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RIAG ELDER ABUSE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT)

MDT Members

The MDT is comprised of various professionals from key programs and services that are skilled and equipped to assist with complex elder abuse cases.

- Office of the Attorney General
- Office of Healthy Aging
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Long Term Care Ombudsman
- Office of Veterans Services
- Financial Institutions
- BHDDH
- RI Legal Services
- Community Partners (shelters, senior centers, CAP agencies)

Services

Case Consultations

The MDT Coordinator provides the referring professional with recommendations guiding elder abuse detection, prevention, assessment, and response related to a victim or an at-risk older adult. These consultations may include one or more suggestions, e.g., recommendations for supportive services, investigation strategies to stop exploitation/abuse; connect referring professional with other MDT members or specialist from a range of disciplines.

MDT Case Reviews

Complex elder abuse cases may be presented to the MDT. Each MDT member brings their area of expertise to jointly develop and coordinate an action plan that meets the needs of the victim.



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Type of Cases

The MDT reviews the following types of elder abuse cases that occur in any setting (e.g., home, community, or facility)

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Neglect*
- Financial exploitation

The MDT will review self-neglect cases during the intake process to determine eligibility as it will only accept cases of self-neglect if there are co-occurring forms of elder abuse present



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Referral Process

Referral

The referring party completes and submits a referral form. Cases can be referred from any professional or agency, government, law enforcement, healthcare, finance, nonprofit, and other entities.

Intake

The referral source will be contacted to discuss the case and determine if it can be resolved through a case consultation or if the case requires a presentation to the MDT.

Case Consultation

If a case can be resolved through a case consultation, the referral source will be contacted and provided with resources and referral options.

MDT Case Presentation

If a case is eligible for an MDT Case Review, the MDT Coordinator will work with the referral source to prepare a comprehensive case presentation that is to be presented to the MDT.

Recommendations Identified

Based on the case presentation and discussion, a set of recommendations may be adopted; resource and referral options, suggestions for next step, coordination between agencies involved, and/or MDT will complete action items if applicable.

Report Back to the MDT

When needed, the referral source may return to the MDT seeking additional input based on the outcome of previous recommendations.



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How to Make a Referral

To make a case referral please [visit this page](#) and click the **Make a referral** link. After filling out the form, please email to lchavez@riag.ri.gov.

If you have any questions or would like to request a training for your staff on how to refer cases, services offered, and what to expect throughout an MDT case consultation or case review, please contact:

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