

Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation

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Recent Developments at the Federal Level

Elder Justice Act (passed into law March 2010)

Senate Committee on Aging hearing (March 2011)

Justice for All: Ending Elder Abuse, Neglect and Financial Exploitation

http://aging.senate.gov/hearing_detail.cfm?id=331550&

GAO Report (March 2011)

Elder Justice: Stronger Federal Leadership Could Enhance National Response to Elder Abuse

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-11-208>



Scope of the Problem

2009 national study - 14.1 percent of noninstitutionalized older adults experienced physical, psychological, or sexual abuse; neglect; or financial exploitation in the past year.

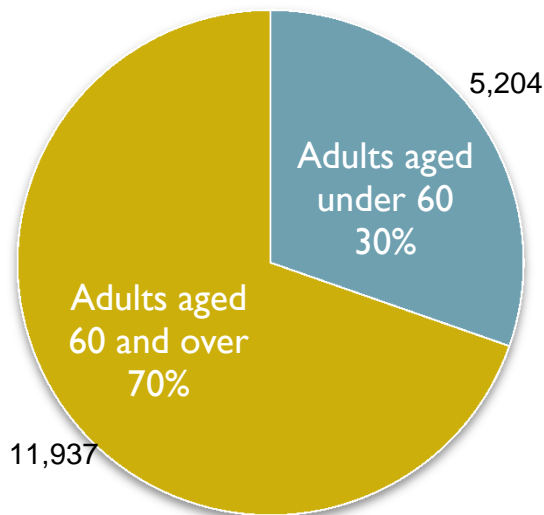
But this study and others cited in the GAO report likely underestimate the extent of the problem.

Ron Acierno et al., "National Elder Mistreatment Study," A report funded by the National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice (2009)

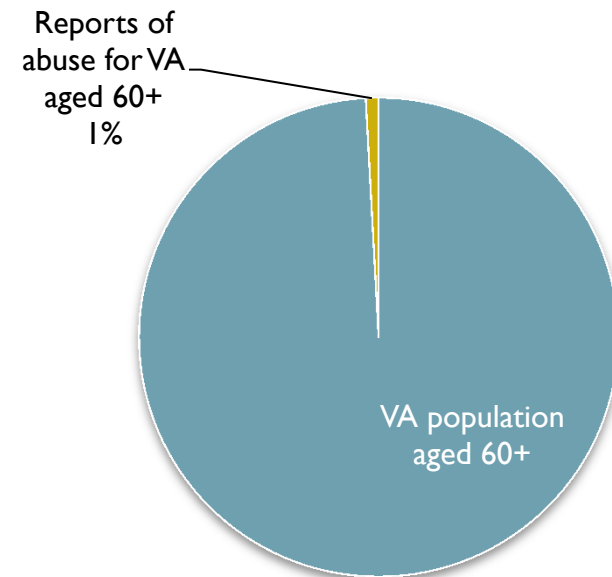
In Virginia – FY 2010

Adult Protective Services (APS) investigates reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of adults aged 60 and over and of persons aged 18-59 who are incapacitated.

Reports of suspected abuse, neglect and exploitation in VA



Reports for the 60+ aged group in VA



State Fiscal Year 2010 Virginia Department of Social Services Adult Services Program Report:
<http://www.dss.virginia.gov/geninfo/reports/adults/as.cgi>

What is Elder Abuse?

