

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: The Pikes Peak Elder Justice Center will support and enhance the safety, stability and security of older adults. Vision: We envision a world where older adults are recognized, respected and supported; where compassionate care and community advocacy allow them to live free from abuse, neglect and exploitation.
- 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.
- Initially funded through state and federal grants, we are now funded primarily through private foundations. Over 75% of funding is dedicated to program services.

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 in safe shelter while they are recovering from abuse or neglect. We find open beds in partnering long-term care facilities for those needing assisted living. For those who can live independently, we can place them in our very own, stand-alone Vibrance House.

Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team (E-MDT): The PPEJC Elder Abuse Forensic E-MDT consists of a group of 30 – 40 professionals from diverse disciplines. They review and resolve complex and difficult elder abuse cases on a monthly basis. A secondary 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 assists in providing education and training to professional and lay guardians of and conservators of older adults at no cost. This program also helps older adults “age in place” in their homes so they can avoid institutionalization.

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.

OUR IMPACT:

- Since Coalition work began in 2016, the Elder Shelter program has served over **300** older adult clients.
- Since its inception in July 2022, the E-MDT has addressed 2-3 complex cases of elder abuse, neglect and / or exploitation each month, resolving over **100** individuals’ complex cases.
- Since its inception in July 2022 the Behavioral Health program has provided over **800** hours of mental health therapy services to almost **100** community-dwelling and indigent older adults in need.

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