



Fireside Chat on Elder Justice Policy

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The National Center on Elder Abuse

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The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) provides up-to-date information regarding policy, research, training, best practices, news and resources on elder abuse, neglect and exploitation for policy makers, professionals in the elder justice field and the public.



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About the NCEA

Education

Through training, education, and a comprehensive resource repository, we inform professionals and the public of the facts of elder abuse, prevention tools, and intervention strategies

Research

We synthesize, disseminate, and translate the latest research in the field to inform practitioners and professionals about evidence-based practices to prevent and respond to abuse

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We work with community, state, and national elder justice organizations to design and deliver resources to support elder rights, autonomy, and wellness

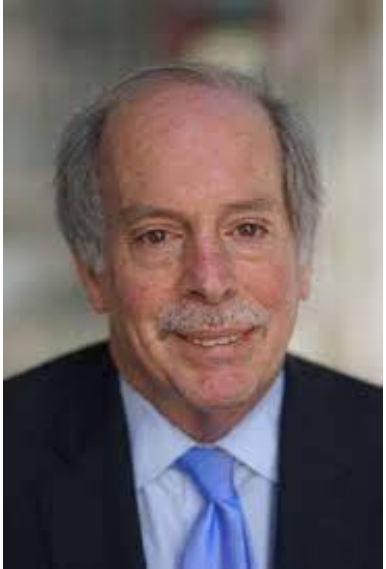
Panelist



Laura Mosqueda, Director, National Center on Elder Abuse, Keck School of Medicine of USC

Laura Mosqueda, MD, FGAAP, AGSF, is a professor of Family Medicine and Geriatrics at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. As a widely respected authority on elder abuse and care of the elderly and underserved, she serves as the Director of the National Center on Elder Abuse, a federally funded initiative that serves as the nation's coordinating body and clearinghouse for information on research, training, best practices, news, and resources. Dr. Mosqueda's experience as a clinician, researcher, educator, and academic administrator provides a unique perspective shaped by her extensive experiences in the community, including her role as a volunteer long term care ombudsman.

Panelist



Bob Blancato, National Coordinator, Elder Justice Coalition

Robert "Bob" Blancato is the National Coordinator of the bipartisan 3000-member Elder Justice Coalition. He is also President of Matz, Blancato and Associates, Executive Director of the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs, and the National Coordinator of the Defeat Malnutrition Today coalition. Bob has long been recognized as a national advocate with policy expertise on behalf of older adults. In 2019, he was invited by both the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee to testify on a range of issues, including elder justice. Bob's prior work history includes 17 years as a staffer in Congress and an appointment by President Clinton to be the Executive Director of the 1995 White House Conference on Aging, one of four he has participated in. He is a member of the Senior Executive Service. As a volunteer, he currently serves on the National Board of AARP and the board of the National Hispanic Council on Aging. In 2019, Bob began a four-year term on the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services, appointed by HHS Secretary Azar.

Panelist



Nicole Howell, Health Policy Advisor, Congressman Bill Pascrell Jr. (NJ 9th)

Nicole Howell is the Health Policy Advisor to Congressman Bill Pascrell Jr. (NJ 9th). She oversees a portfolio that includes health, social security, and veteran affairs. Nicole is passionate about working with diverse stakeholders to develop common sense and actionable policy solutions to today's most pressing health care and social issues. She honed her policy skills advocating the California legislature, where she championed multiple pieces of legislation and achieved budget increases for the long-term care ombudsman program and other Older Americans Act services before she was selected as a Health and Aging Policy fellow working with for the Ways and Means committee. In her previous role as Executive Director for Empowered Aging, Nicole was a powerful voice for older adults and their caregivers, where she led a team that served seniors across three of California's most diverse counties.


Moderator



Laura Borth, Policy Analyst, Elder Justice Coalition

Laura Borth, a Policy Analyst at Matz, Blancato and Associates, provides policy analysis and advocacy support for Defeat Malnutrition Today, the Elder Justice Coalition and the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs. Previously, Laura worked as a public service fellow in policy at Feeding Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Institute for Science Education and Community Engagement. She has also worked in science policy and science writing. A Registered Dietitian, Laura holds a BS from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and an MS in nutritional sciences from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Housekeeping Items

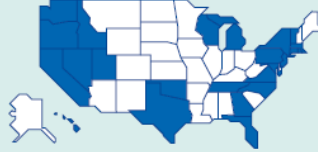
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Elder Justice Policy Highlights

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MARCH 2023 – AUGUST 2023

The NCEA's semi-annual elder justice policy compilation surveys national and state legislation for the period of March 2023 through August 2023. This update includes federal and state elder justice legislative activity. Policy highlights are classified below as Enacted Legislation and Pending Legislation.



Topic Index

The following themes were identified:

Education and Consumer Information: [H.R. 2692](#), [S. 1729](#), [H.R. 4153](#), [New York S.B. 1730](#), [Pennsylvania S.B. 137](#)

Financial Exploitation: [Connecticut S.B. 1088](#), [Florida S.B. 232](#), [Georgia S.B. 84](#), [Nevada S.B. 61](#), [Virginia S.B. 1223](#), [H.R. 2473](#), [H.R. 2593](#), [S. 1481](#), [California S.B. 278](#), [New York S.B. 5708](#), [New York S.B. 5515](#), [New York A.B. 4177](#), [Pennsylvania H.B. 838](#), [Pennsylvania H.B. 438](#), [Wisconsin S.B. 116](#)

General: [H.R. 2718](#), [Michigan H.B. 4320](#)

Guardianship/Conservatorship: [S. 1148](#), [S. 1126](#), [Virginia H.B. 2027](#)

Information-sharing Between Agencies: [Washington S.B. 5370](#), [Pennsylvania H.B. 537](#)

Investigation: [Idaho S.B. 1028](#), [Utah S.B. 140](#), [California A.B. 386](#), [Massachusetts H.B. 3870](#), [Tennessee S.B. 334](#)

Prevention and Intervention: [S. 2429](#), [California A.B. 751](#), [Oklahoma H.B. 2753](#), [Hawaii H.B. 777](#), [Oklahoma H.B. 2741](#)

LGBTQ+: [Texas H.B. 4436](#), [Oregon S.B. 99](#)

Long-Term Care/Healthcare Facilities: [Executive Order](#), [Virginia H.B. 1446](#), [California A.B. 48](#), [Massachusetts H. 3929](#), [New Jersey A.B. 5493](#), [New York A.B. 4616](#), [New York A.B. 7467](#), [North Carolina H.B. 755](#)

Multidisciplinary/Workgroups: [Florida S.B. 1540](#), [Florida S.B. 1542](#), [Maryland H.B. 1191](#), [Nevada A.B. 119](#), [Rhode Island S.B. 720](#), [Texas H.B. 4655](#)

Reporting Suspected Abuse: [Vermont H.B. 171](#), [California A.B. 1417](#)

Research: [New York S.B. 4517](#)

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