



Mapping Elder Justice Networks

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ElderJustice
INITIATIVE



AGENDA

- About the EJI and the MDT TAC
- Services of the Center
- New Projects
- Focus on networks mapping
- Invitation to participate



POLL:

WHAT IS YOUR
PROFESSIONAL
BACKGROUND?

- Administrative
- Financial
- Law Enforcement
- Legal
- Medical
- Mental Health Services
- Research
- Social Work
- Victim Services
- Other (please specify in the chat)

ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE

The **mission** is to support and coordinate the Department of Justice's enforcement and programmatic efforts to combat elder abuse, neglect, and financial fraud and scams that target older adults.

The Initiative does so by—

- ▶ Promoting justice for older adults.
- ▶ Helping older victims and their families.
- ▶ Enhancing state and local efforts through training and resources.
- ▶ Supporting research to improve elder abuse policy and practice.



ABOUT THE MDT TAC

Our mission is to provide tools, resources, and individualized consultations to facilitate the expansion of elder abuse case review multidisciplinary teams across the nation.



SERVICES AND RESOURCES

- Responding to requests for materials (e.g., toolkits or research)
- Phone consultations to discuss problem solving (e.g., confidentiality issues)
- In-person consultations for communities needing a more hands-on approach
- Educational opportunities such as webinars
- MDT Guide and Toolkit
- Networks Map
- MDT Listserv Community



Elder Justice Initiative Home

About EJI

- ▶ Older Adults, Families, and Caregivers
- ▶ Financial Exploitation
- ▶ Prosecutors
- ▶ Law Enforcement
- ▶ Victim Specialists
- ▶ **Multidisciplinary Teams**

About the MDT TAC

MDT

Announcements

MDT Toolkit and Guide

- ▶ Researchers
- ▶ EJI Outreach

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MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS

MDT technical assistance at your fingertips



The Multidisciplinary Team Technical Assistance Center (MDT TAC) has chosen to focus on elder abuse case review MDTs due to their direct impact on the lives of abuse victims. Case review MDTs work collaboratively to investigate and prosecute cases, and to ensure victims receive the services they need to recover from abuse. Through regular, face-to-face meetings MDT case review teams discuss cases, share information, and develop a plan for moving each case forward.



About the MDT TAC

Learn more about the mission, services, and resources available through the MDT TAC



MDT Guide and Toolkit

Start or grow a local elder abuse case review MDT with this research and resource rich toolkit



MDT Announcements

Keep up with MDT TAC activities by looking for new announcements here!

Chapters & Toolkit Items



How to Use this Guide

Understanding the purpose and design of this guide

- Glossary
- How to Use this Guide (with Citations)



1: Introduction to Multidisciplinary Teams

Understanding MDT models, including the need for and benefits of MDTs.

- Chapter 1 (with Citations)



2: Meeting the Needs of your Community

Crafting a needs assessment, choosing an MDT model, and defining your purpose

- Additional Foundational Activities
- Additional MDT Activities
- Needs Assessment Planner
- Needs Assessment Worksheet
- Statement of Need Planner
- Statement of Need Worksheet
- Chapter 2 (with Citations)



3: Selecting Team Members

Choosing and recruiting members for your team

- Member Roles and Contributions
- Sample: Recruitment Invitation - Denver
- Sample: Member Roles and Responsibilities - Lifespan
- Chapter 3 (with Citations)



Menu

► Chapters

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Chapter 2: Summary

Conducting a needs assessment will provide your community with the evidence it needs to demonstrate to stakeholders that a need exists for an MDT. Other important decisions your community will need to make concern the organizational structure of the MDT, the organization with which the MDT is affiliated, and the primary purpose of the MDT. There are no right or wrong decisions but rather will depend on the needs of and resources within your community. They are important decisions, however, as all other decisions will flow from these three initial decisions. For more about foundational activities, see our Toolkit item: Other Activities to Build the Foundation for an MDT.

