abuse across social media platforms and takes elder justice conversations mainstream.

The blog, [NYC Elder Abuse Prevention Campaign](#), discusses the series of public service announcements displayed by the NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA) in April and May 2016. The ads stand out for their artistic quality, simplicity, and unmistakable message, that elder abuse crosses ethnic and gender lines and takes many forms - and that there are resources available to help.



This bold ad campaign raises awareness about elder abuse

## 10-Minute Interview: A Leader in the Field of Elder Justice

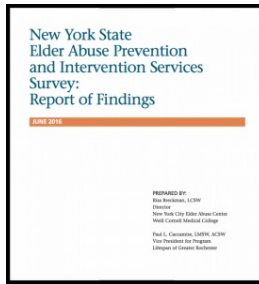


Andy Mao, Coordinator, Elder Justice Initiative

In this blog, [10 Minutes with Andy Mao: Coordinator of the Elder Justice Initiative at the US Department of Justice \(DOJ\)](#), NYCEAC talks with Andy Mao to chart the evolution of DOJ's Elder Justice Initiative, with a focus on one of his signature accomplishments there: the DOJ's Elder Justice Website.

## NYS Elder Abuse Service Gaps, Barriers & Solutions:

# A Report of Findings



This blog, [NY State Elder Abuse Prevention & Intervention Services Survey: Report of Findings](#), summarizes the results of a survey that assessed the current adequacy of elder abuse victim prevention and intervention services around New York State. The survey was developed by the NYC Elder Abuse Center (NYCEAC) and Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc. The full report can be accessed through this blog.

## Check Out the Elder Justice Events Calendar to Find Out What's Happening in NYC and Beyond



Are you sponsoring a community fair on aging services? A workshop on guardianships? A lecture on social isolation? A conference on caregiving? A webinar on responding to trauma in later life?

**If your event touches on any aspect of abuse, neglect and exploitation** - building awareness about it or focusing on prevention, response, education or research - **then please post your event on NYCEAC's events calendar.**

The [events calendar](#) was created with you in mind, responding to the need for a central place for the NYC elder justice community to list events related to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. This feature allows you to easily and quickly submit information. Check out what's happening on the events calendar, and if you want to [post an event](#), do so in seconds directly through NYCEAC's website.

## Learn More About Elder Justice Issues: Visit NYCEAC's eNewsletter Archives



NYCEAC's no cost eNewsletter is an excellent resource for an in-depth look at some of the most pressing issues in the field of elder justice. Each issue features new guest writers, case studies, and profiles of experts in New York City.

Launched in April 2011, NYCEAC's eNewsletter has explored a number of pertinent topics related to elder abuse:

- [Edition 1: Overview of the NYC Elder Abuse Center](#)
- [Edition 2: Guardianship and Alternatives to Guardianship](#)
- [Edition 3: Intimate Partner Abuse in Later Life](#)
- [Edition 4: NYC's Temporary Shelter Options for Elder Abuse Victims](#)
- [Edition 5: Capacity Evaluations in Elder Abuse Cases](#)
- [Edition 6: Social Media](#)
- [Edition 7: Exploring the Intersection of Elder Abuse and Mental Health](#)
- [Edition 8: Elder Justice in the Blogosphere](#)
- [Edition 9: I'll Stand by You: Recognizing Concerned Family, Friends and Neighbors in the Lives of Elder Abuse Victims](#)
- [Edition 10: 10 Elder Justice Blogs to Inform and Inspire](#)
- [Edition 11: Web-based Elder Abuse "Quick Clips" Educational Videos](#)
- [Edition 12: 11 Elder Justice Blogs to Inform and Inspire](#)
- [Edition 13: Elder Justice Research Roundup - Special edition, WEAAD](#)

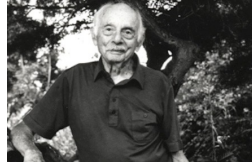


These editions are [archived](#) on NYCEAC's website. To subscribe at no cost, [click here](#).

We want to hear from you. We are eager to help you in your work to increase the dignity and safety of older adults. If you have an elder justice-related topic you would like us to write about, please contact us and let us know your idea.

## Inspiration

Stanley Kunitz (1905-2006) was 95-years old when he was named, in 2000, the United States Poet Laureate. Below is an excerpt from Kunitz's poem, "The Layers" (1978). (Visit the [Poetry Foundation's website](#) to read the [full poem](#) and find out more about [Stanley Kunitz](#).)



Courtesy of Ted Rosenberg and the [Poetry Foundation](#)

"Yet I turn, I turn,  
exulting somewhat,  
with my will intact to go  
wherever I need to go,  
and every stone on the road  
precious to me.  
In my darkest night,  
when the moon was covered  
and I roamed through wreckage,  
a nimbus-clouded voice  
directed me:  
"Live in the layers,  
not on the litter."  
Though I lack the art  
to decipher it,  
no doubt the next chapter  
in my book of transformations  
is already written.  
I am not done with my changes."

## Case Consultations and Upcoming Multidisciplinary Team Meetings

Professionals throughout Brooklyn and Manhattan have an opportunity to receive case consultations on elder abuse cases in two ways:

- 1) 1:1 case consultations are provided by NYCEAC's social worker, geriatrician, geropsychiatrist and forensic accountants. For access to these consultants, email [Peg Horan](#) or call her at (917) 519-1514.
- 2) Professionals working with Brooklyn and Manhattan-residing elder abuse victims can present complex elder abuse cases to the NYCEAC's multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) in Manhattan and Brooklyn. For more information, please refer to the individual sections of NYCEAC's website re: the MDTs: [EACCRT](#), [Brooklyn MDT](#) and [Manhattan EMDT](#).

The following are dates for upcoming MDT meetings:

### Elder Abuse Case Coordination and Review Team (EACCRT) Meeting

2016 Meetings: Wednesday mornings, 5 meetings/year (Next meeting: November 2nd)  
Time: 9:30-11:00am  
Location: Convenient Manhattan location  
RSVP: Email [Peg Horan](#) or call her at (917) 519-1514

### Manhattan Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team (EMDT) Meeting

Date/Time: Thursday afternoons, 3:30-5:00pm, 2 meetings/month

Location: Downtown Manhattan

RSVP: Email [Peg Horan](#) or call her at (917) 519-1514

### Brooklyn MDT (BMDT) Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday mornings, 9:00-10:30am, 3 meetings/month

Location: Downtown Brooklyn location

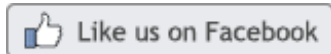
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## Thank You to NYCEAC's Steering Committee Members

NYCEAC's staff receives guidance from its [Steering Committee](#), comprised of many deeply knowledgeable experts from diverse fields. With considerable contributions of time, talent and expertise from these dedicated professionals, NYCEAC is able to improve the lives of older victims and make substantial contributions to the elder justice field. To these wonderful people: *Thank you.*

## Connect With 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!