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Congressional Testimony by Mickey Rooney Focuses National Attention on Elder Abuse

On March 2nd, the US Senate Special Committee on Aging presented the hearing [Justice for All: Ending Elder Abuse, Neglect and Financial Exploitation](#). The event, which coincided with the release of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report on elder abuse and adult protective services (APS) data, featured testimony by the legendary entertainer, Mickey Rooney.

Mr. Rooney spoke of his personal experience of elder abuse and exploitation at the hands of family members. In his poignant story he spoke of the escalating mistreatment he endured, and the accompanying sense of helplessness, fear, embarrassment, and denial that he first felt. He reported suffering silently before finding the courage to speak out and to continue to speaking out until he was heard, and the abuse stopped. (

Mr. Rooney's testimony not only captured attention of major and local media outlets, his message urging elder abuse victims to come forward and to speak out appears to have reached seniors throughout the country. In wake of the hearing, NCEA has received phone calls and emails from elders referencing Mr. Rooney's words, some reporting mistreatment, others wanting to help raise awareness. One colleague from New England reported that an elder called APS stating, "Mickey Rooney told me to call."

Advocates throughout the country have also taken this opportunity to speak out in feature articles, commentaries, interviews, Letters to the Editors, and blogs regarding the severity, complexity, and scope of the problem.

Mr. Rooney appears to have personalized the issue of elder abuse for many people in a way that other spokespersons have been unable to do. Perhaps it is because he is not only a highly recognizable and popular celebrity, but because he literally grew up before the eyes of many of today's elders.

The NCEA wishes to thank Mr. Rooney for sharing his personal experience and for empowering other victims and concerned individuals to come forward to get the help necessary to end abuse and recover from its devastating consequences.

The hearing's [archived webcast and written testimony](#) is available from the Committee's website. Other panelists included the following elder abuse experts: Kathleen Quinn, Director, National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA); Dr. Mark Lachs, Weill Medical College of Cornell University; Bonnie Brandl, Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence, National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL); and Marie-Therese Connolly, Director, Life Long Justice (LLJ) (an initiative of Appleseed) and Senior Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Mickey Rooney, Philip Marshall Speak at 2011 National Call to Action

“While elder abuse is a trend, it is not our destiny,” Philip C. Marshall said before nearly 300 attendees at the Elder Financial Protection Network (EFPN) 8th Annual Summit and Awards ceremony in San Francisco last week.

Mr. Marshall first became personally involved in elder abuse awareness and response when he intervened in the case of his grandmother, legendary philanthropist Brooke Astor, who was being abused, neglected, and exploited by her son, Anthony Marshall, (Philip's father) and long time attorney, Francis Morrissey. “While my grandmother was emotionally and financially abused and isolated, her case is far from isolated; there are millions of victims today suffering similar injury.”

One of those victims, lifelong actor and entertainer Mickey Rooney, joined Mr. Marshall at the summit by sharing his own devastating story of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Earlier in the month, Mr. Rooney had testified at a Congressional hearing, generating national attention for these issues.

“I am here today as the voice of millions of senior citizens to tell you that ending elder abuse is of critical importance. No one ever thinks they will be in this position in their lifetime, but the statistics are staggering, and they paint an unsettling picture. Whether the abuse is physical, emotional or financial, it is an unbelievable reality that often sneaks up on you without warning.”

Representatives of financial institutions, social services, APS, law enforcement, legal professionals and others were moved by these passionate advocates. They were also treated to expert panelists, such as *Investor's Watchdog* CEO Pat Huddleston, who shared strategies for the detection and intervention of suspected elder

financial abuse. As demonstrated by the cases of Mrs. Astor and Mr. Rooney, financial abuse is often accompanied by other types of mistreatment such as neglect or psychological abuse.

EFPN's Sentinel Award was presented to New York County Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Loewy, the prosecutor who initiated the investigation and served on the trial team that earned convictions in the [Astor trial](#). Robert Blancato, National Coordinator of the Elder Justice Coalition, Contra Costa Federal Credit Union, Pacific Service Credit Union, and Patelco Credit Union were presented with the Donald N. Phelps Visionary Leadership Award for their significant efforts to raise awareness and prevent elder financial abuse.

