

Elder Abuse Commission 2024-25

As Ohio's population ages, the commission's work to protect the elderly becomes all the more crucial. Here's a look at the group's progress during the recently ended biennium.



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My fellow Ohioans,

What is done in the dark will be brought to light.

In Ohio, we have seen cases of elder abuse grow in recent years. This increase is not simply because the state's population is aging; it's because too many criminals believe they can get away with preying on the vulnerable. And too many do.

This must end.

Elder abuse, in all its forms, robs our seniors of dignity, safety and peace of mind. It is a hidden crime that demands our collective awareness and action.

This report outlines the important work of the Elder Abuse Commission throughout 2024 and 2025 — efforts to protect our most vulnerable citizens, increase public awareness, strengthen partnerships and ensure justice for Ohio's older adults.

Together, we can bring light to the darkness and ensure that every Ohioan, regardless of age, lives with security and respect.

Yours,

Dave Yost
Ohio Attorney General

Letter from the Chair

Dear Friends,

Thanks to Attorney General Yost's continuing commitment to combatting elder abuse in Ohio, the Ohio Elder Abuse Commission has made effective strides in its mission to diminish elder abuse of older Ohioans.

During the 2024-2025 Biennium, the Commission's membership has brought together a group representing diverse backgrounds, skills, and knowledge to lend their expertise in making Ohio a better place for our older adults to live.

The Commission has educated itself and its affiliated organizations by inviting to its regularly scheduled meetings persons with detailed field experience. The information exchanged during these discussions has informed and expanded our members' knowledge, and provided them with additional methods for training their affiliated entities on ways of dealing with elder abuse problems.

Topics discussed included: Medicaid fraud, advocacy for senior center members and for older persons in long-term care settings, preventing guardianship abuse, sexual abuse of vulnerable older adults, the impact of the scarcity of affordable housing on older persons, and the successful initiatives in other states that have strengthened their elder justice programs.

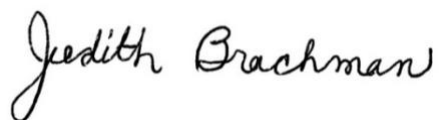
The Commission activities are buttressed by the dedication and hard work of the four standing committees: Direct Practice, Education and Communications, Policy, and Research. Their efforts are reported in a separate section below.

In the last seven years, Ohio has seen a 400% increase in the cases of elder abuse. No one committed to the improvement in the lives of older persons can be pleased with these numbers. However, a better-informed public along with educational activities by the Commission and other outreach entities may be contributing to an increase in persons reporting these problems.

Elder abuse is pernicious, and diminishing it requires constant attention and enforcement to lessen its negative impact on vulnerable older persons.

A commitment by informed Ohioans can make a difference. All of us working together can help ensure that our older residents can live more secure and satisfying lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith Brachman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Judith Brachman

About elder abuse

Elder abuse includes any intentional or negligent act by a caregiver or other individual who harms an older adult or puts them at serious risk. Such harm may be physical, sexual, emotional or psychological, or it may take the form of neglect or financial exploitation.

As Ohio's population continues to age, all Ohio residents must recognize our shared responsibility to protect older adults and confront elder abuse through informed policies and practices. Estimates show that one in 10 Ohioans age 60 or older suffer abuse — but only one in five cases are ever reported.

To detect elder maltreatment earlier and reduce its occurrence, Ohio needs strong collaboration among a broad network of community partners. These efforts must stress the importance of treating older Ohioans with dignity and respect, ensuring that they have meaningful opportunities to remain engaged in society.

AG Yost's Elder Abuse Commission

The Attorney General's Elder Abuse Commission (EAC) was established in 2009 to help empower older Ohioans, a goal that is vital to building a strong and inclusive Ohio.

The EAC's mission includes:

- Raising awareness of elder abuse and improving education on how to reduce and prevent it.
- Encouraging research.
- Improving policy, funding and programming.
- Advancing elder justice and the judicial response.
- Identifying ways to implement statewide coordination efforts.

In September 2018, the 132nd General Assembly codified the Elder Abuse Commission through House Bill 49. Ohio Revised Code Sections 5101.74 and 5101.741 (available in Appendix A) define the commission's duties and membership. (The same General Assembly amended the member list in March 2019 via Senate Bill 158.)

