

MINNESOTA ELDER JUSTICE CENTER

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2015 ANNUAL REPORT

OUR VISION

Minnesota Elder Justice Center is a trusted resource that improves lives, communities and systems with, and on behalf of, elders and vulnerable adults.

OUR MISSION

To mobilize communities to prevent and alleviate abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of elders and vulnerable adults.

OUR VALUES

INTEGRITY

We practice intellectual rigor and ethical behavior by being transparent and accountable to our many diverse stakeholders.

OPENHEARTED COLLABORATION

Committed to being inclusive, we create and participate in partnerships that improve the lives of Minnesota's elders and vulnerable adults.

INNOVATION

We are a learning organization that is willing to question the status quo, create alternative solutions and strategies and take risks in order to achieve our mission.

RESPONSIVE SERVICE

Our enduring focus is on the well-being of our elders and vulnerable adults, so we work tirelessly to ensure we remain respectful, relevant and responsive.

EXCELLENCE

To be of greatest service to the elders of our community, we endeavor to be dedicated, knowledgeable, curious and creative in all our work.



MESSAGE FROM IRIS C. FREEMAN, BOARD CHAIR

The Board of Directors is thrilled to bring you this report, highlighting the Minnesota Elder Justice Center's establishment and growth from October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. This period lifted the work from the drawing board of our founders, the leaders of the Vulnerable Adult Justice Project and the S.A.F.E. Minnesota Elders Initiative, to become an independent not-for-profit association that will "mobilize communities to prevent and alleviate abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of elders and vulnerable adults." The Center will be known for our accomplishments and for the principles by which we operate.

The pillars of our work are strong: Public Awareness, Professional Education and Public Policy. We recognized the need for Direct Services and took action to deliver them. The Center's website draws attention and provides readable, practical information. We have maintained and enhanced the Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference and established a social media policy to assure that we are reaching diverse audiences. The Center was a key stakeholder in planning Minnesota's work for the 2015 White House Conference on Aging.

Together we can affect the safety and rights of elders and vulnerable adults—here in Minnesota and as a successful model for others.

OUR WORK

The Minnesota Elder Justice Center educates, supports and trains: older adults and their family and caregivers, professionals working with older adults, professionals working with victims, primary and secondary victims of elder abuse, and the general public concerned about preventing elder abuse across the state of Minnesota.

WE PROVIDE:

- Prevention Activities
- Direct Service Intervention Supports
- Public Awareness
- Professional Training and Technical Assistance
- Systems Collaboration and Change Opportunities



2015 ACTIVITIES:

- Provided 41 trainings and presentations to at least 2,160 individuals.
- Provided information, support, referrals and systems navigation to at least 228 individuals.
- Provided technical assistance to advocates, family law attorneys, aging service professionals and financial institution employees.
- Held the Minnesota World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference with over 300 attendees.
- Convened 11 "Center Partners" professional development meetings, averaging 40 aging service professionals at each meeting.
- Secured funding to expand our statewide prevention activities, with work beginning February 2016.

2015 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Total Liabilities - \$15,090

Total Assets - \$92,811

Net Assets - \$77,721

Total Support - \$199,593

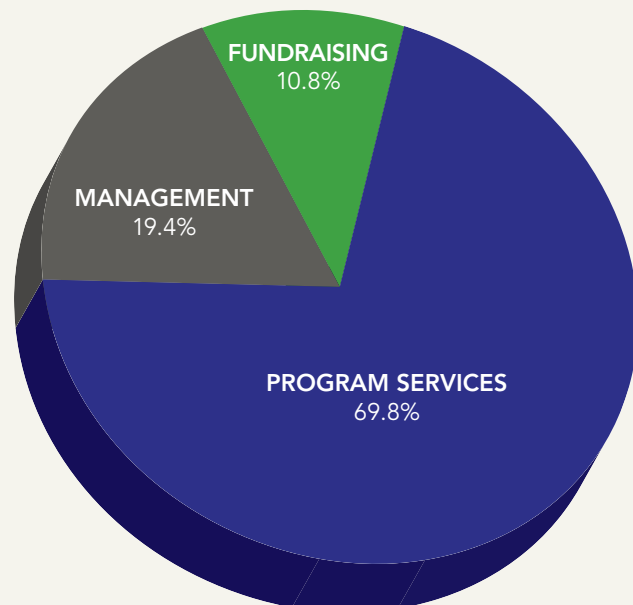
Total Expenses - \$201,345

BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES

Program Services - \$140,458 = 69.8%

Management - \$39,072 = 19.4%

Fundraising - \$21,815 = 10.8%



OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Elders and vulnerable adults provide a rich history of life experiences that should be honored and respected.
2. Freedom from abuse, neglect and financial exploitation is a fundamental right.
3. Elders, vulnerable adults and their families deserve information about their rights and choices.
4. Abuse, neglect and exploitation of elders and vulnerable adults are private tragedies with public consequences.
5. Collaboration and partnerships with key stakeholders are essential to preventing and alleviating abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of elders and vulnerable adults.
6. Collaboration between victim services and adult services is necessary to reduce abuse, neglect and financial exploitation.
7. Supportive communities and families improve the quality of life for elders and vulnerable adults.
8. We acknowledge and must work with the tension that exists between protection and autonomy.
9. The causes and solutions of abuse, neglect and exploitation are complex in scope and origin, stemming from families and systems alike; therefore multidisciplinary, holistic solutions are needed.
10. Our work is to be data driven and researched based.

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