

# MOVING YOUR COMMUNITY FORWARD ON THE ISSUE OF ABUSE IN LATER LIFE

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## Workshop Goals

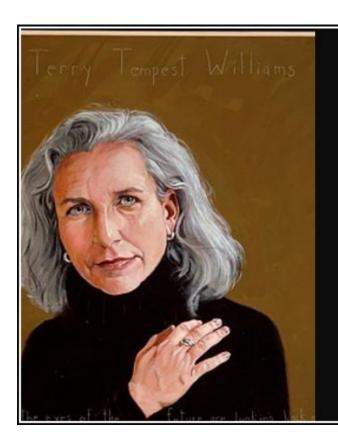
- Participants will recognize the agencies needed to address abuse in Later Life in their community and strategize ways of forming collaborations
- Participants will be able to distinguish different types of collaboration groups that would be appropriate for their locality.
- Participants will identify resources available to assist with collaborative work
- Participants will identify funding opportunities for this work.



#### Who Is Here?

- □ APS
- □ DV/SA Community Advocates
- □ System-Based Advocates
- Attorneys (Civil and Criminal) and Courts
- □ Aging Services
- □ Faith Community
- □ Health Care
- □ Other

## Why We Collaborate



Despair shows us the limit of our imagination. Imaginations shared create collaboration, collaboration creates community, and community inspires social change.

— Terry Tempest Williams —

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#### Collaboration Conversation

- What are some benefits to Collaboration in your locality?
- What example do you have a successful collaboration?

#### Informal Methods of Collaboration

- □ Joint interviews
- □ Case consultations
- □ Referrals and follow-ups
- Working an a project, fundraiser, or public awareness campaign together

#### Formal Methods of Collaboration

- □ Case review teams: Multidisciplinary
- Systems Change: Coordinated community response councils or fatality review teams
- □ Topic specific: Financial exploitation teams

#### Benefits of Collaboration

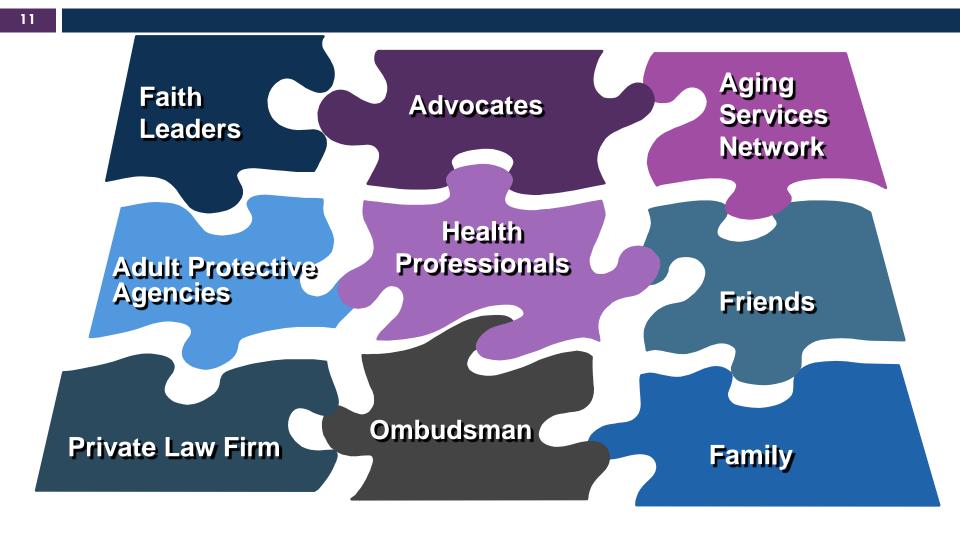
- □ More resources for victims
- □ New ideas about how to approach a case
- A more seamless response to victims and offenders
- Shared ownership and responsibility for case outcomes
- Less "finger pointing"
- □ Victim safety



## Some Challenges

- Understanding each other's framework for approaching cases
- Information sharing and confidentiality
- □ Turf
- □ Ego
- □ Lack of resources
- Lack of understanding of what other agencies can and cannot do

## Who Might Be Involved



#### Who Else Could Be Involved?

- What are some issue specific groups in your locality?
- □ Culturally Specific groups?

