

2022 Statutory Review of Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Teams and/or Information Sharing

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Red text highlights sections of code pertaining to information sharing and the establishment of MDTs.

AL	<p>Code of Ala. § 38-9-8</p> <p>(b) All reports prepared by a law enforcement official shall be forwarded to the county department of human resources within 24 hours.</p>
AK	<p>Alaska Stat. § 47.24.050</p> <p>(a) ...investigation reports may be used by appropriate agencies or individuals inside and outside the state, in connection with investigations or judicial proceedings involving the undue influence, abandonment, exploitation, abuse, neglect, or self-neglect of a vulnerable adult.</p>
AZ	<p>A.R.S. § 46-461</p> <p>A. Adult protective services may establish a multidisciplinary adult protection team consisting of employees...</p> <p>C. Adult protective services may make available to members of the multidisciplinary adult protection team all information or records that are necessary for the official duties without the designation of the client's name unless the client's name is required for the official purposes. The case information received by members of the multidisciplinary adult protection team shall be maintained as confidential unless a consent to release has been given pursuant to this section or pursuant to a court order in this state or another state. Any member of the multidisciplinary adult protection team may share information that is acquired in the team member's professional capacity with other members of the multidisciplinary adult protection team to assist the multidisciplinary adult protection team in its function.</p>
AR	<p>A.C.A. § 9-20-121</p> <p>(a)...shall be confidential and shall not be released or otherwise made available except: [1-13]</p>
CA	<p>Cal Wel & Inst Code § 15610.55</p> <p>(a) "Multidisciplinary personnel team" means any team of two or more persons who are trained in the prevention, identification, management, or treatment of abuse of elderly or dependent adults and who are qualified to provide a broad range of services related to abuse of elderly or dependent adults. (b) A multidisciplinary personnel team may include, but need not be limited to, any of the following: ...</p> <p>Cal Wel & Inst Code § 15633</p>

	<p>(b) Reports of suspected abuse of an elder or dependent adult and information contained therein may be disclosed only to the following:</p> <p>(2) (A) Persons who are trained and qualified to serve on multidisciplinary personnel teams may disclose to one another information and records that are relevant to the prevention, identification, or treatment of abuse of elderly or dependent persons.</p>
CO	<p>C.R.S. 26-3.1-103</p> <p>(2) Each county department, law enforcement agency, district attorney's office, and other agency responsible under federal law or the laws of this state to investigate mistreatment or self-neglect of at-risk adults shall develop and implement cooperative agreements to coordinate the investigative duties of such agencies. The focus of such agreements is to ensure the best protection for at-risk adults. The agreements must provide for special requests by one agency for assistance from another agency and for joint investigations. The agreements must further provide that each agency maintain the confidentiality of the information exchanged pursuant to such joint investigations.</p> <p>Each county or contiguous group of counties in the state in which a minimum number of reports of mistreatment or self-neglect of at-risk adults are annually filed shall establish an at-risk adult protection team. The state board shall promulgate rules to specify the minimum number of reports that will require the establishment of an adult at-risk protection team....</p>
CT	<p>Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17b-452</p> <p>(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, if the commissioner determines it to be necessary to assure the health, safety and welfare of an elderly person, the commissioner may disclose the elderly person's records, whether or not created by the department, and not otherwise privileged or confidential communications under state or federal law, without the authorization of the elderly person or the elderly person's legal representative (1) to multidisciplinary teams that may be formed to assist the department in investigation, evaluation or treatment of elderly abuse and neglect cases; ...</p>
DE	<p>31 Del. C. § 3912</p> <p>(a) All records and information in the possession of the Department or anyone providing service to an adult protective services alleged victim and the alleged victim's relatives shall be deemed confidential, and shall be disclosed only pursuant to an appropriate court order, or pursuant to the consent of the recipient of the services, where the recipient is legally competent to so consent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, disclosure shall not be unlawful when necessary for purposes directly</p>