Needs Assessment, Organizational Structure, Affiliation, and Purpose

In laying the foundation for developing an MDT, many communities initially undertake a needs assessment. In addition, your community will want to consider the organizational structure of the MDT, the MDT's affiliation, and the purpose of the MDT. Many other decisions will flow from these three initial decisions.

Visit Existing MDT Models

Throughout this process, take field trips to visit other communities that utilize MDTs. It may be easier to find a nearby Child Advocacy Center that can model the MDT approach, as they are far more prevalent than elder abuse MDTs. Most Directors are willing to share their knowledge and experience with others. An added benefit is that Child Advocacy Centers vary in size and scope and you may find one that has comparable demographics to your own community. If you are unable to physically visit an MDT, most Directors would be willing to talk with you on the phone.



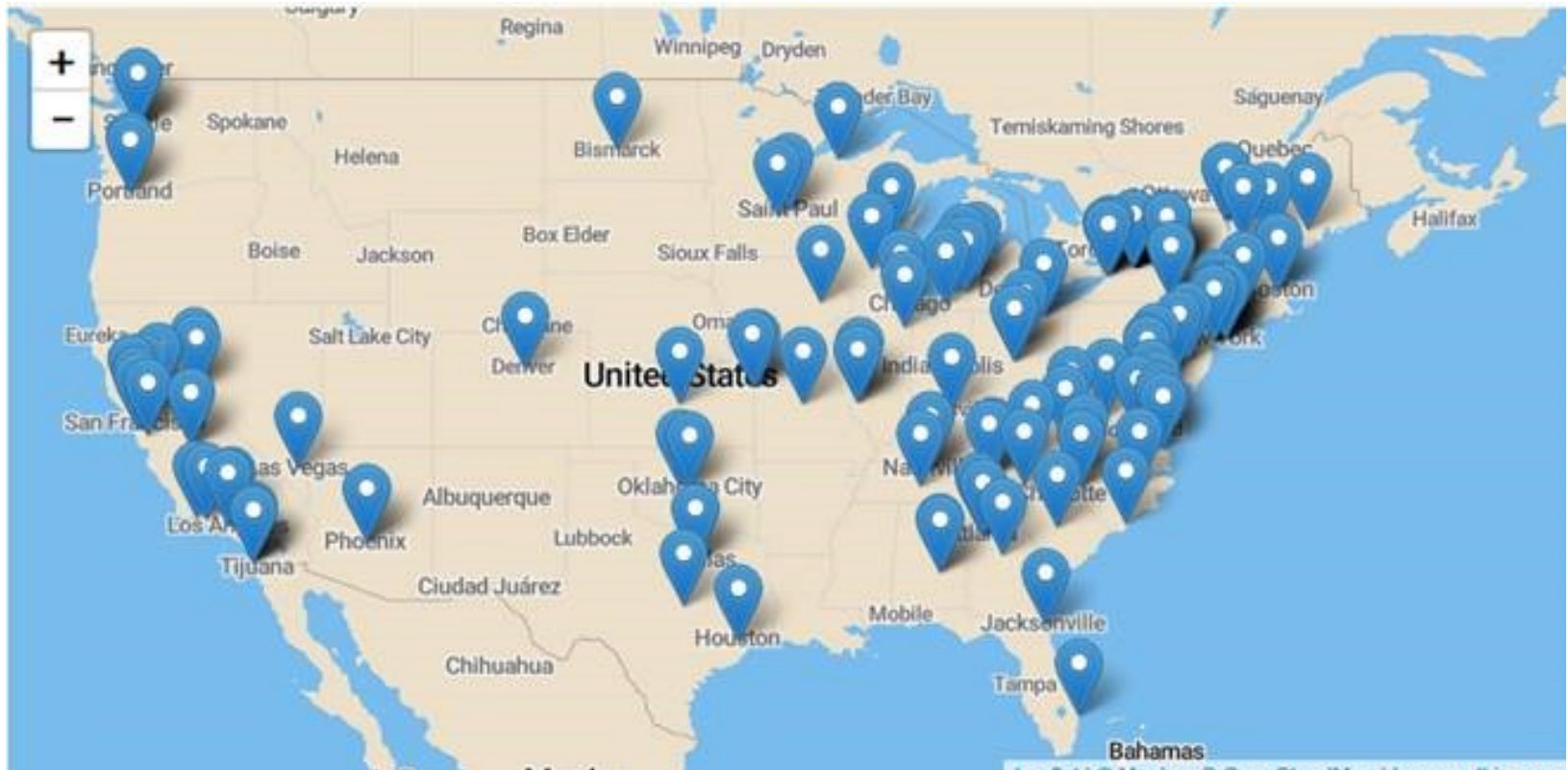
Needs Assessment

Your community likely will be required to provide evidence to community stakeholders that there exists a need for forming an MDT. A needs assessment can provide that evidence.

A needs assessment is the systematic effort to gather information from various sources that will identify the needs of victims in your community and the resources that are available to them. It will help your community pinpoint reasons

MAPPING NETWORKS

LIVING MAP GENERATED BY THE FIELD FOR THE FIELD



BACKGROUND

Connection counts – many people are in this fight. Most feel siloed.

Counting counts – data drives research priorities, funding, and practice.

Coverage counts – media requests data regarding teams working on elder abuse issues several time a year, but that data does not exist in a collective, public or accessible way

Additionally:

This project helps the MDT TAC meet it's objectives and deliverables.



DEFINING A NETWORK



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Originally conceived as mapping MDTs defined as:

Rooted in the biopsychosocial model, MDTs are defined as representatives from three or more disciplines who work collaboratively, bound by a common purpose.

MDTs have a shared goal and shared definition of the problem they are addressing.



DEFINING A NETWORK

Broadening the term

