



**WORLD ELDER ABUSE  
AWARENESS DAY**

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**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WORLD ELDER ABUSE  
AWARENESS DAY  
(WEAAD) CONFERENCE**

**JUNE 15, 2023**



**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY**

*Your Partner For A Stronger Arizona*

Thank you for your support of DES and all of its partnering organizations that serve aging adults!



## Welcome

Dear Community Partners and Professionals in Aging,

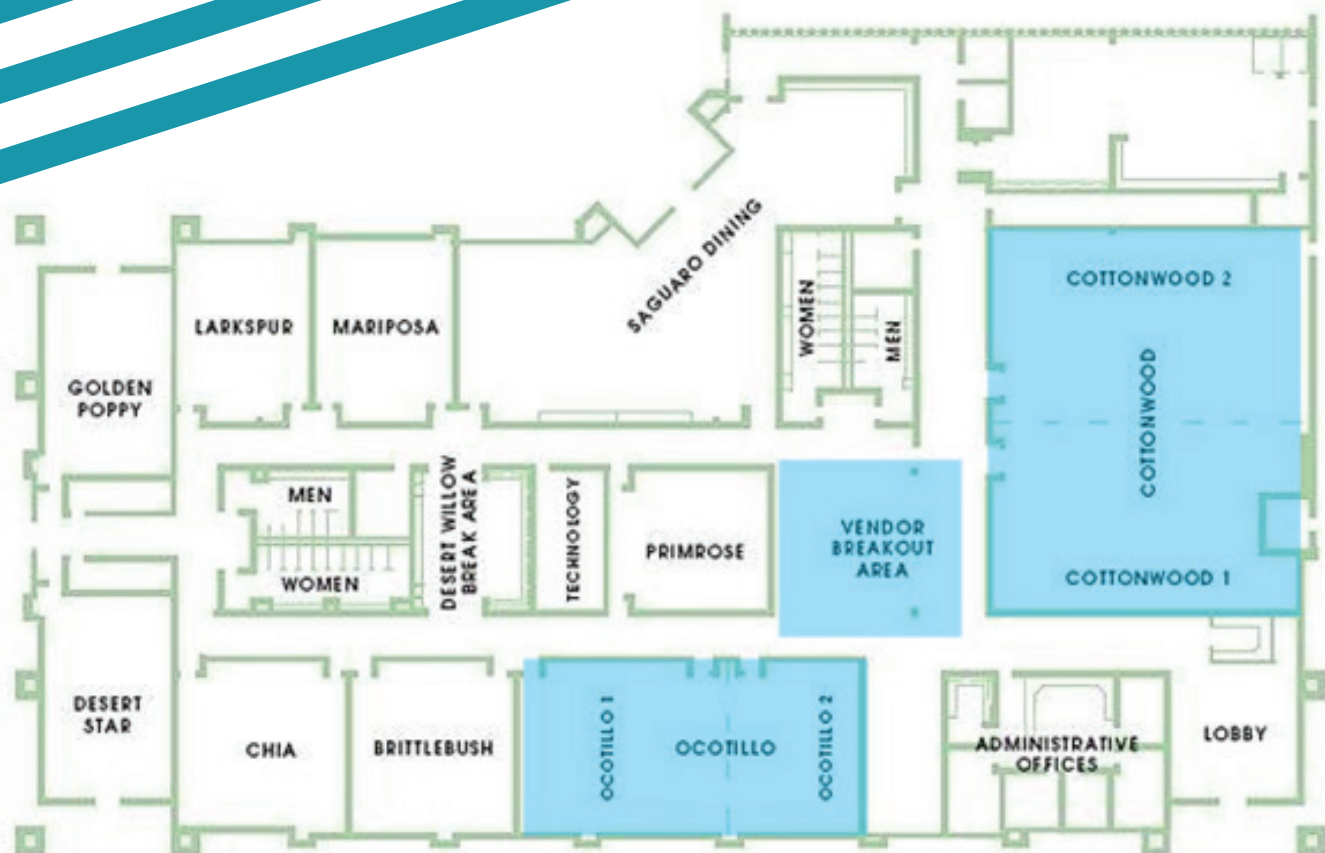
Welcome to Arizona's 5th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference (WEAAD)! With living communities and supportive services carved out especially for our aging population, in addition to our weather and strong economy, Arizona continues to serve as a favored location for aging adults. As our aging community grows, we must continue to consider the ways in which our programs and services for older adults adapt to meet increasing needs, with health and safety at the forefront of our minds.

