



# Elder Justice Coalition

## Member *Update*

May 7, 2024

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### Final Rule on APS Regulations Released

This morning, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) released a final rule to establish [first-time regulations for Adult Protective Services \(APS\)](#). These regulations create consistent standards across state APS programs to better support older adults who are experiencing or at risk of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. The final rule goes into effect June 7, 2024 and states have until May 8, 2028 to comply with these standards.

EJC supports the set of national standards and improved coordination among elder justice programs and services. We continue to raise concerns about how states will comply in meeting these standards with insufficient funding, which we mentioned in our [November 2023 comment](#). Read our [full statement](#) issued by EJC's National Coordinator Bob Blancato.

#### Resources:

- [Webinar May 14th at 3:00pm ET](#) to provide an overview on the rule, registration required. A recording of the webinar will be published in late May.
- [Two-paged fact sheet](#) on the final rule
- Complete [final rule](#) of APS regulations

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### Happy Older Americans Month!

Each May, the Administration for Community Living leads the national observance of Older Americans Month. As we recognize and honor older Americans, this month is a call to action to reaffirm our commitments to enhancing the lives of older adults. This year's theme *Powered by Connection* highlights the powerful role of social connections and relationships.

“This month, we celebrate older Americans’ contributions by recommitting to those ideals and defending everyone’s right to live full lives with dignity and respect. We will always have their backs.”

- [President Joe Biden, 2024 Older Americans Month Proclamation](#)



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## Celebrating Elder Justice Accomplishments and Planning for the Future

On June 12, the [Elder Justice Coordinating Council](#) (EJCC) will celebrate their first 10 years of accomplishments and lay out the plan for the Council’s next decade of elder justice commitments. The EJCC was established by the Elder Justice Act and is comprised of 17 federal departments and agencies to coordinate activities related to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation across the federal government.

In April, we submitted [our recommendations](#) to shape and enhance EJCC’s future priorities by improving data collection, increasing coordination among elder justice programs, and raise awareness of elder abuse issues among the general public.

Their meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM ET. Stay tuned for more information and details on registration.

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## New Data Released on Senior Scams and Financial Exploitation

- **Financial Crimes Enforcement Network**  
The U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) issued a Financial Trend Analysis, finding that [\\$27 billion](#) was linked to Elder Financial Exploitation.
  - **FBI’s Elder Fraud Report**  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) released their 2023 Elder Fraud Report. IC3 received over 100,000 complaints from older Americans, [totaling to \\$3.4 billion lost](#), an 11% increase from 2022.
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## Tell Congress to fund APS at \$100 million for FY 2025

Thank you for your help in keeping Adult Protective Services (APS) at \$15 million for Federal Fiscal Year 2024. Just a few months ago, the House proposed eliminating funding for APS in FY 2024. Yet thanks to your advocacy efforts, Members of Congress heard your message, held strong, and kept APS fully funded.

As we engage in discussions for FY 2025 funding, we ask for your continued support in securing and increasing funding for APS and elder justice. Tell Congress to provide at least \$100 million for APS formula grants in any final bipartisan appropriations legislation.



Scan the QR code or click the link <https://bit.ly/EJFY25> to contact your members of congress to provide funding for elder justice and APS.

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