Physical
abuse

Sexual abuse

Emotional
abuse

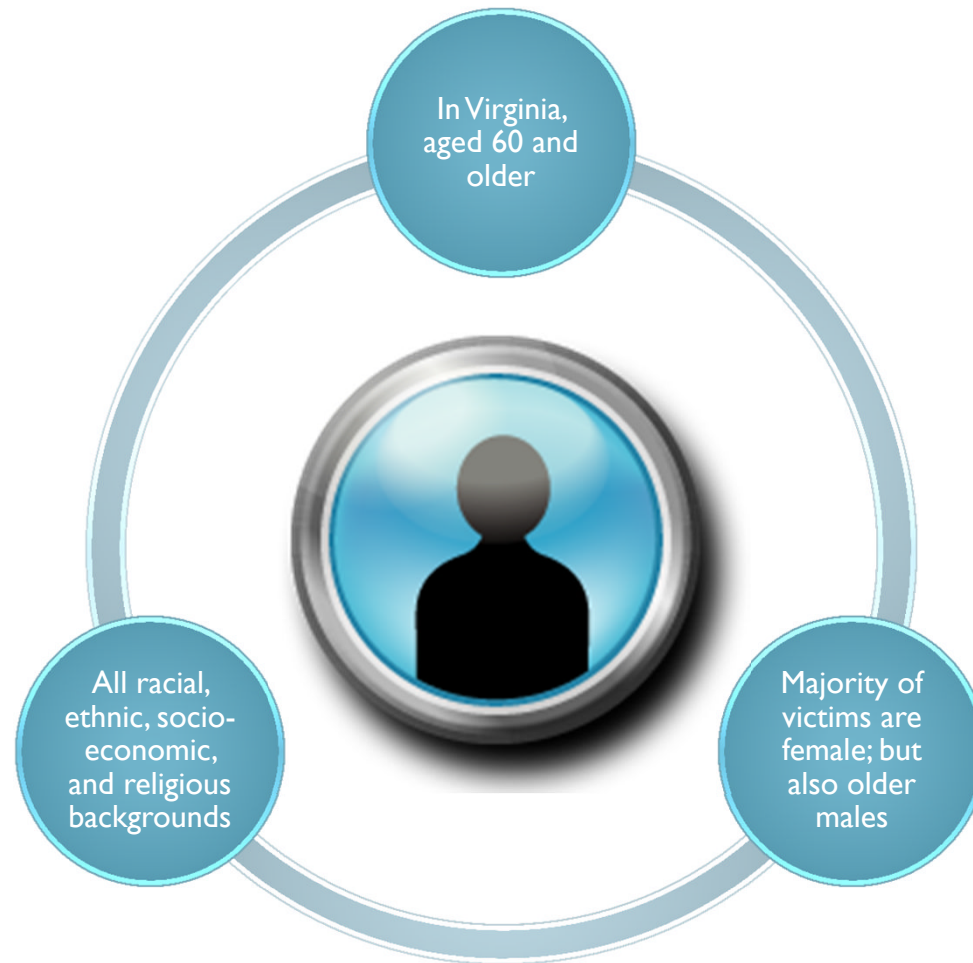
Neglect

Financial
exploitation

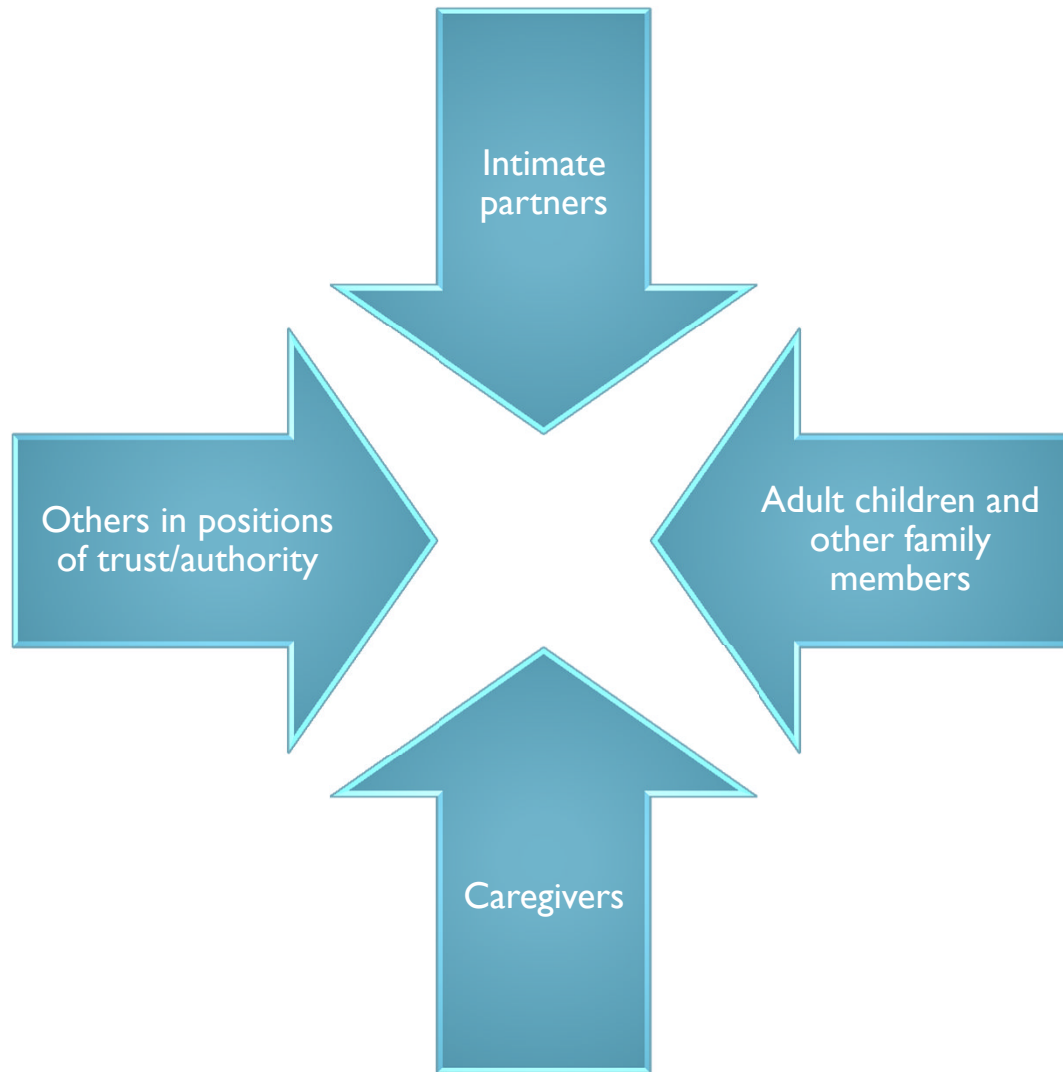
When an older adult
experiences:

(May co-occur with each other)

Who are the Victims?