Given the state's aging population, the commission's efforts to empower older Ohioans are an increasingly vital part of achieving a just Ohio for all.

The commission is made up of representatives from numerous agencies in Ohio government as well as other public and private organizations dedicated to assisting older adults. It meets four times yearly to confer on issues of interest to the full body, both ongoing issues and new indications of problems that are brought to its attention for future discussion. The commission also has four committees that meet during the year to address areas of specific interest to that committee.

The EAC formulates and recommends strategies through its four committees:

- **Direct Practice**, which provides resources to front-line practitioners and identifies the services needed to reduce and eliminate elder abuse and victimization.
- **Education and Communications**, which conducts outreach to teach the public, service providers and first responders how to prevent, identify and investigate elder abuse.
- **Policy**, which identifies a variety of potential legislative and administrative policy responses to elder abuse.
- **Research**, which supports and guides elder justice researchers.

During the biennium, the commission met eight times to discuss current issues affecting older adults, share updates from commission members and Elder Justice staff, and host expert presentations relevant to the commission's work. Key presentations and topics included:

- **Attorney General's Health Care Fraud Section / Medicaid Fraud Control Unit:** Overview of investigations and prosecutions related to Medicaid provider fraud and enforcement of Ohio's Patient Abuse and Neglect Law protecting elderly and disabled individuals in long-term-care facilities.
- **AARP Representatives:** Discussion of strategies to combat financial exploitation through the Senior Investor Protection Act, efforts to prevent guardianship abuse and recent updates to the Uniform Healthcare Decisions Act to improve crisis decision-making.
- **Ohio Association of Senior Centers:** Information on professional development, certification and advocacy for senior center professionals, and policy work on issues such as air-conditioning access, digital training and essential services for seniors.
- **Elder Justice Staff Presentation:** Focus on sexual abuse of older adults; highlighting underreporting; lack of data; challenges in discussing the issue; vulnerability of dementia patients; and the need for improved training, enforcement and coordination.
- **Affordable Housing in Central Ohio:** Examination of severe housing cost burdens; rising eviction rates; racial disparities; predatory real-estate practices; and the specific challenges older adults face with affordability, accessibility and home modifications.
- **State Ombudsman Program:** Overview of advocacy services for residents in long-term-care and assisted-living facilities, emphasizing residents' rights, care quality data, staffing metrics and the importance of retaliation-free complaint resolution.
- **History of State Elder Abuse Commissions:** Review of successful approaches in other states, underscoring the importance of clear goals, policy advocacy, systems-level change and public awareness to strengthen elder justice efforts.

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Committee reports

Here is a summary of the progress made by the EAC committees during calendar years 2024 and 2025:

Direct Practice Committee

Purpose

The Direct Practice Committee provides resources to front-line practitioners and identifying services to help reduce — and, ultimately, eliminate — elder abuse. The committee focused on equipping frontline practitioners with practical, evidence-based resources to recognize and respond to elder abuse.

Key priorities include identifying gaps in services, strengthening referral pathways across healthcare and community systems and improving coordination among stakeholders to reduce barriers to reporting and intervention. Through education and advocacy, the committee aims to support early detection and timely protection of vulnerable older adults. Ultimately, the goal is to help reduce and, where possible, end elder abuse through system-level improvements and collaboration among departments and agencies throughout Ohio.

Work highlights

The committee discussed the framework and distribution of roles related to elderly sexual abuse prevention, detection and intervention. Emphasis was also placed on strengthening emergency-response procedures.

Committee work was divided into two provider categories:

- Community-based providers, including outpatients, home care, senior living, senior or recreation centers, adult day care and group homes.
- Facility-based providers, including long-term care, skilled nursing, assisted living, hospitals and emergency departments, and group homes.

The committee then focused on these initiatives:

- Community education: Developing educational materials for healthcare providers in community settings (home care, senior living, senior and recreation centers) to enhance understanding of sexual abuse and use of screening tools.
- EMRE (emergency management system): Focusing on strengthening connections among agencies, improving resource distribution, and guiding healthcare providers in navigating reported cases in both community and facility settings. In collaboration with the Ohio Health Care Association, developing both reporting and screening protocols for skilled-nursing, long-term-care, and assisted-living facilities. The existing abuse incident flow sheet used by nursing homes was added to the resource document.
- Sexual abuse prevention, detection and intervention: Working on reporting protocols and screening tools (e.g., Elder Abuse Suspicion Index) for outpatient settings. Plan to include

Adult Protective Services and the Ohio Attorney General's Office contact numbers on After Visit Summaries.