	connected with the administration of adult protective services , or when the identity of the recipient or recipients of such services is not revealed by the disclosure, such as in the case of disclosure of statistics or other such summary information.
DC	<p>D.C. Code § 7-1904</p> <p>(a) (3) If a report alleges the existence of an immediate, substantial risk of life-threatening harm to an adult in need of protective services, the Department shall immediately notify the police, who shall conduct a prompt investigation to determine the need for police intervention. In addition, within 24 hours of the Department’s receiving such a report, an APS worker shall commence an investigation to determine the need for protective services. These 2 investigations may be conducted either jointly or separately.</p>
FL	<p>Fla. Stat. § 415.1102</p> <p>(1) Subject to an appropriation, the department may develop, maintain, and coordinate the services of one or more multidisciplinary adult protection teams in each of the districts of the department. As used in this section, the term “multidisciplinary adult protection team” means a team of two or more persons who are trained in the prevention, identification, and treatment of abuse of elderly persons, as defined in s. 430.602, or of dependent persons and who are qualified to provide a broad range of services related to abuse of elderly or dependent persons.</p> <p>(2) Such teams may be composed of, but need not be limited to: ...</p> <p>Fla. Stat. § 415.106</p> <p>(2) To ensure coordination, communication, and cooperation with the investigation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults, the department shall develop and maintain interprogram agreements or operational procedures among appropriate departmental programs and the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, the Florida Statewide Advocacy Council, and other agencies that provide services to vulnerable adults. These agreements or procedures must cover such subjects as the appropriate roles and responsibilities of the department in identifying and responding to reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults; the provision of services; and related coordinated activities.</p> <p>(3) To the fullest extent possible, the department shall cooperate with and seek cooperation from all appropriate public and private agencies, including health agencies, educational agencies, social service agencies, courts, organizations, or programs providing or concerned with human services related to the prevention, identification, or treatment of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults.</p>
GA	O.C.G.A. Section 30-5-11

	<p>(a) The district attorney of each judicial circuit may establish, or cause to be established, an Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team for the purposes of: ...</p> <p>(d) The district attorney or his or her designee shall coordinate the creation of a memorandum of understanding that describes the Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team's procedures and methods of operation in detail, including confidentiality requirements and the sharing of information among such team's members in accordance with subsection (e) of this Code section. The memorandum shall be signed by a representative of each agency, organization, or entity participating in such team.</p> <p>(e) (1) All records and information acquired by an Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team pertaining to the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of disabled adults or elder persons shall be confidential pursuant to Code Sections 30-5-7, 31-8-86, and 37-3-166; furthermore, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, information acquired by and documents, records, and reports of the team shall be confidential and shall not be subject to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, relating to open records.</p> <p>(2) All records pertaining to the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of disabled adults or elder persons in the custody of the departments included in the Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team shall be available to the members of an Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team for the purpose of investigating or responding to a report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a disabled adult, elder person, or resident....</p>
<p>HI</p>	<p>HRS § 346-225</p> <p>...The director may adopt, amend, or repeal rules, pursuant to chapter 91, to provide for the confidentiality of reports and records, and for the authorized disclosure of reports and records.</p>
<p>ID</p>	<p>Idaho Code § 39-5308</p> <p>(1) In performing the duties set forth in this chapter, the commission or provider may request the assistance of the staffs and resources of all appropriate state departments, agencies and commissions, and local health directors, and may utilize any other public or private agencies, groups or individuals who are appropriate and who may be available. Interagency cooperation shall include the involvement, when appropriate, of law enforcement personnel, department personnel, medical personnel, and any other person or entity deemed necessary due to their specialized training in providing services to vulnerable adults. Interagency cooperation may also include access to client information necessary for the provision of services to vulnerable adults.</p>