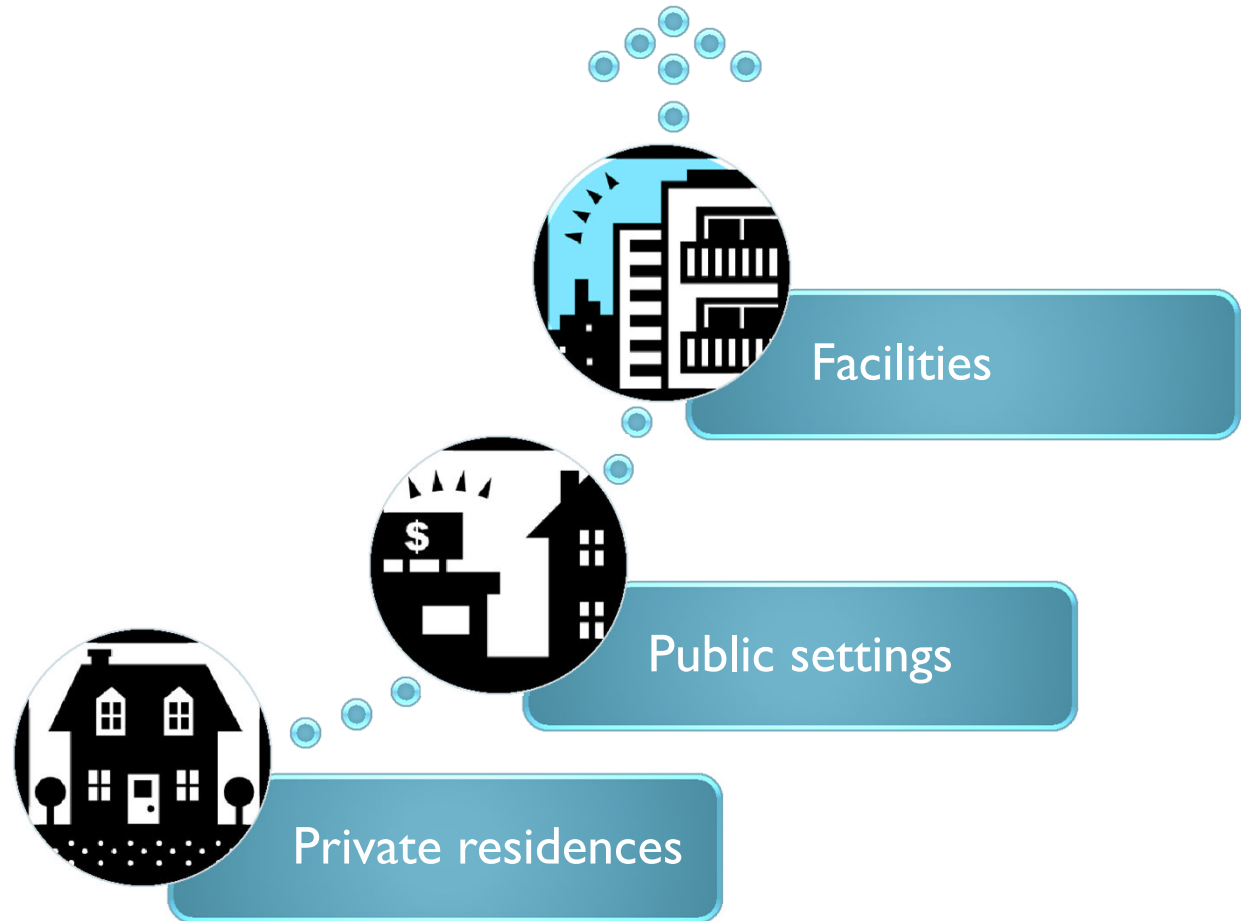


Who Commits Elder Abuse?

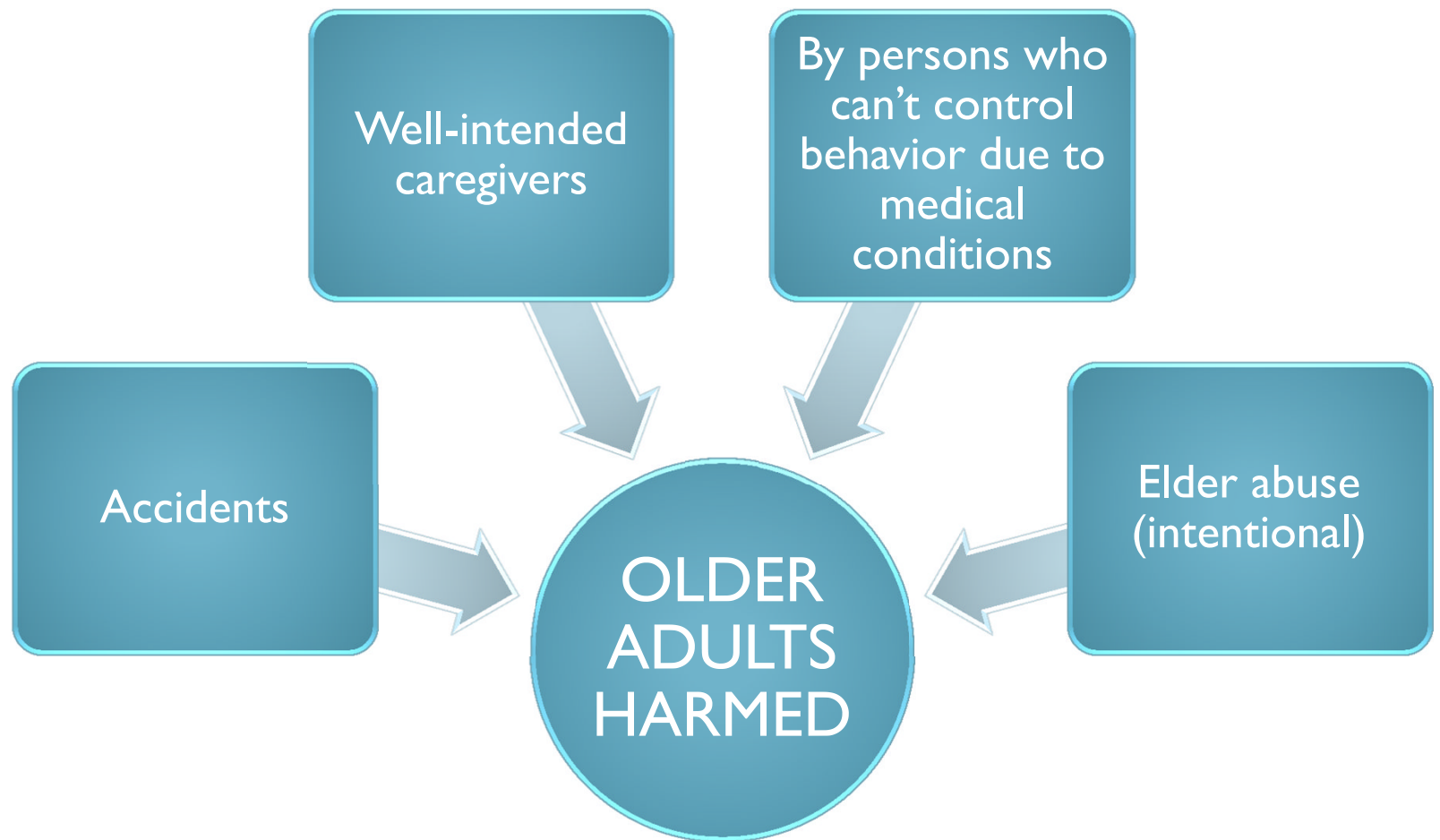


What about victimization by strangers?