At the end of the conference, Mr. Rooney read the *Stamp Out Elder Abuse* Proclamation which calls for the US Postmaster General to issue a semipostal stamp to raise awareness and funds to address elder abuse. The 2011 proclamation also calls upon Congress to fund the Elder Justice Act; requests that the President issue a proclamation declaring June 15, 2012 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day; and requests the President to Light the White House Purple on this day. In addition to the petition signed by attendants on site, an online petition was simultaneously launched.

The [Elder Financial Protection Network](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting elder financial abuse through innovative partnerships that build public awareness, drive community outreach, and provide professional training. Visit the [EFPN website](#) for more information.

For more on the elder abuse semipostal stamp, an idea pioneered by elder rights advocate Helen Karr, see the [January/February 2009 NCEA E-News](#).

Georgia Division of Aging Launches ACT: Certified At-Risk Adult Crime Tactics Training

Beginning in April 2011, the Georgia Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services (DAS) will deploy a state wide training program called ACT. ACT stands for At-Risk Adult Crime Tactics and upon completion of the training the graduate will be designated as a Certified At-Risk Adult Crime Tactics Specialist through the Division of Aging Services.

The reasons behind the creation of this program are several. Across the state of Georgia the investigation and prosecution of crimes committed against vulnerable adults is inconsistent and fragmented. In some areas, prosecutors and local law enforcement have taken innovative steps in prosecuting vulnerable adult crime. Cases that are often labeled as “civil cases” are now examined closer and as a result, many of those cases are being successfully prosecuted. In other areas of the state, financial crimes are still viewed as “civil matters” and cases are not even reviewed. Additionally, the various disciplines needed to address abuse, neglect, and exploitation (ANE) continue functioning in silos and are often unaware of laws specific to ANE, unaware of available resources and sometimes, of each other.

An essential component to the Division’s comprehensive public health approach to elder abuse, ACT’s primary goal is to increase professional awareness of and response to ANE through the deployment of a solid product across the state. Initially, ACT will be offered to law enforcement, public safety (e.g. fire departments and EMS), prosecutors, judges, courts, healthcare providers, coroners, medical examiners, Adult Protective Services, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner programs, victim-witness assistance programs, Elder Rights Team Members, aging network providers, Healthcare Facility Regulation, social

service agencies and any other agency having primary or secondary responsibility for providing services to at-risk adults. It is anticipated these certification classes will facilitate interagency communication and cooperation and build alliances to more effectively protect our most at-risk adults.

Another goal of ACT is to create a network of professionals around the state trained in the recognition and investigation of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Certified ACT Specialists will become members of a state-wide ACT Team and will also be the “go-to” people in their respective agencies and regions.

The Forensic Special Investigation Unit (FSIU) will provide the certification course available at no cost in all regions of the state making it financially possible for professionals to attend. To date, there has been much interest in the program and multiple law enforcement agencies have already offered to host the course. FSIU draws upon experts in the fields of aging, probate court professionals, elder law attorneys, prosecutors, medical professionals, and others to ensure that the training is based on the latest research and knowledge available. A controlled access online information hub will be available to graduates to allow updates and distribute information as quickly as possible regarding identified threats/trends to at-risk adults in their respective regions to prevent further victimizations.

Certified ACT Specialists will be asked to submit to the Division of Aging Services real time data on crimes against at-risk adults in their communities, thereby increasing accurate reporting and generating statistical information. This information can be used to analyze trends and assist agencies in properly allocating resources. Currently crimes committed against at-risk adults are underreported. Without accurate data to quantify the need, requests for funding, assets and

assistance to address the growing problem remains extremely difficult.

The ACT course curriculum was developed and will be deployed by members of DAS and FSU (comprised of two Forensic Special Investigators). One is a POST-certified forensic nurse with 12 years experience in crimes perpetrated against at-risk adults and the other a former Deputy Chief Investigator over the White Collar Crime Unit of a large metro area District Attorney's Office. Both of these special investigators bring years of "real world" experience to DAS.

For more information, please contact Pat King (psking@dhr.state.ga.us) or David Blake (dfblake@dhr.state.ga.us) at the Georgia Division of Aging Services.

