

MN Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Toolkit:

How to build effective team responses to complex cases

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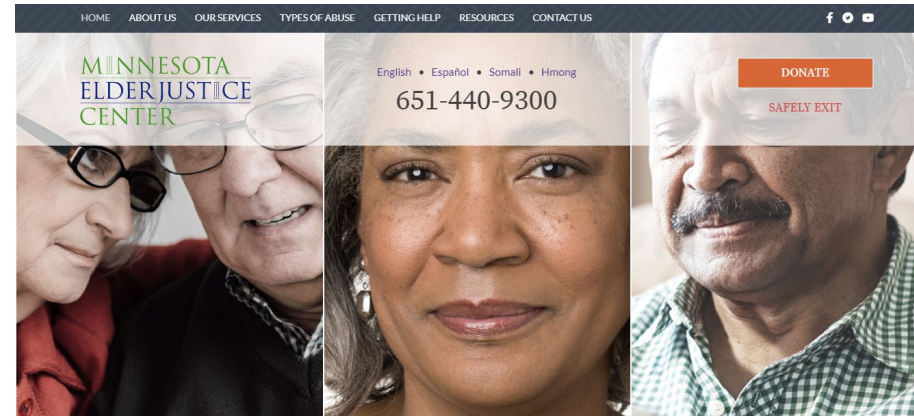
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MDT Definition

Drawing appropriately from multiple disciplines to redefine problems outside of normal boundaries and reach solutions based on a new understanding of a complex situation

- Healthcare
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Sexual Assault Teams
- Domestic Violence Teams
- Elder Abuse
 - Financial Abuse Specialist Teams (FAST)

Minn. Stat. §626.5571

- Establishment of a team
- Duties of team
- Information sharing

Why utilize a MDT?

- Well-coordinated MDT **improves outcomes** for older adults experiencing abuse
- Helps to **prevent** future abuse & maltreatment
- **No one-size-fits-all approach** - adaptable best practices

Development of Toolkit

- US Dept of Justice Office for Victims of Crime funding
- Conversations with MDT Coordinators
- Resource research

Goals

- Strengthen collaborative relationships in communities
- Streamline coordination
- Provide culturally responsive, equitable and accessible support to victims
- MN Specific tools and resources

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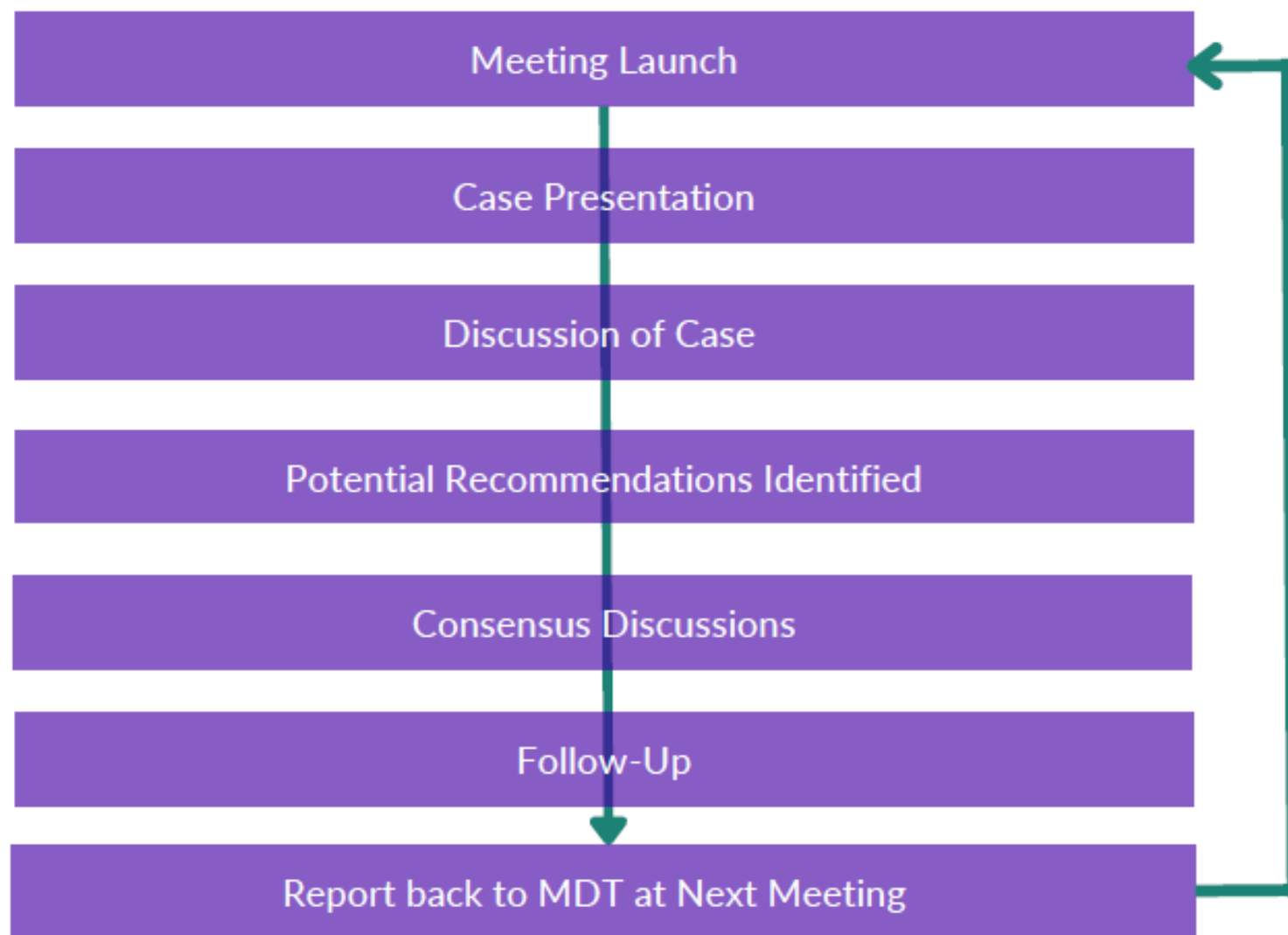
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Other possible team members

- Geriatrician
- Neuropsychologist / clinical psychologists / geriatric psychiatrist
- Mental health professionals
- Probate, real estate, or family law attorney
- Occupational therapist
- Systems-based advocate
- Meals on Wheels or other community based provider
- SANE nurse
- Representative from guardianship program
- Faith communities
- Alzheimer's Association
- Animal advocates
- EMT's
- Substance Abuse specialists
- Probation/Parole
- & more!

Case Review Meeting Agenda



Small Group Exercise

1. Break into a group of 12
 - This will be your MDT
2. Select team facilitator
3. Read the scenario and your role
4. APS presents case to the team
 - Each team member provides information based on their knowledge of the case
5. Discuss options
 - Make recommendations regarding next steps
6. Reach consensus
7. Commit to next steps
 - Follow-up report will be given at next meeting

Small Group Report Back

1. Recommendation
2. Any benefits of having certain team members part of MDT?
3. Any challenges experienced during case discussion?

MDT Group Formation

- Building team is most critical step to ensuring a successful MDT
 - Understanding of various professional roles and intersection with older adults
 - Ensure underserved individuals are represented

How to use the Toolkit

[MEJC Elder Abuse MDT Toolkit](#)

- Onset of developing a MDT
- Revitalize & enhance existing MDT
- Aid to build shared language, increase decision making understanding, & increase collaborative process
- Resource for developing education & training for your community
- Templates to build and sustain MDT

Thank you!

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