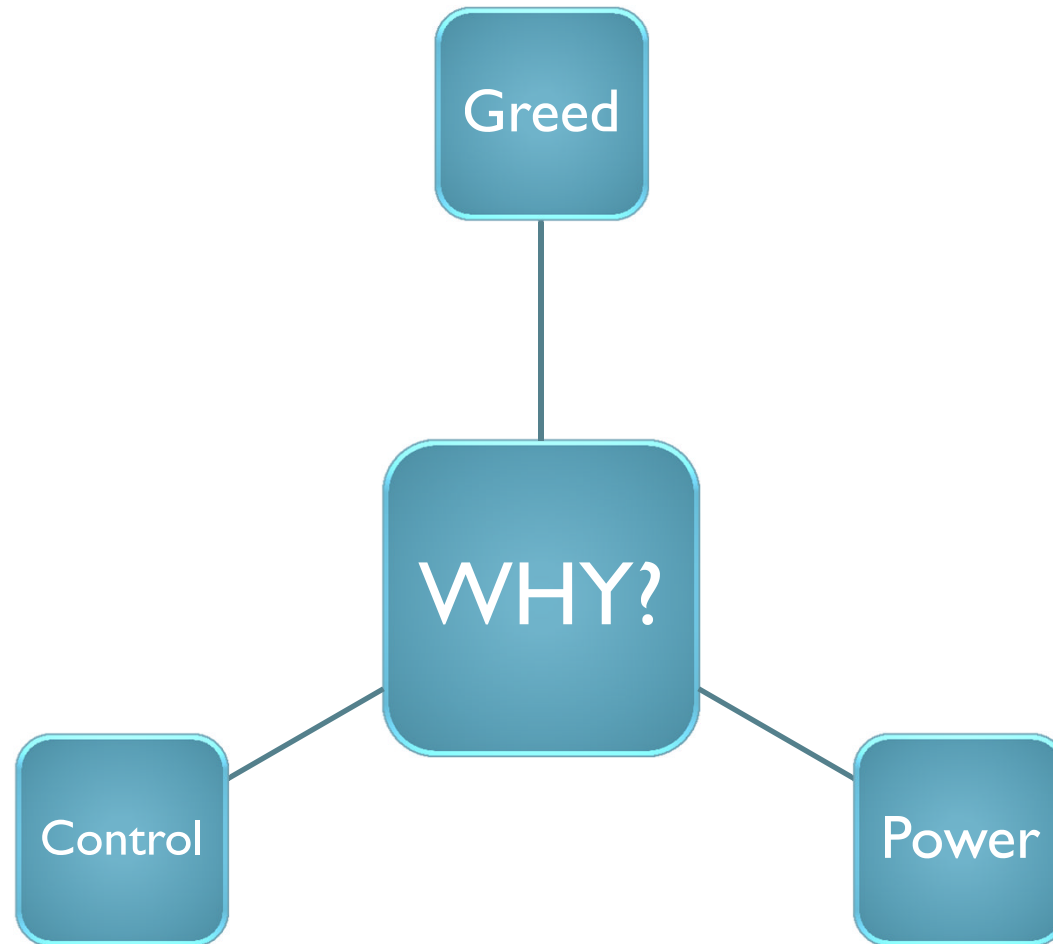
Where Does it Occur?