	<p>(5) The commission, providers, and the department shall use interagency staffing when necessary and share client and facility information necessary to provide services to vulnerable adults.</p>
<p>IL</p>	<p>320 ILCS 20/3</p> <p>(a-5) A provider agency shall, in accordance with rules promulgated by the Department, establish a multi-disciplinary team to act in an advisory role for the purpose of providing professional knowledge and expertise in the handling of complex abuse cases involving eligible adults. Each multi-disciplinary team shall consist of one volunteer representative from the following professions: banking or finance; disability care; health care; law; law enforcement; mental health care; and clergy. A provider agency may also choose to add representatives from the fields of substance abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, or other related fields. To support multi-disciplinary teams in this role, law enforcement agencies and coroners or medical examiners shall supply records as may be requested in particular cases.</p> <p>320 ILCS 20/8</p> <p>All records concerning reports of abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or self-neglect and all records generated as a result of such reports shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed except... [19 listed]</p>
<p>IN</p>	<p>Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 12-10-3-1</p> <p>As used in this chapter, “adult protective services unit” refers to the entity with whom the division contracts to carry out the duties listed in section 8 [IC 12-10-3-8] of this chapter.</p> <p>Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 12-10-3-8</p> <p>(2) Upon a determination that an individual is an endangered adult under this chapter, do the following:</p> <p>(B) Coordinate and cooperate with the division or other appropriate person to obtain protective services for the endangered adult...</p> <p>Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 12-10-3-15</p> <p>Reports made under this chapter and any other information obtained, reports written, or photographs taken concerning the reports are confidential and may be made available only to the individuals authorized in section 13 [IC 12-10-3-13] of this chapter as determined necessary by the division: [1-3] ...</p>

	<p>Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 12-10-3-13</p> <p>...The information maintained under this section shall be used solely for statistical purposes and must be available to law enforcement officials, state licensing agencies, and other officials and employees of municipal, county, and state government having a legitimate interest in the welfare of individuals who may be endangered adults or who have a legitimate interest in the operation of agencies or institutions providing care to individuals served under this chapter.</p>
IA	<p>Iowa Code § 235B.1</p> <p>...The program shall include but is not limited to:</p> <p>1. The establishment of local or regional multidisciplinary teams to assist in assessing the needs of, formulating and monitoring a treatment plan for, and coordinating services to victims of dependent adult abuse....</p> <p>Provisions for information sharing and case consultation among service providers, care providers, and victims of dependent adult abuse.</p>
KS¹	<p>K.S.A. § 39-1443</p> <p>(b)(1) When a report of adult abuse, neglect or financial exploitation indicates that there is serious physical injury to or serious deterioration or sexual abuse or financial exploitation of the adult and that action may be required to protect the adult, the investigation may be conducted as a joint effort between the Kansas department for children and families and the appropriate law enforcement agency or agencies, with a free exchange of information between such agencies.</p> <p>K.S.A. § 39-1436</p> <p>(b) The Kansas department for children and families or a law enforcement agency shall have access to all relevant records in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a).</p>
KY	<p>KRS § 209.030 (2017)</p> <p>(6) (b) The cabinet shall, to the extent practicable, support specialized multidisciplinary teams to investigate reports made under this chapter. This team may include law enforcement officers, social workers, Commonwealth’s attorneys and county attorneys, representatives from other authorized agencies, medical</p>

¹ (c) If a dispute develops between agencies investigating a reported case of adult abuse, neglect or financial exploitation, the appropriate county or district attorney shall take charge of, direct and coordinate the investigation.