Special thanks to Ms. King, Forensic Special Investigator in the Georgia Division of Aging Services, for contributing this article.

Delaware Certified Nursing Assistants Network Offers Support, Promotes Quality Care

In 2004, nurse Pat Engelhardt and her colleague, Linda Mistrak, saw a need to provide ongoing support for newly certified nursing assistants (CNA) who had completed training at the Delaware Skills Center. In response, they created the Delaware Certified Nursing Assistants network, known as DCNA. Throughout the years, the network has provided education and support for this hard working group who care for some of the most vulnerable members of society in long-term care and private homes.

"No one was providing support for the CNAs. At that time, I don't think they were valued as employees. I knew they were the lowest paid, I knew they did the hardest work, and I wanted to

offer them support," states Ms. Engelhardt, then an instructor of the CNA program at the Skills Center.

Ms. Engelhardt, who began a career in nursing in 1959, believes there is a vital need to provide a venue for CNAs to discuss work related issues that impact resident care and their own health and well-being. DCNA, an affiliate member of the National Network of Career Nursing Assistants, provides that opportunity through monthly meetings (September through June), an email list, and in recent years, statewide conferences. Meetings often include guest speakers who focus on topics relevant to enhanced care provision, such as safe lifting or cultural sensitivity and diversity. DCNA also provides a platform for CNAs to voice concerns regarding practice and policy. Every June, the group is recognized for their valuable service at Legislative Hall in Dover, the state's capital. The group received grant funding through the Delaware Care Alliance to produce and distribute the video Delaware Certified Nursing Assistants – Specialists in the Art of Caring, to promote awareness of their role and the need for quality care.

An equally important aspect of the group is the sense of connection it provides, particularly for home care workers.

"It's a place to gain knowledge of regarding practical issues, but it's also a place to air out concerns that arise on the job and brainstorm solutions."

In conjunction with Annual National Nursing Assistants Week observed in mid-June, DCNA has hosted several statewide training and networking conferences featuring representatives from AARP, CMS, the Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly (CARIE) and the state Ombudsman. The theme of the 2010 conference was *Handle with Care*. Plans are underway for the 2011 event, tentatively scheduled for June 16.

For more information on DCNA, contact Ms. Engelhardt at: patcengel@verizon.net.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Though less common than other types of elder abuse, research increasingly indicates that elder sexual abuse occurs in the community and within institutional settings, with far reaching and negative consequences for those victimized. Ageism, in particular, simultaneously marginalizes elders and depicts them as asexual, contributing to the invisibility of the problem. The physical and cognitive limitations of many victims increase their vulnerability to this and other types of abuse, and create barriers to detecting, reporting, substantiating, and prosecuting abusive incidents.

The following internet resources provide information relating to elder sexual abuse:

[Sexual Violence in Later Life Information Packet \(2010\)](#)

Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik, PhD, in conjunction with the National Sexual Violence Resource Center The packet includes a fact sheet, technical assistance bulletin, technical assistance guide, resource list, annotated bibliography and research brief.

[Elder Sexual Abuse \(2004\)](#) and [Elder Sexual Abuse - An Update of the Literature \(2007\)](#) [CANE Annotated Bibliographies](#)

National Center on Elder Abuse

[Addressing Elder Sexual Abuse: Developing a Community Response - Multimedia Curriculum](#)

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape and the Pennsylvania Department of Aging

[Elder Sexual Abuse - Continuing Education Course by Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik, PhD](#)

National Association of Social Workers

Additional references are indexed in the Clearinghouse on Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly (CANE) online [database](#) of elder abuse literature and research.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Events

Last month, we reported on several WEAAD events underway for the 2011 observance. NCEA E-News readers have contributed the following updates on additional scheduled events.

New York

The New York City Elder Abuse Network (NYCEAN) recently held an art contest in recognition of WEAAD. The competition solicited artwork submissions inspired by the question:

What does elder abuse mean to you?

The contest was open to art therapy groups and classes, seniors, and professionals. Group and individual submissions were encouraged.

Winning entries will be displayed on NYCEAN's [website](#) which is also due to launch in conjunction with World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2011 at:

www.nycean.net

Special thanks to Malya Levin, Brooklyn Law School and member of the NYCEAN, for submitting this WEAAD update.

