

# Elder Equity Grant Fact Sheet

The National Consortium on Aging Resources for Elders' Equity - Technical Assistance Center (NCAREE-TAC) is a project funded by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), Administration for Community Living (ACL), Administration on Aging (AOA).

## GOALS OF ELDER EQUITY

The Elder Equity project has two goals: to educate American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian (AI/AN/NH) Elders on avoiding financial exploitation and building their financial capability; and provide education on these topics and AI/AN/NH Elder concerns to the Aging Network and other interested stakeholders. For both populations we will integrate culturally relevant training and technical assistance. This training and technical assistance will highlight barriers to services that all AI/AN/NH Elders face and strategies and tools for overcoming those barriers.

## CONSORTIUM

The National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) joins with four other aging organizations to provide an



interconnected resource center. The Consortium is developing a comprehensive body of culturally relevant technical assistance that can be tailored to meet the service delivery needs of Hispanic, Asian and Pacific Islander, African American, LGBT, and AI/AN/NH Elders. The Consortium includes: Asociación Nacional Pro Personas Mayores (ANPPM), National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA), National Caucus and Center on Black Aging (NCBA), Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE), and NICOA.



## AVOIDING SCAMS AND FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

Elders are an attractive target for scammers. Many own their home and have monthly checks and other valuable resources. Those at risk include: women, those who live alone, and Elders with physical disabilities or cognitive impairment. Financial exploitation may also be an indication of other forms of abuse. As Richard W. Besdine, MD states, it can be "missed by good people in a position to help who didn't know what to look for, or how to intervene." (1)

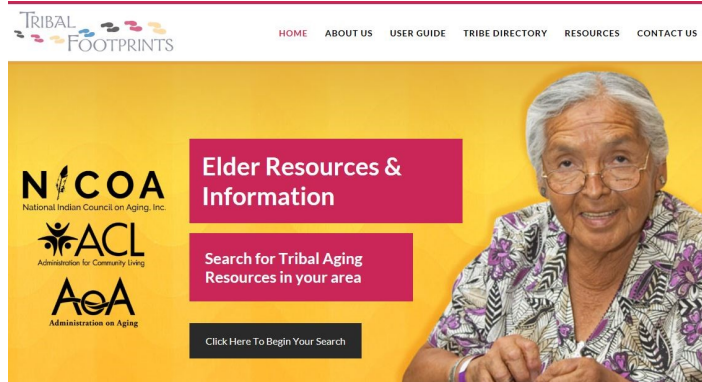
## BUILDING ELDER FINANCIAL CAPABILITY AND AVOIDING FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

To combat these pitfalls, NICOA has responded by developing a strong knowledge base of best

practices and training to share useful, practical tools which help Native Elders understand how they can manage their finances and take control of their future. To build financial capability we are using the Your Money, Your Goals toolkit which provides a comprehensive approach to understanding money and offers ways to begin talking about money and our priorities. Most American families do not discuss money and this lack of openness and silence can harm our financial health. Your Money, Your Goals has a Focus on Native Communities companion guide which was designed in partnership with tribes across the country. We also use Money Smart for Older Adults as a good overview of the various ways fraud and scams can enter our lives if we are not alert. We are offering these trainings to help our Elders plan for predictable life events and build resources which can help them weather unexpected events.

## ELDER EQUITY PROJECTS

### Tribal Footprints

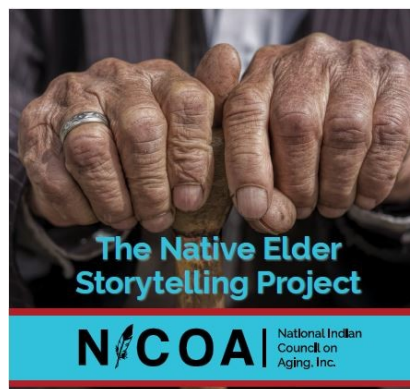


A growing Elder friendly website with an interactive map to readily search all 570+ federally recognized Tribal area health and social service resources for American Indian and Alaska Native Elders, including transportation, food and nutrition, caregiver support, and more.

## SOURCE

1) Besdine, R., HuffPost, Why Elder Abuse Is Everyone's Problem, May 16, 2015.

### Native Elder Digital Storytelling Project



NICOA's collection of digital stories shares Elders personal stories and experiences. The stories were created, written, and narrated by an Elder. The

stories are then paired with their personal photos and other media to provide a modern approach to traditional oral storytelling.

### Your Money, Your Goals and Money Smart



NICOA's Your Money, Your Goals program offers a variety of resources and training materials to help Elders with their money challenges, and can be adapted to fit each Elder's priorities and goals. Another available program is Money Smart for Older Adults, a resource guide that has sound advice on how to avoid telephone and internet scams, as well as identity theft and scams aimed at homeowners and veterans.



For more information on the Elder Equity Grant programs visit our website at [www.nicoa.org](http://www.nicoa.org) or call us at 505-292-2001.