	<p>professionals, and other related professionals with investigative responsibilities, as necessary.</p> <p>(11) The cabinet shall consult with local agencies and advocacy groups, including but not limited to long-term care ombudsmen, law enforcement agencies, bankers, attorneys, providers of nonemergency transportation services, and charitable and faith-based organizations, to encourage the sharing of information, provision of training, and promotion of awareness of adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation, crimes against the elderly, and adult protective services.</p> <p>KRS § 209.140</p> <p>All information obtained by the department staff or its delegated representative, as a result of an investigation made pursuant to this chapter, shall not be divulged to anyone except:</p> <p>(2) Persons within the department or cabinet with a legitimate interest or responsibility related to the case;</p> <p>(3) Other medical, psychological, or social service agencies, or law enforcement agencies that have a legitimate interest in the case;</p>
<p>LA</p>	<p>La. R.S. § 15:1507</p> <p>I. (1) Information contained in the case records of the adult protection agency shall be confidential and shall not be released without a handwritten authorization from the adult or his legal representative, except that the information may be released to law enforcement agencies pursuing enforcement of criminal statutes related to the abuse of the adult or the filing of false reports of abuse or neglect, or to social service agencies, licensed health care providers, and appropriate local or state agencies where indicated for the purpose of coordinating the provision of services or treatment necessary to reduce the risk to the adult from abuse, neglect, exploitation, or extortion and to state regulatory agencies for the purpose of enforcing federal or state laws and regulations relating to abuse, neglect, exploitation, or extortion by persons compensated through state or federal funds.</p> <p>I. (3) Prior to releasing any information, except information released to law enforcement agencies as provided herein, the adult protection agency shall edit the released information to protect the confidentiality of the reporter’s identity and to protect any other individual whose safety or welfare may be endangered by disclosure.</p> <p>La. R.S. § 15:1510</p>

	<p>A. The adult protection agency may adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary in carrying out the provisions of this Chapter. Specifically, such rules shall provide for cooperation with local agencies, including but not limited to hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes, and cooperation with other states. The adult protection agency shall also be responsible for ongoing in-service training for its staff which assures adequate performance.</p> <p>B. The adult protection agencies may enter into cooperative agreements with other state agencies or contractual agreements with private agencies to carry out the purposes of this Chapter. The immunity granted to the staff of the adult protection agencies shall extend to the staff of those agencies carrying out the provisions of this Chapter through cooperative or contractual agreement.</p>
<p>ME</p>	<p>22 M.R.S. § 3474</p> <p>2. Optional disclosure of records. The department may disclose relevant information in the records to the following persons, with protection for the identity of reporters and other persons when appropriate: [A-K]</p> <p>22 M.R.S. § 3486</p> <p>All other state and local agencies as well as private agencies receiving public funds shall cooperate with the department in rendering protective services on behalf of incapacitated and dependent adults.</p>
<p>MD</p>	<p>Md. FAMILY LAW Code Ann. § 14-303 (2017) EFFECTIVE UNTIL OCT. 1, 2022</p> <p>(c) Agencies assisting investigation. --</p> <p>(1) On request by the local department, the local State's Attorney or the appropriate law enforcement agency shall assist in the investigation.</p> <p>(2) As appropriate, the local office on aging or the Department of Aging, local geriatric evaluation service, or any other public or private agency providing services or care to the alleged vulnerable adult or whose information or expertise may be of assistance in assessing risk or planning services may assist in the investigation on the request by the local department.</p> <p>(3) Any agencies set out in this subsection may jointly agree to cooperative arrangements for investigation.</p> <p>(e) Parties participating in an investigation may share pertinent client information relevant to the investigation.</p>