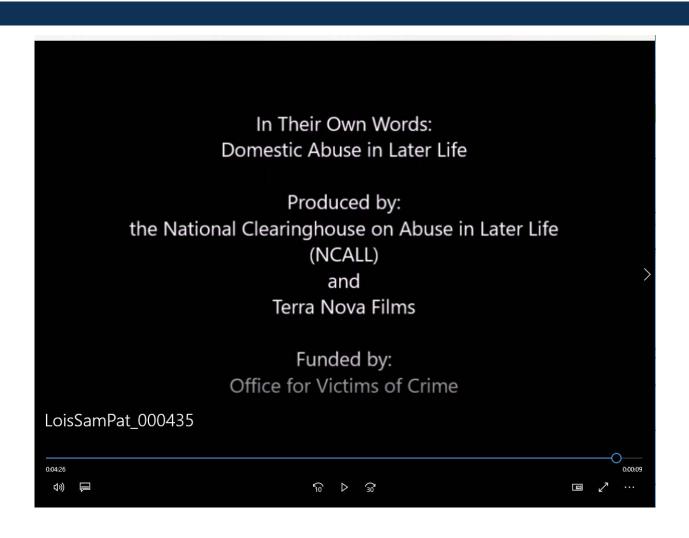
#### Let's Listen in on a Case

An Age for Justice Produced by: the National Council on Aging and Witness BettyBeckles\_000157

#### Who Else Could Be Involved? part 2

- What are some issue specific groups in your locality?
- □ Culturally Specific groups?
- What groups might be involved that you don't normally work with?

#### Let's Look at a Few More Stories

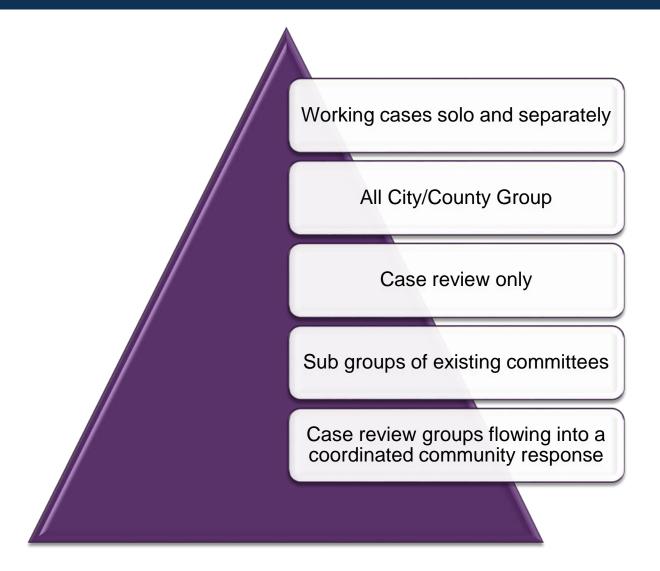


#### Who Would You Involve in the Case of

- □ Lois?
- □ Sam?
- □ Pat?



### Models





## ALL City/County Group

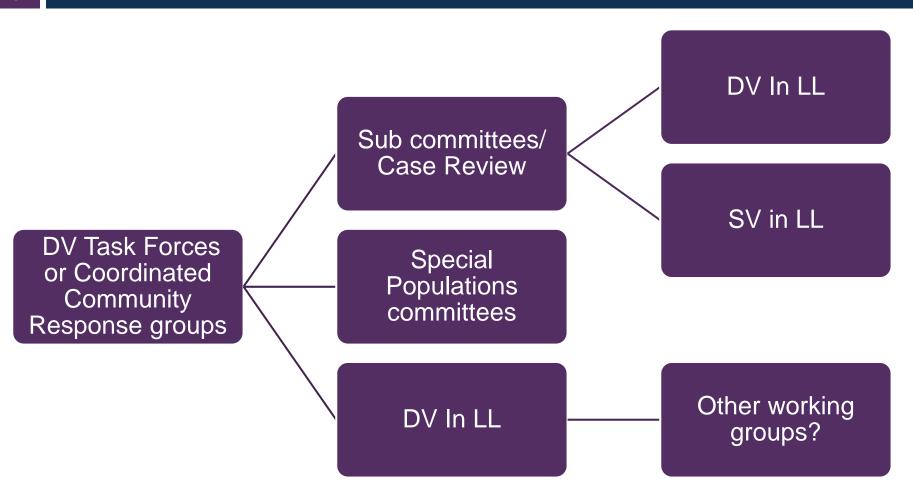


Advantages / Disadvantages?