- Addressing capacity concerns for older adults with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) to develop a capacity evaluation process with the forensic nursing team.

Next steps and goals

The committee will support the Attorney General's public awareness campaign regarding elder maltreatment recognition, prevention and reporting. The What's Done in the Dark video, as well as training and awareness materials, will continue to be shared by the committee with service providers, senior centers and mandated reporters.

Additionally, the committee will study how to standardize definitions of elder sexual abuse across Ohio agencies and continue its collaboration with the Education and Communications Committee as well as the Research Committee.

Education and Communications Committee

Purpose

The Education and Communications Committee plans and engages in outreach efforts to raise public awareness and to educate first responders and service providers in preventing, identifying and investigating cases of elder abuse. The committee focuses on expanding education and outreach efforts to raise awareness of elder abuse among the public, professionals, service providers, and first responders.

Education is key to early detection, prevention and increased reporting of such cases. Topics focus on elder abuse research, policies, and interventions that have demonstrated effectiveness in combating elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. The committee sponsors events that afford educational opportunities throughout the state with the primary goal of expanding positive outcomes for older abuse victims.

Work highlights

With the assistance of the Attorney General's Elder Justice and Support and Outreach units from the Crime Victim Services Section, the committee planned and presented a World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) Conference in 2024 and 2025. Both were geared toward educating professionals who work with Ohio's older adult population and both were very well attended.

- The "Dollars and Sense: Financial Exploitation of Older Adults" conference took place on June 26, 2024, at the Sharonville Convention Center in suburban Cincinnati. This event encompassed six workshops focusing on issues such as effective community outreach, effective investigative strategies, cognitive impairment and financial vulnerability, as well as prosecution of senior financial abuse cases.

Among the nearly 200 in attendance were advocates/social workers/adult protective services workers (42 percent), attorneys (16 percent), law enforcement (19 percent), medical personnel (4 percent), and people of unspecified work backgrounds (26 percent).

Then-Hamilton County Prosecutor Melissa Powers and Chief Assistant Prosecutor Matthew Broo presented the morning plenary session, laying out for attendees the important work of their office's Elder Justice Unit and speaking directly about effective community outreach aimed at the at-risk population of seniors.

An afternoon plenary session featured Page Ulrey, the senior deputy prosecutor attorney from the King County Prosecutor's Office in the state of Washington. She walked attendees through a successful case prosecution. She also led a discussion on pitfalls in such cases and how best to protect the older adults that professionals serve.

- "New Age Vulnerabilities: Protecting Older Adults in a Digital Era" was the theme of the conference presented on June 23, 2025, at the Ohio State University Fawcett Center in Columbus. The event's six workshops included an explanation of the Ohio Investor Recovery Fund, information on various fraud schemes, a collaborative approach to addressing cryptocurrency and other modern scams, and how to unmask artificial intelligence scams.

The morning plenary session featured Tracy Dodson, a nurse educator, researcher, and associate professor at Kent State University. She explored the positive side of AI, and how it can be used in meaningful ways with older adults — including, for example, re-creating digital images of a person's most poignant memories or moments to help foster joy, spark conversation and improve overall daily experiences.

The afternoon lineup began with a session featuring the Attorney General's newly formed [Electronic Financial Investigations unit](#), part of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. The team focused on the dangers of scams involving cryptocurrency, detailing a case study.

The conference exceeded its capacity. The 200+ attendees represented 50 of Ohio's 88 counties as well as a host of disciplines, including advocates/social workers/adult protective services workers (30 percent), attorneys (8 percent), law enforcement (14 percent), medical personnel (2 percent), and a large component whose occupation was unspecified at registration but were mostly from the financial industry (45 percent).

- An Older Ohioans Forum was held on Nov. 14, 2024, at the Evans Center in Grove City. These events, which are presented at various sites statewide for Ohio's older adults and their families and caregivers, offer attendees opportunities to learn about subjects related to preventing and dealing with elder maltreatment. This forum — themed "Responding to Elder Financial Exploitation, Scams, and Fraud" — addressed financial exploitation and fraud, issues related to elder law, and questions about the use of power of attorney. Presenters included members of the law enforcement community and attorneys who specialize in elder law. The room was filled with older adults as well as representatives of service-providing agencies, which provided information on how the agencies can help victims.

