



Maine's Elder Justice Roadmap

Overview for the MCEAP Elder Justice Summit 2023

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What this presentation will cover

- History behind the formation of the Elder Justice Coordinating Partnership
- Basis for the structure of the Elder Justice Roadmap
- Recommendations in the Roadmap
- What you can do—next steps



EJCP History

- A federal Elder Justice Roadmap was published in 2014 urging public and private stakeholders to make a strategic investment in the response to elder abuse
- LSE obtained support from the John T. Gorman Foundation for an effort that would be modeled loosely on the federal Roadmap
- Victim services providers entered into MOU in support of the EJCP concept and asked the Governor to form the EJCP via Executive Order



EJCP Membership

- Public and private sector
- See list of members at [Elder Justice Coordinating Partnership | Department of Health and Human Services \(maine.gov\)](#)
- Multi-disciplinary
- One of few efforts like this in the nation with such broad membership

+ Structure and Purpose of the Roadmap

- EO charged the EJCP with
 - Identifying challenges to the prevention of, detection of, and response to elder abuse;
 - Developing strategic priorities across the public and private sectors to prevent and respond to elder abuse; and
 - Making recommendations regarding direct victim services, public and professional education, public policy, and data collection and evaluation.



Desired results

- Decrease the incidence of elder abuse in Maine
- Increase the number of elder abuse victims that seek and receive help in stopping abuse
- Improve the multi-disciplinary response to elder abuse

+ Direct Victim Services—sample recommendations

- Examine the staffing capacity at Adult Protective Services
- Develop and support wraparound support services, including case management services, for victims coming into contact with Adult Protective Services
- Establish dedicated, statewide forensic auditing resources to support law enforcement in investigating financial exploitation cases

+ Public and Professional Education—sample recommendations

- Add elder abuse investigator training to the offerings of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy
- Expand and enhance training of Adult Protective Services staff and community partners
- Mandate training for mandatory reporters

+ Public Policy—sample recommendations

- Continue to convene the EJCP
- Add an attorney's fee provision to the Improvident Transfer of Title Act
- Restructure the Maine Elder Death Analysis Review Team

+ Data Collection and Evaluation— sample recommendations

- Create a Maine Criminal Justice Academy minimum standard on data collection for law enforcement. Create and implement a document that law enforcement fills out to capture data on older victims.
- Publish an annual report of APS data and analyze data to identify trends and patterns

+ What can you do?

- Become familiar with the Roadmap recommendations
- Snapshot [Maine Elder Justice Roadmap: A Snapshot of the Path Forward](#)
- Full report [The Maine Elder Justice Roadmap](#)
- Advocate for the full implementation of the recommendations most important in your work

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Questions on this presentation?