#### Case Review

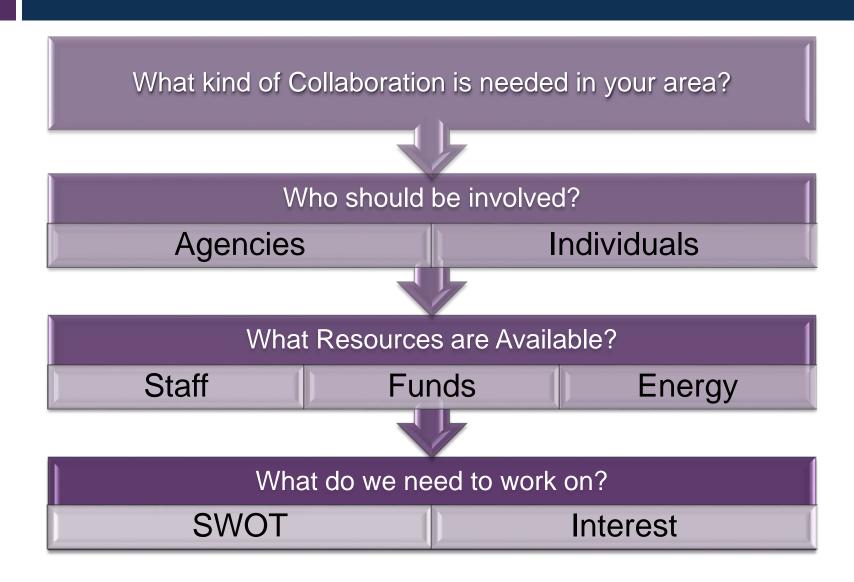
Ongoing cases Finished cases Hypothetical cases Advantages / Disadvantages?

## Sub Groups





## Next Steps



## Funding

- What funding have you used in your community to further this work?
- □ Grants
  - □ Federal
  - □ State
  - □ Foundations

## Funding From OVW

□ <a href="https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs">https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs</a>

### OVW Abuse in Later Life Program

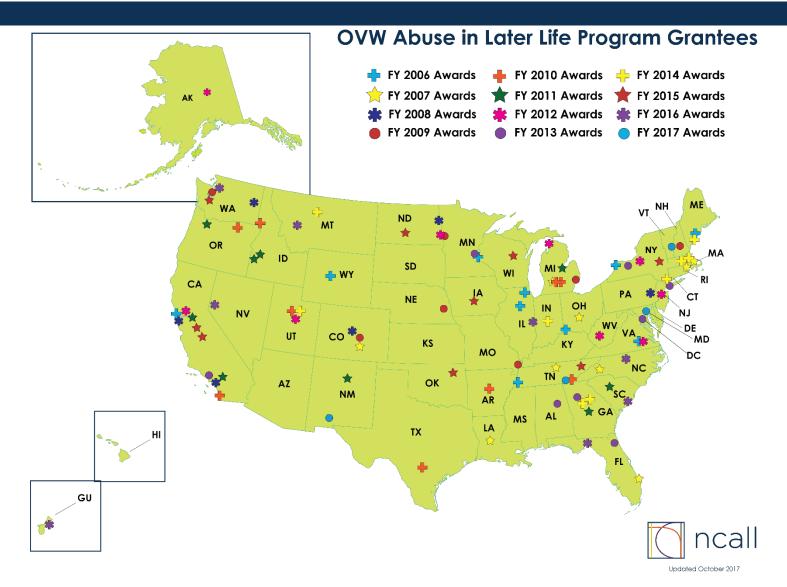
- □ Approximately 8 9 communities a year
- □ \$400,000 for 3 years
- □ Address elder abuse by:
  - Providing training and cross training
  - Creating or enhancing a CCR team
  - Developing victim services

### Required MOU Partners

- □ Law enforcement
- □ Prosecutors' office
- □ Adult protective services/aging network
- Domestic violence/sexual assault victim services

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## OVW Abuse in Later Life Program Grantees



#### OVW Abuse in Later Life Program

- National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL): <u>www.ncall.us</u>
- Office on Violence Against Women:
  www.ovw.doj.gov

#### Advocates' Toolkit



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#### Working with Older Survivors of Abuse: A Toolkit for Advocates

As part of our shared mission to enhance the safety and quality of life of victims across the lifespan, NCALL and OVW have worked with advocates throughout the United States exploring how to better meet the needs of older survivors of abuse. Since 1999, NCALL and OVW have talked with older victims and professionals in the field, conducted listening sessions with subject matter experts, reviewed the literature and facilitated trainings. From this process, the Working with Older Survivors of Abuse: A Toolkit for Advocates was created.

Working with Older Survivors of Abuse: A Framework for Advocates (released June 2016)

Abuse in Later Life Education Series for Advocates (released June 2017) +

## National Resource Center on Reaching Victims

- Funded by Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
- Focused on underserved populations of crime victims, including older adults
- Provides technical assistance, training, consultation, mini-grants

#### Thank You!

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