Next steps and goals

- The committee will continue to plan WEAAD conferences for professionals as well as regional events for seniors to keep them updated and informed about elder maltreatment.
- Support will be provided to the Attorney General's public awareness campaign regarding elder maltreatment recognition, prevention and reporting. The What's Done in the Dark video, as well as training and awareness materials, will be shared by the committee with service providers, senior centers and mandated reporters.

Policy Committee

Purpose

The Policy Committee focuses on identifying policy and legislative approaches that governments and agencies statewide can adopt to address elder abuse. The committee's responsibilities include tracking and analyzing policies impacting older Ohioans and supporting effective laws, regulations and guidance to secure a strong and just Ohio at all levels. In essence, the committee collaborates with officials and partners across sectors to implement and enforce policies and initiatives that combat elder mistreatment.

Work highlights

The Policy Committee continues to serve as a resource for the Ohio General Assembly to support numerous changes and/or amendments to laws in Ohio's Elder Justice landscape. The Policy Committee frequently serves as an interested party for vetting relevant legislation and provides additional resources as policy is developed. The committee served in this capacity on the following bills:

- Amended Substitute House Bill 96: The Biennial State Operating Budget Bill took effect Sept. 29, 2025.
- House Bill 491: The Guardianship Modernization Bill was introduced and assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.
- Senate Bill 35: The Supportive Decision Making Bill was passed by the Senate and assigned to the House Children and Human Services Committee.

Next steps and goals

The Policy Committee plans to collaborate with the chairs of the House Children and Human Services Committee, the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the Senate Medicaid Committee, and support issues important to older Ohioans across the House and Senate, including the legislative representatives to the Elder Abuse Commission. In addition, the committee will continue to track and advocate for legislation and implementation of laws and policies relevant to the well-being of older adults.

Research Committee

Purpose

The Research Committee recognizes that the more Ohio knows about elder maltreatment, the better equipped the state will be to respond to it and/or prevent it. As a result, the committee promotes research from experts throughout Ohio. Because the effects of elder abuse ripple through a wide range of disciplines — medicine, social work, criminal justice, public health and so on — the committee engages experts familiar with developing research in these fields and related areas.

The committee supports research by, say, issuing letters of support for special projects or sharing relevant communications (e.g., research alerts). But it does not seek funding to conduct empirical research of its own.

Building on the past work of the Research Committee and the U.S. Department of Justice’s “Elder Justice Roadmap,” the Research Committee works toward the following goals:

- Increasing the number of professionals, advocates and policymakers in Ohio who are familiar with developments in elder abuse research and its relevance to their work.
- Building organizational infrastructure to make elder abuse research in our state particularly compelling.
- Delineating research questions that interest Ohio policymakers and practitioners.
- Collaborating with members of the Elder Abuse Commission and identifying areas of shared interest between the Research Committee and the commission’s other committees.

Work highlights

- Quarterly meetings that included presentations of research conducted in Ohio or by researchers in Ohio
- Continuing to update a centralized repository (MS Teams site hosted by Benjamin Rose) for meeting agendas, notes, and other shared files
- Ongoing sharing of elder justice resources (webinars, grant opportunities, etc.)

2024:

- Development of a working bibliography on trauma and elder abuse, following up on the 2023 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event
- Presentation of a symposium at the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education annual conference in April 2024, using it as an opportunity to showcase elder justice research in Ohio and recruit new members for the committee
- Panel presentation on multidisciplinary teams and financial exploitation at the Attorney General’s World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event in June 2024

2025:

- Collaboration with the larger commission on a project to examine policy related to elder sexual abuse; the committee is working to obtain prevalence data from Ohio's agencies to develop a baseline understanding of the problem
- Presentation of a symposium at the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education annual conference in April 2025; committee members used this as an opportunity to showcase elder justice research in Ohio and recruit new members for the committee

Next steps and goals

- Obtaining data regarding elder sexual abuse prevalence, and reporting this back to the larger commission
- Identifying researchers who are conducting elder justice research in Ohio and/or based in Ohio
- Collaborating with commission members and the agencies they represent to help answer research questions, determine which metrics should be used to measure outcomes and assist in creating connections throughout the community
- Sharing information about research conducted in Ohio or by researchers in Ohio with committee members, the commission and community members
- Identifying relevant topics of interest by stakeholders in Ohio

Commission accomplishments

Increasing public awareness

To combat the growing prevalence — and persistent underreporting — of elder abuse and financial exploitation, Attorney General Dave Yost launched a coordinated, statewide public-awareness effort focused on education, survivor empowerment, and cross-sector collaboration.

