



WHY COLLABORATE?

Working Together to Address Elder Abuse



You Will Be Better Able To:

- Describe the benefits and value of collaboration in elder abuse cases versus typical siloed responses.
- List various models of collaboration.
- Identify local collaborations to address elder abuse.



MDT Discussion of the Frank's Case

(role play)

- Need 6 volunteers to read a script about their interactions with Frank



Debrief of MDT Activity

- What information did one system have that other professionals may not have known?
- What accounts for the different information each had?



Considering Frank's case and your own experience, what are the benefits of an elder abuse team focused on case review?



Modeling Collaboration

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When We Work in Our Own Silos

- Well intended professionals assess cases based on the information they have available to them.
- When we work in “silos,” we only have the information we have collected.

Benefits of Sharing Information

- Each system has more information to:
 - Make better decisions
 - More accurately assess the victim's strengths and needs
 - Understand the victim's desires to craft alternatives that best met the victim's preferences and needs.

Collaboration Enhances Victim Autonomy and Safety

- Victim autonomy and self-determination are respected
- Interventions which enhance safety can be developed and thoughtfully and ethically implemented

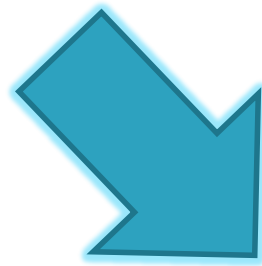


Quote by Helen Keller

“Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.”
– Helen Keller

From Silo to Team

SILO



TEAM



Ways to Collaborate

- Informal
- Formal
 - Structure and Membership
 - Leadership
 - Mission statement and bylaws
 - Rules or formalized procedures
 - MOUs

Quote by Dr. Rosalie Wolf

“Multidisciplinary teams...are now a hallmark of elder abuse prevention programs.”

– Dr. Rosalie Wolf

A National Look at Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Teams, retrieved from <https://ncea.acl.gov/>



Types of Teams to Address Elder Abuse

- What types of teams meet regularly in this community to address elder abuse or other related topics?



Local Collaboration

- Name teams in this area that address elder abuse.
- Describe the focus of their work; how long they have been operating, and their membership.



Elder Abuse Teams

- Case Review
 - Multidisciplinary teams/Interdisciplinary teams
 - Financial Abuse Specialist Teams (FASTs)
- Centralizing Services
 - Elder Abuse Forensic Centers
 - Family Justice Centers
- Improving Responses/Systems change
 - Coordinated Community Response
 - Elder Fatality Review Teams
 - Coalitions

NOTE: Many EA teams have more than 1 focus area



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Centralizing Services for Older Adults and Professionals

- Elder Abuse Forensic Centers
- Family Justice Centers



Improving Responses/Systems Change

- Coordinated Community Response (CCR)
- Elder Fatality Review Teams
- Coalitions



Quote by Henry Ford

“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.”
– Henry Ford



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Resources

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Links to Resources on Collaboration

- National Center on Elder Abuse:
<https://ncea.acl.gov/>
- National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL): www.ncall.us/community/collaboration
- National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse: www.preventelderabuse.org/coalitions



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