- Community needs vary widely and addressing those needs requires diverse and flexible models/approaches.
- MDTs make up a small fraction of the local networks addressing elder abuse in their communities.
- Discovering more about the types of networks functioning nationally, advances the field.





DEFINING A NETWORK

Current definition

- Networks is broadly defined to include any type of team working on elder justice/elder abuse issues (with a few exceptions).
- For-profit organizations and dot coms cannot be included. Other rules may apply. Submission is not a guarantee of inclusion in the Locator.



DEFINING A NETWORK

Three main types of teams

- ▶ Policy – local, state or national policy
- ▶ Prevention – education, outreach, awareness
- ▶ Prosecution/Intervention – case review, care planning, outcomes evaluation



INTERSECTIONS & ISSUE SPECIFIC TEAMS

COMMON
TEAMS
SERVING
OLDER
ADULTS



**Elder fatality
review teams**



Hoarding teams



**Mental illness
teams**



**Elder abuse
teams**



**Guardianship
teams**



**Financial abuse
specialist teams**



**Code
enforcement
teams**

MAP LOCATOR DETAILS

- ▶ This "Locator" is designed to enable elder justice professionals to locate and collaborate with elder justice networks/teams across the nation.
- ▶ Users can search networks by state using the navigation tools, or by a key word menu provided above the map.
- ▶ The networks represented on this map include teams that participated in a survey generated by USC, and those teams that have specifically requested to be included.
- ▶ The Locator is a living map and was launched knowing that there are many more networks across the country not currently represented on the map. We are asking you to help us fully populate the Locator.

GO TO LIVE VIEW OF MAP





BUILDING A MORE CONNECTED FUTURE

POLL QUESTION

Do you want to be a part of the map?

- ▶ Yes
- ▶ No
- ▶ Maybe

If yes, please provide your email address for follow up.

JOIN US

If your network would like to be included in the Elder Justice Networks Locator Map, please submit

- ▶ Network name
- ▶ Network type (MDT, FAST, Task Force, etc.)
- ▶ Physical address (at least city and state if possible)
- ▶ Contact information – email and or phone number
- ▶ If applicable, web address

Submit to: talitha.j.guinn-shaver@usdoj.gov



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