	<p>Md. FAMILY LAW Code Ann. EFFECTIVE OCT. 1, 2022</p> <p>(c)</p> <p>(1) On request by the local department, the local State’s Attorney or the appropriate law enforcement agency shall assist in the investigation.</p> <p>(2) As appropriate, the local office on aging or the Department of Aging, local geriatric evaluation service, or any other public or private agency, including a fiduciary institution, providing services or care to the alleged vulnerable adult or whose information or expertise may be of assistance in assessing risk or planning services may assist in the investigation on the request by the local department.</p> <p>(3) Any agencies set out in this subsection may jointly agree to cooperative arrangements for investigation.</p> <p>(e) Parties participating in an investigation may share pertinent client information relevant to the investigation.</p>
MA	<p>ALM GL ch. 19A, § 23</p> <p>(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, all records containing personal data which are created, collected, used, maintained or disseminated pursuant to this chapter shall not be public records, ...</p> <p>ALM GL ch. 19A, § 25</p> <p>The secretary shall adopt and from time to time revise rules and regulations for the implementation of the provisions of sections fifteen to twenty–four, inclusive.</p>
MI	<p>MCLS § 400.11b</p> <p>(6) ...The county department also shall collaborate with law enforcement officers, courts of competent jurisdiction, and appropriate state and community agencies providing human services, which services are provided in relation to preventing, identifying, and treating adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation....</p> <p>(9) A representative from the department, the department of state police, the department of attorney general, and the office of services to the aging, and an individual who is a representative of long-term care providers and is designated by the department of attorney general, shall meet and develop a state model protocol for the investigation of vulnerable adult abuse cases. A county prosecuting attorney, in cooperation with the local county department and local law enforcement agencies, may adopt a local protocol for the investigation of vulnerable adult abuse cases that is based on the state model protocol.</p>
MN	<p>Minn. Stat. § 626.5571</p>

	<p>Subdivision 1. Establishment of team. — A county may establish a multidisciplinary adult protection team comprised of the director of the local welfare agency or designees, the county attorney or designees, the county sheriff or designees, and representatives of health care. In addition, representatives of mental health or other appropriate human service agencies, community corrections agencies, representatives from local tribal governments, local law enforcement agencies or designees thereof, adult advocate groups, and any other organization with relevant expertise may be added to the adult protection team.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Duties of team. — A multidisciplinary adult protection team may provide public and professional education, develop resources for prevention, intervention, and treatment, and provide case consultation to the local welfare agency to better enable the agency to carry out its adult protection functions under section 626.557 and to meet the community’s needs for adult protection services. Case consultation may be performed by a committee of the team composed of the team members representing social services, law enforcement, the county attorney, health care, and persons directly involved in an individual case as determined by the case consultation committee. Case consultation includes a case review process that results in recommendations about services to be provided to the identified adult and family.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Information sharing. — The local welfare agency may make available to members of the team for case consultation all records collected and maintained by the agency under section 626.557 and in connection with case consultation. Any member of the case consultation committee may share data, acquired in the member’s professional capacity, with the committee to assist the committee in its function. Members prohibited from disclosing patient identifying information because of federal or state law shall seek consent from each patient or resident, or a guardian, conservator or legal representative, for the disclosure of appropriate data to the case consultation committee.</p>
MS	<p>Miss. Code Ann. § 43-47-7</p> <p>(7) Reports made pursuant to this section, reports written or photographs taken concerning such reports in the possession of the Department of Human Services or the county department of human services shall be confidential and shall only be made available to: [a-d]</p> <p>Miss. Code Ann. § 43-47-9</p> <p>(2) The staff and physicians of local health departments, mental health clinics and other public or private agencies, including law enforcement agencies, shall cooperate fully with the department in the performance of its duties. These duties include</p>

	immediate, in-residence evaluations and medical examinations and treatment where the department deems it necessary....
MO	<p>§ 192.2415 R.S.Mo.</p> <p>The department shall provide for any of the following: ...</p> <p>(6) The coordination and cooperation with other state agencies and public and private agencies in exchange of information and the avoidance of duplication of services.</p>
MT	<p>52-3-805, MCA</p> <p>(1) The county attorney or the department of public health and human services shall convene one or more temporary or permanent interdisciplinary adult protective service teams. These teams shall assist in assessing the needs of, formulating and monitoring a treatment plan for, and coordinating services to older persons and persons with developmental disabilities who are victims of abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or exploitation. The supervisor of adult protective services of the department of public health and human services or the department’s designee shall serve as the team’s coordinator. Members must include a social worker, a member of a local law enforcement agency, a representative of the medical profession, and a county attorney or the county attorney’s designee, who is an attorney. Members may include other appropriate persons designated by the county attorney or the department.</p> <p>52-3-813, MCA</p> <p>(2) The records and reports required to be kept confidential by subsection (1) may be disclosed, upon request, to the following persons or entities in this or any other state:</p> <p>(e) an adult protective service team. Members of the team are required to keep information about the subject individuals confidential.</p>
NE	<p>R.R.S. Neb. § 28-377</p> <p>Persons, officials, and agencies having access to such records shall include, but not be limited to: [1-8]</p>
NV	<p>Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 200.5098</p> <p>2. The Administrator of the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department may organize one or more teams to assist in strategic assessment and planning of protective services, issues regarding the delivery of service, programs or individual plans for preventing, identifying, remedying or treating abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation or abandonment of older persons. Members of the team serve at the invitation of the Administrator and must be experienced in preventing, identifying, remedying or treating abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation or abandonment of older</p>