WEAAD brings together organizations, professionals and experts in aging to discuss the ways in which we can best collaborate to serve and protect older adults so they can continue to thrive. Representatives from organizations statewide will share valuable information and resources and discover innovative practices. Today, you will learn about promoting elder justice, understand the impact of historical trauma, know how the Attorney General's Office responds to elder abuse, and learn many ways to see, stop and prevent elder abuse in its many forms. I expect you will also have the opportunity to meet a new colleague or share your ideas for making services for older adults better. Through this conference, we can help continue to foster greater safety and awareness for aging Arizonans.

These sessions will assist us all in our mission to support the health, safety and well-being of older adults. Thank you for your passion and dedication to our aging community, and your participation in this year's conference.

Sincerely,

Angie Rodgers  
Director  
Arizona Department of Economic Security



# SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS

(Conference Sessions Subject to Change)

## REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST: 7:15 TO 8:00 A.M.

Room: *Cottonwood Ballroom*

## WELCOME AND OPENING: 8:00 TO 8:30 A.M.

Room: *Cottonwood Ballroom*



### EMCEE

**Dr. David Coon** | Associate Dean of Research Initiatives, Support, and Engagement, and Professor in the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation, Arizona State University



### SPEAKER

**Angie Rodgers** | Director, Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES)

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER: 8:30 TO 9:30 A.M.

*Powering Elder Justice Through Equity & Community Building*

Room: *Cottonwood Ballroom*



### SPEAKER

**Sarah Galvan** | Managing Director, Justice in Aging

## BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS: 9:30 TO 10:00 A.M.

## BREAKOUT SESSION ONE: 10:00 TO 11:00 A.M.

### *Intimate Partner Violence and Neurocognitive Disorders*

Room: Cottonwood 1



#### **SPEAKER**

**Amanda Kraker** | LCSW, Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program Manager, Department of Veterans Affairs

### *Adult Protective Services and Care Coordination*

Room: Cottonwood 2



#### **SPEAKER**

**Mark Pellman** | Emergency Health Services Program Director  
Area Agency on Aging, Region One



#### **SPEAKER**

**Anita Loehr** | Emergency Health Services APS Care Coordinator  
Area Agency on Aging, Region One

### *Investigating Vulnerable Adult Exploitation – Identifying and Preventing Fraud*

Room: Cottonwood 2



#### **SPEAKER**

**Cassidy Richardson** | Special Agent, Office of the Arizona Attorney General



**Family Caregiver Supports and Programs**  
**Room: Ocotillo**



**SPEAKER**

**Kathrine Steele-Watson** | Program Development  
Coordinator, Arizona Caregiver Coalition



**SPEAKER**

**Gina Johnson** | Director/Founder, Sharing  
Down's Syndrome Arizona

**BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS: 11:00 TO 11:30 A.M.**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: 11:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.**

***The Impact of Historical Trauma on Elder Abuse***  
**Room: Cottonwood Ballroom**



**SPEAKER**

**Iya Affo, Founder** | Heal Historical Trauma Culture &  
Indigenous Wellness Academy and Phoenix Rising in  
Resilience

**LUNCH: 12:30 TO 1:45 P.M.**

Enjoy a meal with your colleagues in the Cottonwood Ballroom and hear from Attorney General Kris Mayes and our next keynote speaker!

**Recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness: 12:45 - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Room: Cottonwood Ballroom**



**SPEAKER**

**Kris Mayes** | Arizona Attorney General

**LUNCH KEYNOTE SPEAKER: 1:00 - 1:45 P.M.**

***The Role of the Arizona Attorney General's Office in Matters Related to Elder Abuse***  
**Room: Cottonwood Ballroom**



**SPEAKER**

**Leslie Cooper** | Chief Counsel of the Civil Litigation  
Division, Arizona Attorney General's Office

**BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS: 1:45 TO 2:15 P.M.**

**BREAKOUT SESSION TWO: 2:15 TO 3:15 P.M.**

***Rising Tides – Facing a Local Epidemic of Seniors Facing Homelessness in the  
Midst of a Global Pandemic***  
**Room: Cottonwood 1**



**SPEAKER**

**Richard Crews** | Director of Programs, Human  
Services Campus



**Cross-Sectional Care Coordination for Low Income Populations**  
**Room: Cottonwood 1**



**SPEAKER**

**Dara Johnson** | Program Development Office,  
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System  
(AHCCCS)

**Addressing Abuse and Neglect For People Living with Dementia**  
**Room: Cottonwood 2**



**SPEAKER**

**Kinsey McManus** | Program Director, Alzheimer's Association  
Desert Southwest Chapter



**SPEAKER**

**Nadia Jolie Cassanguir** | Director of Refugee Programs, Area  
Agency on Aging, Region One



**SPEAKER**

**Wendie Manning** | Mosaic Programs Nurse Educator, Area  
Agency on Aging, Region One



**SPEAKER**

**Alice Ghareib** | DOVES Community Program Manager, Area  
Agency on Aging, Region One

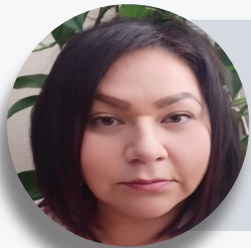
## ***Elder Abuse Coalitions: How They Work Together and Develop Prevention Strategies***

**Room:** *Ocotillo*



### **SPEAKER**

**Shi Martin** | Regional Ombudsman Coordinator, South Eastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) Area Agency on Aging



### **SPEAKER**

**Elsa Centeno** | State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) and Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Coordinator, South Eastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) Area Agency on Aging

## ***Yuma County Elder Abuse Prevention Task Force***

**Room:** *Ocotillo*



### **SPEAKER**

**Carol Brown** | Program Development & Advocacy Manager, Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG), Area Agency on Aging