Toronto, Canada

The International Federation on Ageing (IFA) and Ryerson University, in Collaboration with the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat, will host the 6th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event in Toronto on June 15th. The gathering of experts for this international forum will address the unique challenges facing elderly women who are victims of sexual abuse. Judging from the unprecedented preliminary positive response received, it is evident that many agree this is an issue long overdue for discussion and intervention. The outstanding panel of presenters will offer leadership and solutions on this topic. All proceedings, papers, and materials will be posted to ensure a truly global initiative.

For more information, visit the [International Federation on Ageing](#) website.

Special thanks to Dr. Elizabeth Podnieks, Director, International and Corporate Relations, International Federation on Ageing.

Update: Light the White House Purple for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

In response to the [March 2011 NCEA E-News](#) article on Tennessee's effort to [Light the White House Purple](#), Delaware Deputy Attorney General Marsha White has arranged for the state's Legislative Hall to be lit purple as well.

Please [let us know](#) if your state or community plans a visible demonstration of solidarity by lighting buildings purple or posting marquee messages in recognition of WEAAD.

For more about the online petition or to sign, [Click Here](#). (In the interest of privacy, those who wish to sign can do so without having their names appear.)

Share Your News and Ideas

Due to the heightened national attention to elder abuse at this time, the elder abuse response field has an unprecedented opportunity to continue to raise public awareness. Throughout the spring, NCEA E-News will feature highlights of activities planned in support of WEAAD and other occasions to generate awareness. From April 10th through 16th, we observe [National Crime Victims' Rights Week](#). May is [Older Americans Month](#). Mother's Day, May 8th, and Father's Day, June 19th are among the many holidays and faith-based observances that are ideal times to promote outreach.

NCEA urges you to [share news](#) of what your community is doing to promote elder abuse awareness. Your ideas may inspire others to take action.

For suggestions on how to get involved, download the NCEA tip sheets for [organizations](#) or [individuals](#).

Together, we have the power to prevent elder abuse.

"Grandparent Scam" Featured in National Consumer Video Campaign

The "Grandparent Scam" has been perpetrated for several years. There are many variations but the basic plot is simple: a young person contacts the would-be victim, saying, "It's your grandson (or granddaughter) and I'm in trouble. I need money (to get out of jail, to get home, etc.). I'm embarrassed, so don't tell Mom (or Dad, or anyone)." The grandparent is then instructed to wire money to a "friend" who will give the funds to the grandchild.

What is particularly insidious about this scheme is that it preys upon the sympathy and concern that an older individual has for his or relative.

Despite warnings from aging services and law enforcement, the “Grandparent Scam” has operated successfully to bilk millions of dollars from thousands of victims. In 2010, the Federal Trade Commission reported receiving 60,000 complaints from victims who lost an average of \$3500.

The Consumer Federation of America (CFA) recently teamed up with Western Union to create an entertaining but informative video as the cornerstone of a campaign to combat the scam. The video, accessible on the [CFA website](#), uses wit and style to present the warning in an engaging manner that has great potential to “go virile.” It is one of four fraud videos in which CFA has collaborated with Western Union to produce.

Susan Grant of CFA who headed the initiative provided the following advice: “You should never use a money transfer service to send funds to people you haven’t known for very long. It is a ‘favorite mechanism’ for scam artists.”

The video is available [online](#) and for use by consumer protection organizations. For more information, visit the CFA website.

NCEA Webcast: Successful Elder Abuse Coalitions Share Lessons Learned

Since 2007, the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (NCPEA) has led the NCEA Elder Justice Community Collaborations Project. On April 14th, NCPEA members Mary Lynn Kasunic (President and CEO, Area Agency on Aging, Region One, Phoenix, Arizona) and Pamela B. Teaster, Ph.D. (Professor and Director, Graduate

Center for Gerontology, University of Kentucky) will present lessons learned through the initiative in a featured webcast.