At the commission's annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference in June 2025, AG Yost announced several major initiatives designed to elevate the attention paid to elder abuse and exploitation. Central among them was the production of *What's Done in the Dark*, a powerful video unveiled publicly at the October meeting of the Elder Abuse Commission. The video works to reduce stigma, reinforce that victims are not at fault, and encourage reporting by helping Ohioans to recognize warning signs and to seek help. The video features real-life victims, helping to humanize the impact of elder abuse and heighten awareness and interest in the problem. It is now being distributed by the Elder Justice Unit at public events and through the Attorney General's new Elder Abuse Resources webpages, while also serving as a compelling tool partners can integrate into trainings, presentations, and outreach efforts.

The campaign also marked the launch of a new partnership with the Ohio Pharmacists Association, reflecting AG Yost's call for collaboration across sectors — including pharmacists, bankers, law enforcement, physicians, and retirement communities — to better safeguard older Ohioans. As part of this partnership, an elder abuse awareness website was developed and launched in October

2025. The site serves as a centralized, victim-centered hub for reporting guidance, educational materials, and statewide resources for older adults, caregivers, and professionals. Early engagement from community partners confirmed that the site meets a crucial need by making information easier to find, navigate, and share consistently across Ohio.

In addition, the partnership includes the development of elder abuse awareness materials tailored specifically for pharmacy settings, along with a formal training curriculum for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. These materials are designed to enhance visibility at the point of sale, reinforce consistent statewide messaging, and provide early support for pharmacy staff. Distribution of awareness materials is slated to begin in 2026 as curriculum development nears completion, ensuring alignment across all components of the initiative. When finalized, the training will offer a one-hour Continuing Education Unit (CEU), ensuring the education is both professionally recognized and practically valuable.

Together — the survivor-centered video, expanded public education, increased focus on underreporting, the new centralized website, pharmacy-specific awareness materials, and the forthcoming CEU-accredited training — Ohio has moved swiftly from concept to coordinated action, significantly strengthening the statewide response to elder abuse and financial exploitation while promoting vigilance, compassion, and shared responsibility for protecting Ohio’s seniors.

Leading legislative reform

135th General Assembly

Senate Bill 81 | Title: Authorize Certain Nurses to Sign Hospital Patient Documents

Signed by the governor: June 21, 2024

Effective date: Sept. 20, 2024

- Authorizes physician assistants, certified nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and certified nurse midwives to sign documents related to the admission, treatment, and discharge of psychiatric inpatients, if certain conditions are met.

House Bill 173 | Title: Designate May as Older Ohioans Month

Signed by the governor: Jan. 2, 2025

Effective date: April 3, 2025

- Requires hospitals to publish a list of all standard charges for items and services, including a consumer-friendly list of standard charges for at least 300 shoppable services.
- Designates the month of May as Older Ohioans Month.

House Bill 236 | Title: Enact the “Never Alone Act”

Signed by the governor: Dec. 19, 2024

Effective date: March 20, 2025

- Requires congregate care settings to inform patients or residents of their right to designate an advocate and provide an opportunity to do so.
- Prohibits congregate care settings, during a public health emergency, from denying a patient or resident access to an advocate or prohibiting an advocate’s physical presence.
- Requires congregate care settings, at all other times, to make every reasonable effort to allow an advocate to be physically present.

136th General Assembly

House Bill 96 | Title: Make State Operating Appropriations for FY 2026–27

Signed by the governor: June 30, 2025

Effective dates: Operating appropriations: June 30, 2025

Other provisions: Sept. 30, 2025

- Continues funding through the Ohio Department of Aging for:
 - PASSPORT, PACE, and Assisted Living programs
 - Senior Community Outreach and Education
 - Long-Term Care Quality Initiatives
 - Long-Term Care Consumers Guide
- Increases certain license fees to generate revenue for the Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports Fund

Next steps for the commission

The Elder Abuse Commission will continue advancing its mission through committee-led and cross-committee initiatives, with a particular focus on addressing the sexual abuse of older adults. The commission will also maintain coordination with the Ohio Task Force on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness, on which Monica Walker has served as a valued representative, and will strengthen collaboration with the Task Force's Aging Committee to promote alignment on shared priorities.