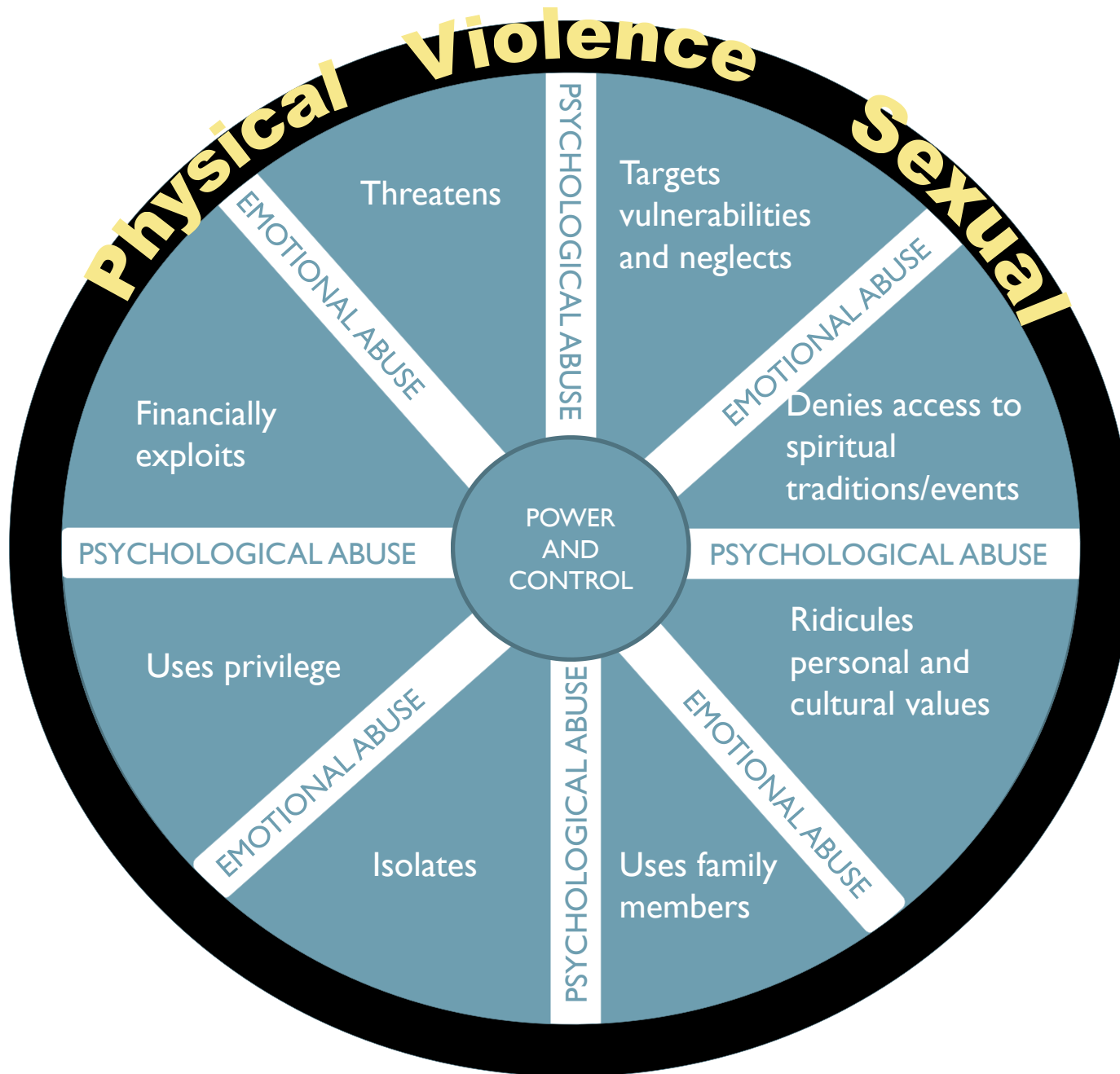


How are older adults harmed?



Why Does it Occur?





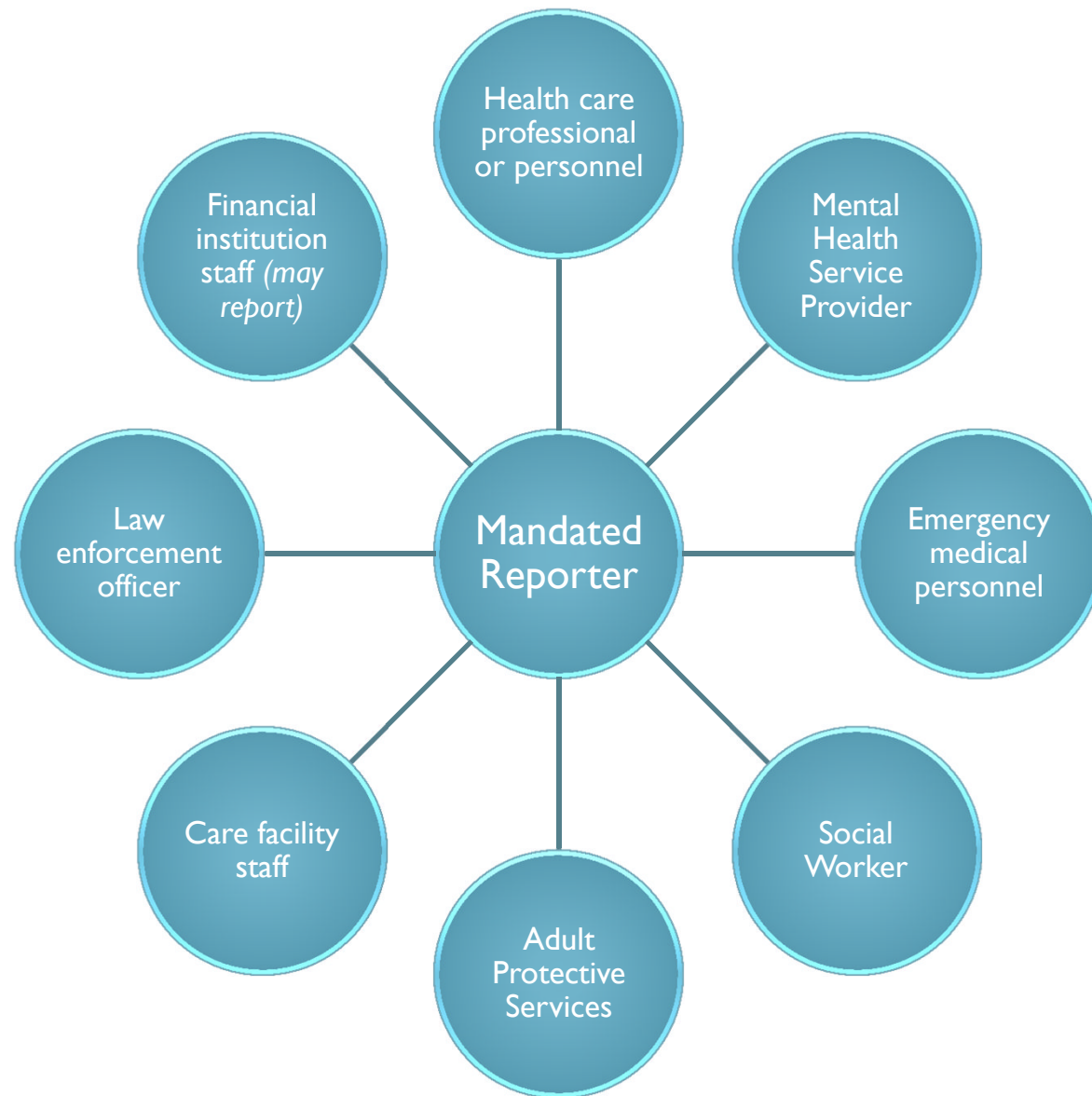
Created by the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL), a project of the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WCADV).
 307 S. Paterson St., Suite 1, Madison, WI 53703(608) 255-0539 , www.ncall.us/www.wcadv.org
 This diagram adapted from the Power and Control/Equality wheels developed by the
 Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, Duluth, MN



How is Abuse Reported?

