



Principles of Elder Justice

CEJC promotes policy and practice that improves the lives of all older adults and persons with disabilities in California. The following principles guide our work:

- 1.** Living free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation is the right of all older Californians, including Black, indigenous, people of color (BIPOC), lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBTQ) people, and residents of long-term care facilities. It requires an informed public, early detection and intervention, holding abusers accountable, and reducing harm.
- 2.** Ensuring access to the justice system for older victims and persons with disabilities requires that they have affordable legal aid, user-friendly courts, and advocacy that reflects their lived experiences.
- 3.** Services for victims and vulnerable people of all ages, their care partners and support networks, and the broader community must offer trauma-informed and restorative justice approaches and practices.
- 4.** Perpetrators of predatory practices that target vulnerable adults must be held accountable, and laws that protect consumers of long-term services and supports, financial products, and housing must be enforced.
- 5.** People with cognitive impairments need supported and surrogate decision-making options that offer maximum autonomy, protection, and accountability.
- 6.** Compensation for direct care workers, family caregivers, and care partners must be designed to reflect the breadth and depth of caregiving and offer innovative incentive plans.

CEJC Advances Elder Justice by:

- Providing a voice from the field to policy makers about developments and needs
- Building local, state, and national partnerships
- Analyzing policy needs and crafting comprehensive, multidisciplinary solutions

What Can You Do to Promote Elder Justice?

- Join CEJC and be part of our movement! We welcome passion and diverse perspectives.
- Host a local elder justice hearing, workshop, or forum to develop action plans using CEJC's *From Blueprint to Benchmarks: Building a Framework for Elder Justice* as a guide.
- Support state and federal legislation that promotes elder justice.
- Visit our website at ElderJusticeCal.org and follow us on Twitter at [@elderjusticecal](https://twitter.com/elderjusticecal)