Proposed new initiatives

- Enhanced coordination with the Crime Victims Unit: Commission members will meet quarterly with representatives from the Attorney General's Crime Victims Unit to identify emerging issues and determine potential areas for focused commission study and action.
- Expanded public outreach: Commission or committee members will meet twice yearly with the Attorney General's Communications team to explore new partnerships and outreach channels for sharing information and resources with the public.
- Judicial system engagement: In line with statutory directives, the commission will assess current judicial practices to identify opportunities for broader education and training that improve the judicial response to elder abuse victims.
- Best practice review: The commission will examine elder abuse programs in other states to evaluate successful models and assess their potential adaptability for implementation in Ohio.

These efforts will ensure that the commission continues to strengthen collaboration, expand public awareness, and enhance Ohio's statewide response to elder abuse.

Appendix A | 5101.74 Elder abuse commission

(A) There is hereby created the elder abuse commission. The commission shall consist of the following members:

(1) The following members, appointed by the attorney general:

- (a) One representative of the AARP;
- (b) One representative of the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association;
- (c) One representative of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio;
- (d) One representative of the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging;
- (e) One representative of the Board of Nursing;
- (f) One representative of the Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services;
- (g) One person who represents the interests of elder abuse victims;
- (h) One person who represents the interests of elderly persons;
- (i) One representative of the Ohio Domestic Violence Network;
- (j) One representative of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association;
- (k) One representative of the Ohio Victim Witness Association;
- (l) One representative of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police;
- (m) One representative of the Ohio Association of Probate Judges;
- (n) One representative of the Ohio Job and Family Services Directors' Association;
- (o) One representative of the Ohio Bankers League;
- (p) One representative of the Ohio Credit Union League;
- (q) Two representatives of national organizations that focus on elder abuse or sexual violence;
- (r) One representative of the State Medical Board;
- (s) One representative of the Community Bankers Association of Ohio;
- (t) One representative of an organization representing the interests of senior centers;
- (u) One representative of an organization representing the policy interests of seniors;
- (v) One representative of a research-based academia representing elder abuse research.

(2) The following ex officio members:

- (a) The attorney general or the attorney general's designee;
- (b) The chief justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio or the chief justice's designee;
- (c) The governor or the governor's designee;
- (d) The director of aging or the director's designee;
- (e) The director of Job and Family Services or the director's designee;
- (f) The director of health or the director's designee;

- (g) The director of Mental Health and Addiction Services or the director's designee;
- (h) The director of developmental disabilities or the director's designee;
- (i) The superintendent of insurance or the superintendent's designee;
- (j) The director of public safety or the director's designee;
- (k) The state long-term care ombudsman or the ombudsman's designee;
- (l) One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (m) One member of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate;
- (n) One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;
- (o) One member of the Senate, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- (p) The director of commerce, or the director's designee.

(B) Members who are appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

(C) All members of the commission shall serve as voting members. The attorney general shall select from among the appointed members a chairperson. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson, but not less than four times per year. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson and shall be called by the chairperson at the request of the attorney general. The commission may establish its own quorum requirements and procedures regarding the conduct of meetings and other affairs.

(D) Members shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for mileage and other actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

(E) Sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code do not apply to the Elder Abuse Commission.

5101.741 Duties of commission

(A) The elder abuse commission shall formulate and recommend strategies on all of the following:

- (1) Increasing awareness of and improving education on elder abuse;
- (2) Increasing research on elder abuse;
- (3) Improving policy, funding, and programming related to elder abuse, including estimated funding necessary to implement specific recommendations;
- (4) Improving the judicial response to elder abuse victims;
- (5) Identifying ways to coordinate statewide efforts to address elder abuse.

(B) The commission shall prepare and issue a biennial report on a plan of action that may be used by local communities to aid in the development of efforts to combat elder abuse. The report shall include the commission's findings and recommendations made under divisions (A) of this section.

(C) The attorney general may adopt rules as necessary for the commission to carry out its duties. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code.



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