- If a person is in immediate danger, call 911
- Contact Adult Protective Services to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation
 - Local departments of social services
 - Virginia Department of Social Services
24-hr, toll-free APS hotline: (888) 832-3858

Who is a Mandated Reporter?



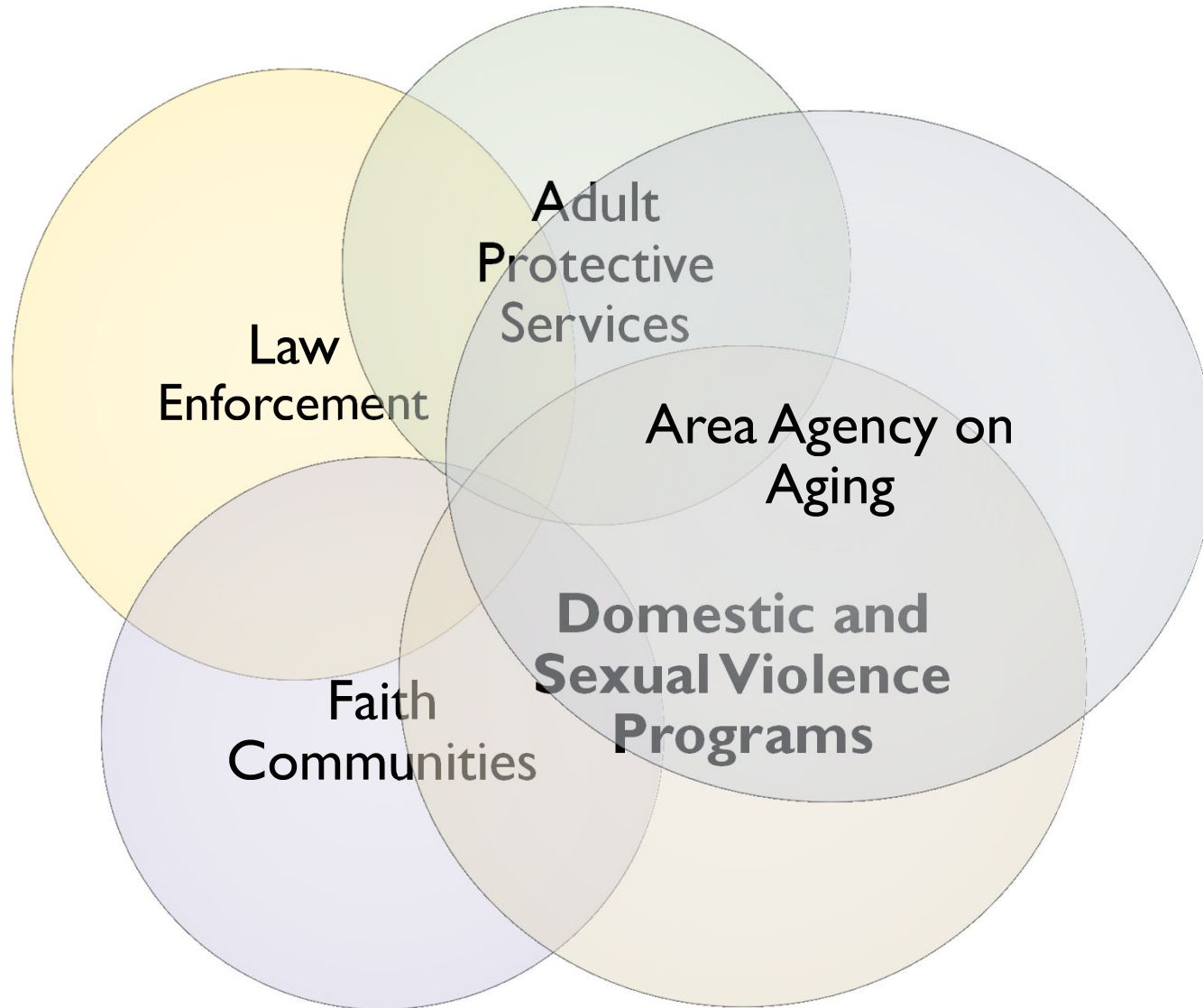
Mandated Reporters: Recognizing and Reporting Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of Adults