Ms. Kasunic spearheaded the NCEA initiative to create local elder abuse prevention coalitions in communities throughout the country. Ms. Kasunic and Dr. Teaster, along with selected leaders of coalitions developed through this project, will share lessons learned from the most successful local coalitions: what worked well and what approaches, coalition compositions, projects, and administrative structures hold the most promise for other communities attempting to create or to maintain collaborations addressing elder abuse.

Event Date and Time:

- Eastern: 4/14/2011 2PM
- Central: 4/14/2011 1PM
- Mountain: 4/14/2011 Noon
- Pacific: 4/14/2011 11AM

To Register, [Click Here](#).

For more information, visit the [NCEA Featured Events](#) web page. Visit the [NCEA Webcast Archives](#) to access earlier presentations.

Funding Opportunity

US Administration on Aging (AoA)

National Center on Elder Abuse

As quoted from the announcement: “Established in Section 202(d) of the OAA in 1992, the NCEA serves as a national resource center dedicated to the prevention of elder mistreatment. The NCEA is operated as a grant program and provides relevant information, materials, and support to enhance state and local efforts to prevent and address elder mistreatment. NCEA disseminates information to professionals and the public, and it provides

technical assistance and training to states and to community-based organizations. The NCEA makes available news and resources; collaborates on research; provides consultation, education, and training; identifies and provides information about promising practices and interventions; answers inquiries and requests for information; and operates a listserv forum for professionals.

AoA plans to award a total of two cooperative agreements:

Option 1: a cooperative agreement to run the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) information clearinghouse;

Option 2: a cooperative agreement to carry-out an NCEA Native American Elder Justice Initiative.

- For more information: [Click Here](#).
- Application deadline: May 5, 2011.
- Letters of intent, requested but not required, are due by: April 9, 2011.

Elder Abuse Research and Literature

The [Clearinghouse on Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly](#) at the University of Delaware (CANE, an NCEA grantee) maintains an annotated catalog of peer-reviewed literature on elder mistreatment and related issues. Here are the highlights of several recently indexed publications:

[Stronger Federal Leadership Could Enhance the Response to Elder Abuse](#)

US Government Accountability Office
March 2, 2011.

In 2009, Senator Kohl, US Senate Special Committee Chairperson, asked the Government Accountability Office to conduct research on the following questions:

- What are the nature and extent of data collected on the incidence of the various types of elder abuse nationwide?
- What challenges, if any, affect the ability of Adult Protective Services (APS) agencies to prevent, identify, investigate, and resolve various types of elder abuse?
- In what ways does the federal government currently support state and local efforts to prevent, identify, investigate, and resolve cases of elder abuse, and how well does this support address the challenges APS agencies face in this area?

To analyze these questions, the GAO conducted a literature review, a national survey of state APS administrators, site visits to APS programs in several states, and key informant interviews with national experts. As quoted from the report summary:

“Federal elder justice activities have addressed some APS challenges, but leadership in this area is lacking. Seven agencies within the Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Justice devoted a total of \$11.9 million in grants for elder justice activities in fiscal year 2009. These activities have promoted collaboration among APS and its partners, such as law enforcement, but have not offered APS the support it says it needs for resolving elder abuse cases and standardizing the information it reports. Although the Older Americans Act of 1965 has called attention to the importance of federal leadership in the elder justice area, no national policy priorities currently exist. The Administration on Aging in HHS is charged with providing such leadership, but its efforts to do so have been limited. The Elder Justice Act of 2009 authorizes grants to states for their APS programs and provides a vehicle for establishing and implementing national priorities in this area, but does not address national elder abuse incidence studies....”

The GAO recommends:

“The Secretary of HHS should determine the feasibility of providing APS-dedicated guidance, and, in coordination with the Attorney General, facilitate the development and implementation of a nationwide APS data system. Also, Congress should consider requiring HHS to conduct a periodic study to estimate elder abuse’s extent. HHS indicated that it will review options for implementing GAO’s recommendations....”

The complete report is available [online](#).

Do Incident and Perpetrator Characteristics of Elder Mistreatment Differ by Gender of the Victim? Results from the National Elder Mistreatment Study

Amstadter, A. et al.

Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect
Vol. 23, 43-57; 2011.

