



The Pikes Peak Elder Justice Center

FAST FACTS:

- History of the Pikes Peak Elder Justice Center (PPEJC) is rooted in volunteer-based Pikes Peak Elder Abuse Coalition (2005). The PPEJC was formed to seek funding as a non-profit, hire full-time employees and continue the expansive work of the Coalition.
- PPEJC incorporated as a Colorado non-profit in 2020, received IRS designation as a 501(c)3 non-profit in 2021 and began operations in earnest in 2022.
- Mission: A community response working toward preventing and eliminating elder abuse in the Pikes Peak region and beyond, through identifying victims of mistreatment, creating safe shelter for them. Vision: A community in which people in later life can live in safety, dignity and with respect.
- Operate four programs addressing shelter, behavioral health, guardianship, and social services system response all at no cost to the individual.
- Provide other limited direct services primarily through partnerships and relationships with other direct service providers.
- Funded primarily through state and federal grants and also by private philanthropic foundations.

OUR PROGRAMS:

Elder Shelter: The Elder Shelter program is a coordinated no cost effort to place adults who are 60 and over, or have a disability, and require assistance with ADLs, in safe shelter while they are recovering from abuse or neglect. We find open beds in partnering long-term care facilities.

Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team (E-MDT): The PPEJC Elder Abuse Forensic E-MDT consists of a group of professionals from diverse disciplines. They review complex and difficult elder abuse cases on a monthly basis. The goal is to address system problems, overcome barriers and improve cooperation among diverse agencies in Colorado at no cost to clients.

Fiduciary: The Fiduciary Program provides education and training to professional and lay guardians of older adults at no cost. This program also trains volunteers to work with professional fiduciaries so the professionals can accept more pro bono clients.

Behavioral Health: The Behavioral Health program provides no cost behavioral health services to underserved and underinsured older adults living in the community. Through a collaboration with the UCCS Psychology Department, the PPEJC provides training for Master and PhD students who are supervised by a licensed psychologist. This is not a crisis point of contact.

OUR IMPACT:

- Since Coalition work began in 2006, the Elder Shelter program has served over **250** older adult clients.
- Since its inception in July 2022, the E-MDT has addressed **1 - 3** complex cases of elder abuse, neglect and / or exploitation each month.
- Since its inception in July 2022 the Behavioral Health program has provided over **200** hours of mental health therapy services to over **30** community-dwelling and indigent older adults in need.

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