## **BREAKOUT SESSION THREE: 3:20 TO 4:20 P.M.**

### ***Technology Scams and Savvy Scammers***

**Room:** *Cottonwood 1*



### **SPEAKER**

**Martin Hellmer** | Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigations

***Racial & Ethnic Approaches to Community Health***  
**Room: Cottonwood 2**



**SPEAKER**

**Algurie Wilson** | Health Advocate and President, The Coalition for African American Health and Wellness



**SPEAKER**

**Raven Carlos-Jones** | Social Services Department Social Worker, Salt River - Maricopa Indian Community

***The Student Respite Program Toolkit: Engaging Students as Respite Providers***  
**Room: Ocotillo**



**SPEAKER**

**Dr. Kim Whitmore** | Assistant Professor College of Nursing, Marquette University

**BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITORS: 4:20 TO 4:50 P.M.**


**CLOSING REMARKS AND RAFFLE: 4:50 TO 5:00 P.M.**

**Room: Cottonwood Ballroom**

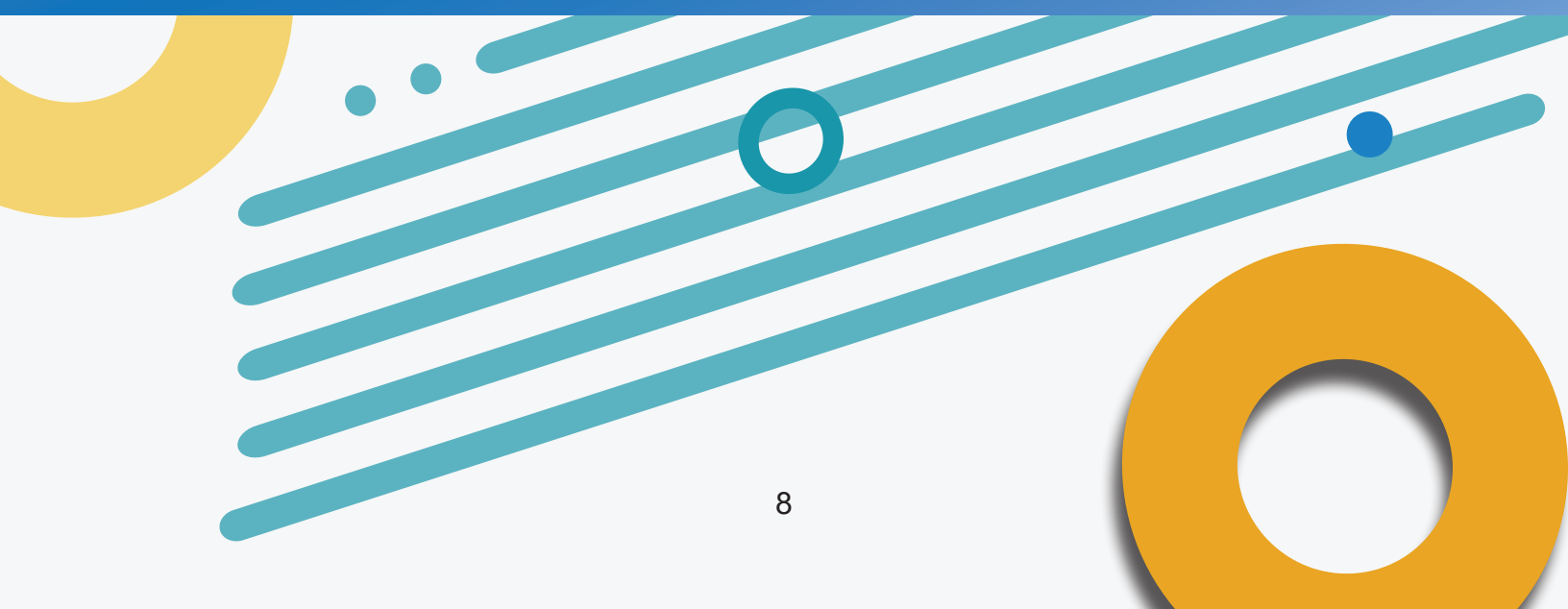


**SPEAKER**

**Molly McCarthy** | Assistant Director, DES Division of Aging and Adult Services



Thank you for attending the 2023 WEAAD Conference and strengthening your commitment to older adults in Arizona. Thank you to our keynote and session speakers for educating the Aging Network professionals, so we can further see, stop and prevent elder abuse. Special thanks to the Department of Economic Security (DES) Division of Aging and Adult Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, and Adult Protective Services; Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS); and Organized Affairs for collaborating and organizing the conference.



# EXHIBITORS:



Securing today  
and tomorrow



- Division of Aging and Adult Services
- Division of Community Assistance and Development
- Division of Developmental Disabilities
- Office of Tribal Relations
- Arizona Abuse in Later Life Grant
- Adult Protective Services (APS)
- Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)

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## ITEMS TO FOLLOW UP ON

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## Share Your Thoughts on Social Media!

Elder abuse impacts everyone. What new actions will you and your team take away from this conference? We encourage you to take a photo in front of our backdrop in the exhibitor/registration area and share your thoughts on social media!

Start your answer with “After this conference, my team and I ...”

Then post to social media using **#WEAADAZ23** and **#SeeltStopItPreventIt**.



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## Let Us Know about Your Experience

Thank you for joining us at the 5th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) Conference! Please tell us how we can continue to provide what you seek as an attendee, exhibitor, and/or presenter at the Arizona WEAAD conference by scanning the QR code below and taking our survey today!





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