

Abuse in Later Life Education Series for Advocates

Powers of Attorney and Guardianships

We value your feedback! Please [click here](#) to complete our short survey and let us know your thoughts on this training.

Taking Action

1. Identify individuals, organizations, or officials you can contact to learn more about how POA, guardianship, and conservatorships are handled in your state, tribe, or territory.

2. List below three things you'd like to learn from the entities you identified in question one. For example: How does someone revoke a power of attorney for health care or finances? What is the process for obtaining review of a guardian or agent's performance? What do I do if my client wants a new guardian? Does my state recognize supported decision-making?

3. List two or three things that you can do within your organization to ensure that all staff can identify and respond appropriately to survivors who are having POA or guardianship issues.

Additional Resources

[Legal Services Corporation](#)

The Legal Services Corporation funds legal services for low-income individuals in every state and territory. Their searchable database can help you locate civil legal assistance programs in your community. These programs frequently offer training to community organizations on civil legal matters.

[National Association of Elder Law Attorneys](#)

The National Association of Elder Law Attorneys is the professional organization for lawyers who specialize in working with older adults. They can help survivors locate representation for abuse/fraud recovery, guardianship, advance directives, nursing home issues, disability planning, estate planning, and many other matters.

[National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making](#)

The National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making (SDM) offers information on SDM and can connect individuals with resources and services.

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