

Associations and Organizations

AARP

Aging Services of Minnesota
Alzheimer's Association, Minnesota North Dakota
Arc of Minnesota, The
Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota
Care Providers of Minnesota
Disability Law Center
ElderCare Rights Alliance
Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis
Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota
Minnesota Home Care Association (MHCA)
Minnesota Hospital Association
Northwoods Coalition for Battered Women
Pearson Randall Schumacher & LaBore, PA
University of St. Thomas School of Law
Voigt, Klegon and Rode Law Firm
Volunteers of America Minnesota
WL Brown Law Office
Center for Elder Justice & Policy, William Mitchell College of Law - Coordinator

Public Agency Resources

Attorney General's Office – Medicaid Fraud Division
Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators (BENHA)
Carlton County Adult Protective Services
Hennepin County Adult Protective Services
Hennepin County Attorney's Office; Hennepin County Sheriff's Office
Lac qui Parle County Adult Protective Services
Metro Area Agency on Aging (MAAA); Senior LinkAge Line
Minneapolis City Attorney's Office;
Minneapolis Police Department
Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators (MACSSA)
Minnesota Board on Aging
Minnesota County Attorneys Association
Minnesota Department of Health – Office of Health Facility Complaints (OHFC)
Minnesota Department of Human Services – Aging and Adult Protective Services
Minnesota Department of Human Services – Disability Services Division; Licensing Division
Minnesota Sheriff's Association
Minnesota State Council on Disability
Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care
Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
Ramsey County Attorney's Office
St. Paul City Attorney's Office; St. Paul Police Department
Stearns County Adult Protective Services
Washington County Adult Protective Services

Legislative Priorities 2011

Minn. Stat. Section 609.233 CRIMINAL NEGLECT. Retains the gross misdemeanor language of current law. New language adds a definition and penalties for deprivation of a vulnerable adult's necessities when the caregiver is reasonably able to make the necessary provisions, with resulting substantial or great bodily harm. Extends the exemptions currently in law for criminal neglect to the felony provision.

Minn. Stat. Section 243.166, subdivision 1b. PREDATORY OFFENDER REGISTRATION

Bill proposes to make criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult under section 609.2325 a registrable offense under the predatory offender registration law.

Minn. Stat. Section 609.2231 and new subdivision 609.224, subdivision 2. CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR ASSAULT of a VULNERABLE ADULT

Bill proposes to make uniform the charge and penalty for assault of a vulnerable adult. There is no change to current law concerning assault by a caregiver. This pertains to assailants who are not caregivers but who either know or have reason to know that the victim is a vulnerable adult.

Vulnerable Adult Justice Project

The VAJP meets regularly at William Mitchell College of Law
875 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul, MN
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For dates and locations of meetings,
please visit mnvac.pbworks.com

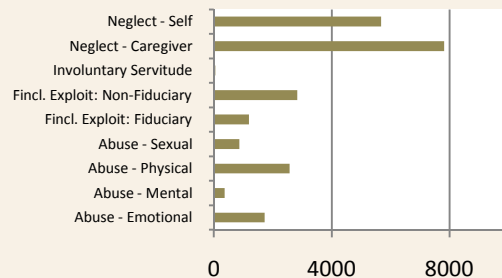
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The Vulnerable Adult Justice Project (VAJP) began in 2007 as a broad stakeholder group committed to reform of Minnesota’s Vulnerable Adult Act and related laws. Its initial legislative effort, the product of months of consensus building, resulted in Chapter 119, Laws of Minnesota, 2009. The legislation, which took effect August 1, 2009, tackled the growing problem of financial exploitation, supports community notification when vulnerable adults are missing, and established the model for a streamlined reporting and response system. The group began related efforts that year to raise public awareness of protecting vulnerable adults by wide distribution of information, posters and pocket cards, to improve the detection and reporting of suspected vulnerable adult abuse.

DHS Reports of Maltreatment



Who Is a Vulnerable Adult?

Any person 18 years or older who is a:

- Resident or inpatient of a licensed facility.
- Recipient of care from a licensed adult day care or services program.
- Recipient of services from a licensed home care provider.
- Recipient of personal care assistant services under the Medical Assistance program.
- Any person 18 years of age or older who, regardless of residence or whether any type of service is received, possesses a physical, mental, or emotional impairment which limits that person’s ability to provide adequately for his or her own care without help.

AND

- Who has an impaired ability to protect himself or herself from harm.

Purpose

“Multidisciplinary collaboration” conveys a picture, not a purpose. The shared purpose of the VAJP is to maintain a regular forum where front line, supervisory, and policy specialists in vulnerable adult protection can meet to

- Identify service gaps in the protection of vulnerable adults,
- Identify gaps and flaws in the underlying public policies,
- Identify, weigh, debate, and advocate for proposed solutions,
- Educate public officials about current and emerging issues through presentations and publications,
- Invite public officials to present data, updates on current policy, and proposals for policy change at stakeholder meetings,
- Actively promote changes in Minnesota laws, rules, and policies to protect vulnerable adults and seek redress for victims,
- Identify issues where additional research is necessary and engage Center for Elder Justice and Policy students in the research,
- Foster good working relationships and information about initiatives across jurisdictions and agencies,
- Conduct and cooperate in professional education and public awareness efforts.