http://www.vcu.edu/vissta/non_vdss_employees/mandated_reporter_courses.htm

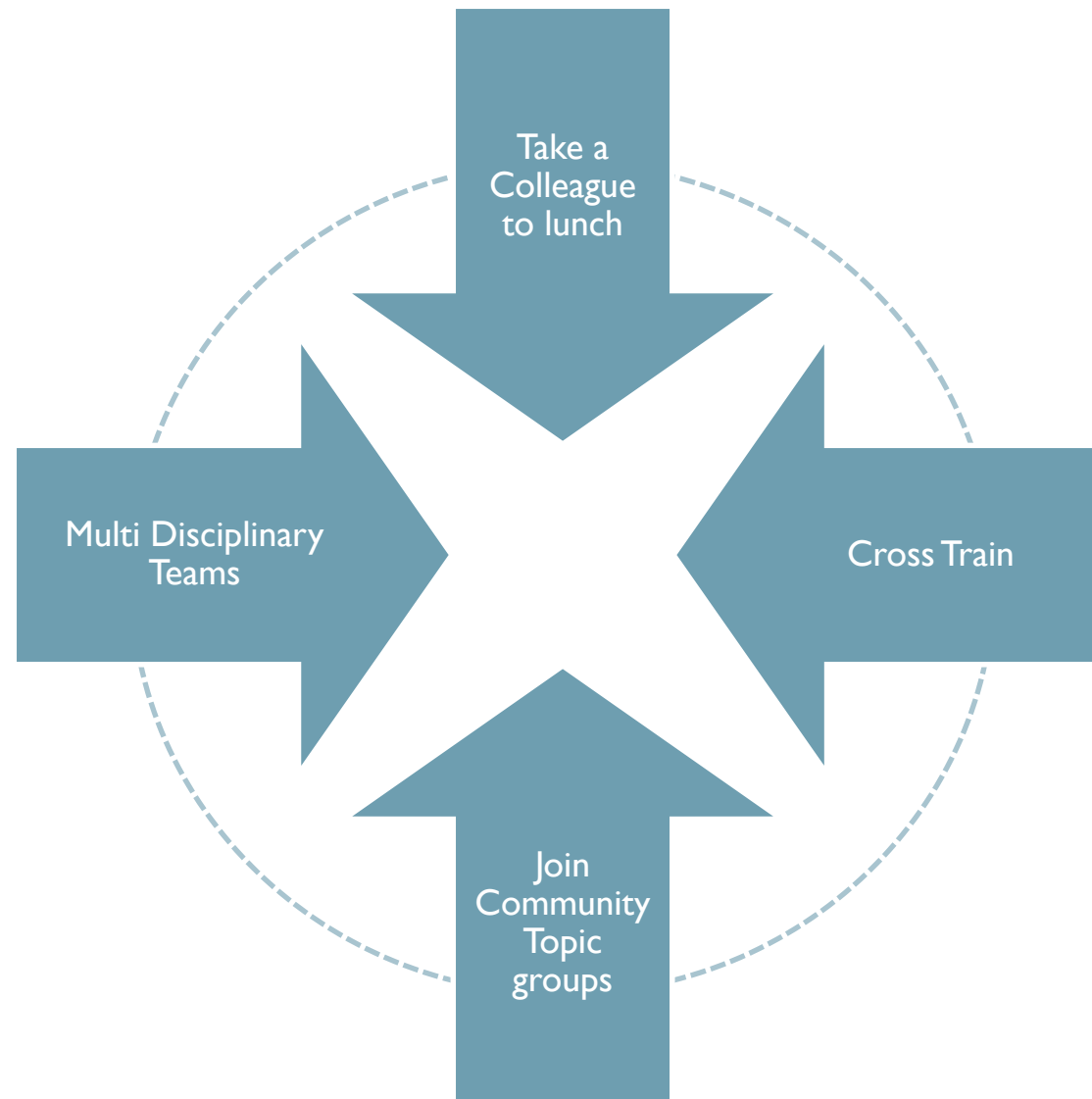


Building a Community Safety Net: Community Collaboration

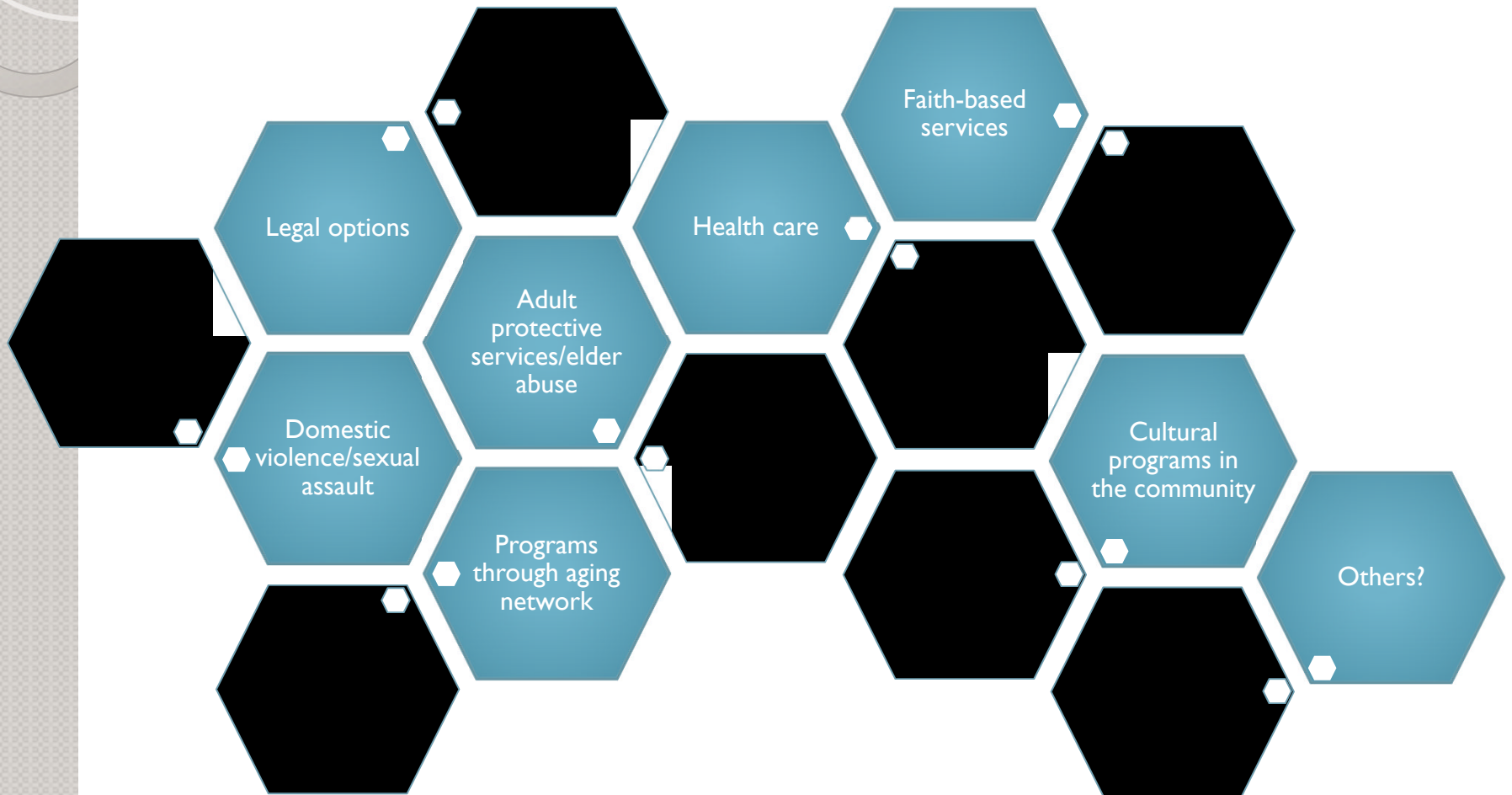
Abuse and Neglect of an Older Adult



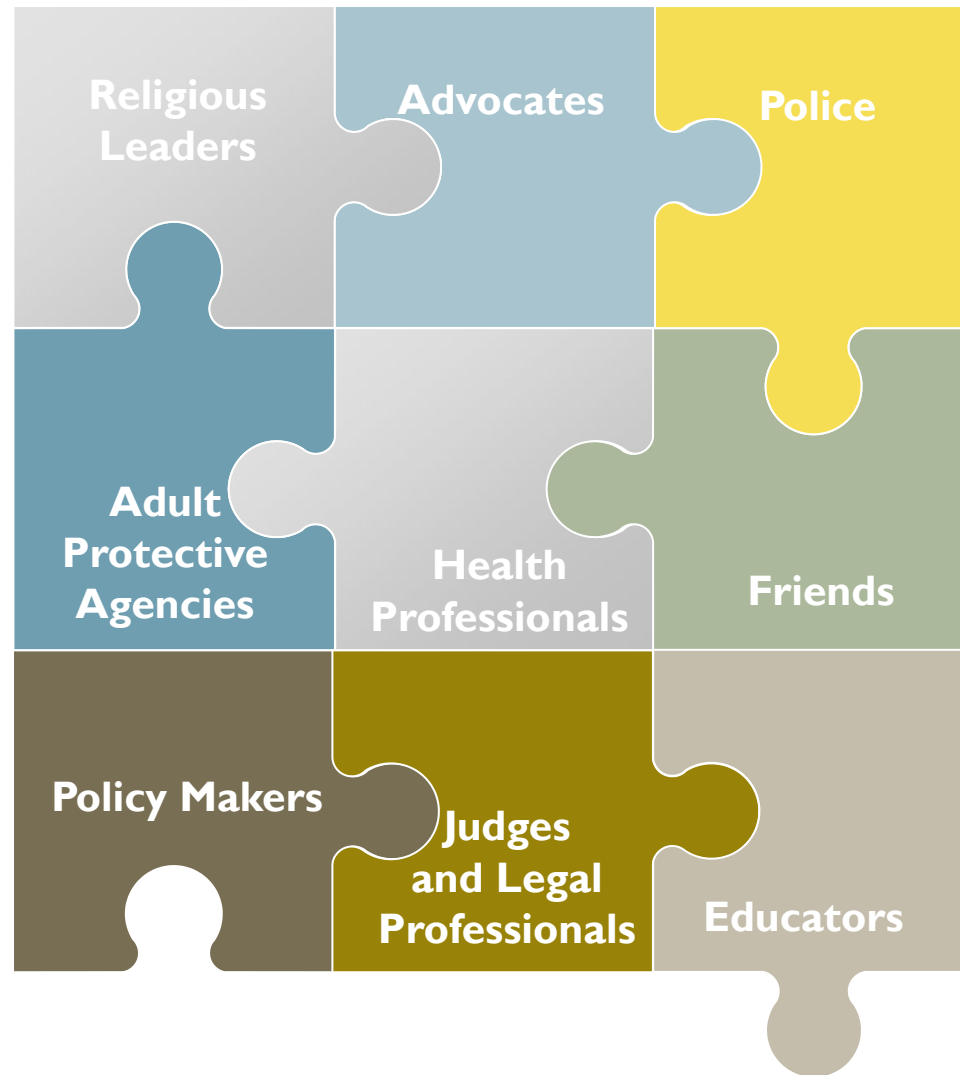
Ways of Collaborating



Possible Referrals



Coordinated Community Response



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Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

Annual Conference

- June 1-3 in Virginia Beach
- Keynote Speaker: Candace Heisler, JD, *speaking on **Domestic Violence in Later Life***
- Closing Plenary: Kathleen Quinn, *President of the National Adult Protective Services Association, speaking on **The National Perspective***
- www.VCPEA.ORG



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National Clearinghouse On Abuse in Later Life (NCALL) Provides training; technical assistance; and information about programming, outreach, collaboration, and policy development related to abuse in later life and elder abuse. - www.ncall.us



Clearinghouse on Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly (CANE) Database pertaining to many aspects of elder abuse/neglect and conditions that impact elder mistreatment - <http://www.cane.udel.edu/>



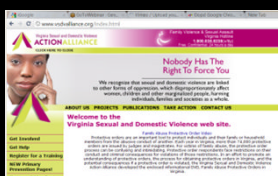
National Association of Adult Protective Services Administrators (NAPSA) <http://www.apsnetwork.org/>



Virginia Adult Protective Services APS investigates reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of adults aged 60 and over and incapacitated adults over 18 years of age and provides services when persons are found to be in need of protective services. http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/as/prevention_month.cgi



Take Back Your Life A Senior Navigator Solution Center focused on providing information resources to help empower individuals concerned with domestic violence in later life. <http://www.srnnav.org/tbyl/webform.aspx>



<http://www.vsdvalliance.org/index.html>



Central Virginia Task
Force on Domestic
Violence in Later Life

Central Virginia Training Alliance to Stop Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation

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