This research reports on gender differences among victims of elder mistreatment who participated in a national prevalence study. The authors utilized random digit dialing and a systematic selection procedure to interview 5,777 older adults. Several key differences were identified. Women were more likely to need help with daily activities, to live with the perpetrator, and be victimized by a relative. Men who were victims of emotional mistreatment were more likely to be dependent on the perpetrator. Those perpetrating physical mistreatment against men were likely to be unemployed and have a history of legal problems. Several limitations of the study included the fact that neither elders with cognitive impairment nor those without telephone access were included in the sample.

Neglect of Older Adults in Michigan Nursing Homes

Zhang, Z. et al.

Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect
Vol. 23, 58-74; 2011.

Using a telephone survey to interview family members of nursing home residents, researchers examined elder mistreatment with a focus on neglect in Michigan nursing homes. During the preceding twelve months, twenty-one percent of family members reported at least one incident of neglect involving their resident. An increase in the number of ADLs increased the likelihood of an individual being neglected. The authors also found that residents who were victims of resident-to-resident abuse were four times more likely to be neglected. The study suggests that there is a strong correlation between activities of daily living (ADLs) and elder neglect in nursing homes. One limitation of the study is that family members are often unaware of elder mistreatment. A second limitation is that the authors do not know any characteristics of the residents in the resident-to-resident abuse.

To search for additional annotated references, visit [CANE](#) online.

Special thanks to Ann Horner of the University of Delaware Center for Community Research and Service.

Editorial Note

The NCEA E-News features the following columns on a rotating basis: Research Highlights, State News, and Federal Legislative Updates.

Calendar of Events

April 1-30, 2011

[Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#)

National Observance

April 10-16, 2011

[National Crime Victims' Rights Week](#)

National Observance

April 15-16, 2011

[The Developing Science of Violence and Abuse:
Toward a New Understanding](#)

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Bloomington, MN

April 16-17, 2011

[Unite For Sight Global Health and Innovation 2011
Conference](#)

Yale University
New Haven, CT

April 19-21, 2011

[Law Enforcement's Role in Elder Crime](#)

Sheraton Suites Tampa Airport Westshore
Tampa, FL

April 21, 2011

[Elder Financial Exploitation: Investigation and
Intervention Tools](#)

Thomas M. McKee 4-H, Youth and Community
Building – The Ranch
Loveland, CO

April 26-30, 2011

[Aging in America](#)

American Society on Aging - National Council on
Aging
Hilton San Francisco Union Square
San Francisco, CA

May 1-31, 2011

[Older Americans Month](#)

Older Americans: Connecting the Community
National Observance

May 2-4, 2011

[Elder Case Management – Investigation to
Prosecution](#)

Embassy Suites Palm Beach Gardens
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

May 4, 2011

[Elder Abuse Interdisciplinary Symposium](#)

(Onsite, Live Videocast, Live Webcast)

Times Center
242 West 41st Street
New York, NY
Email: [Here](#)

May 19-21, 2011

[National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys Elder and
Special Needs Law Annual National Conference](#)

Wynn Hotel
Las Vegas, NV

May 25-27, 2011

[Sixth National Sexual Assault Response Team
\(SART\) Training Conference](#)

The Austin Hilton
Austin, TX

June 1-3, 2011

["The Trusting Elder" - Investigating Elder Financial
Exploitation](#)

Sheraton Suites Tampa Airport Westshore
Tampa, FL

June 15, 2011

[World Elder Abuse Awareness Day](#)

Global Observance

June 15, 2011

[World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Toronto:
International Forum on Sexual Safety of Older
Women – A Human Rights Approach](#)

International Federation on Ageing
Toronto, Canada

June 17, 2011

[6th Annual INPEA International Commemoration of
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day](#)

Exchange House
London, United Kingdom

June 20-22, 2011

[National Center for Victims of Crime
2011 National Conference](#)

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

Washington, DC

July 6-8, 2011

[2011 Elder Rights Conference – 25th Anniversary Celebration](#)

Westin River North Downtown Chicago
Chicago, IL

August 22-24, 2011

[Florida Conference on Aging: Aging Through a New Lens](#)

TradeWinds Hotel
St. Pete Beach, FL

October 25-28, 2011

[Consumer Voice 36th Annual Meeting and Conference](#)

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel
Grand Rapids, MI

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