	<p>persons. The team may include representatives of other organizations concerned with education, law enforcement or physical or mental health.</p> <p>The team may receive otherwise confidential information and records pertaining to older persons to assist in assessing and planning. The confidentiality of any information or records received must be maintained under the terms or conditions required by law. The content of any discussion regarding information or records received by the team pursuant to this subsection is not subject to discovery and a member of the team shall not testify regarding any discussion which occurred during the meeting. Any information disclosed in violation of this subsection is inadmissible in all judicial proceedings.</p>
NH	<p>RSA 161-F:57</p> <p>...Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the disclosure of information gathered pursuant to an investigation to a service provider as may be necessary to devise or implement a service plan,... to local law enforcement, the department of justice, or a county attorney,...</p>
NJ	<p>N.J. Stat. § 52:27D-420</p> <p>All records and communications pertaining to any report, evaluation, or service provided pursuant to this act are confidential. All third party information, together with the identities of the reporters, witnesses and the adults allegedly in need of protective services are confidential, except disclosures which may be necessary for the commissioner or the county adult protective services provider to perform his duties and to support any findings that may result from the evaluation of a report.</p>
NM	<p>N.M. Stat. Ann. § 27-7-17</p> <p>B. The department shall ensure that the adult protective services system for incapacitated or protected adults who have been abused, neglected or exploited includes: ...</p> <p>(2) the establishment and use of multidisciplinary teams to develop treatment strategies, ensure maximum coordination with existing community resources and provide comprehensive assessment and case consultation on difficult or complex cases, provided that the adults’ privacy and confidentiality rights in such cases are protected;</p> <p>N.M. Stat. Ann. § 27-7-29</p> <p>A. All records of the department, the department’s designee, including a multidisciplinary team, the court and state and local agencies that are created or maintained pursuant to investigations under the Adult Protective Services Act [27-7-</p>

	<p>14 NMSA 1978] or for whom application has ever been made for protection shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed directly or indirectly to the public.</p> <p>The records described in Subsection A of this section shall be open to inspection only by persons with a legitimate interest in the records as follows: [1-12]</p>
<p>NY</p>	<p>NY CLS Elder § 225</p> <p>Elder abuse enhanced multidisciplinary team program.</p> <p>1. The office is hereby authorized, subject to appropriation of funds for the program, to establish an elder abuse enhanced multidisciplinary team program consisting of teams at the regional or county level for complex cases of elder abuse, including but not limited to financial exploitation, physical abuse, psychological abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect, involving a victim sixty years of age or older.</p> <p>2. Such elder abuse enhanced multidisciplinary teams shall consist of representation by professionals generally authorized to make decisions on behalf of their agency from public, private, and voluntary agencies. Represented professions may include, but are not limited to, health/medical, mental health, aging, protective services, human services, social work, banking/financial institutions, legal services, district attorney’s offices, law enforcement agencies, and forensic accounting.</p> <p>3. Teams will also consist of a coordinator who will provide case consultation, triage cases, facilitate elder abuse enhanced multidisciplinary team meetings, monitor progress, and facilitate coordination and cooperative action in the provision of appropriate services to an individual identified as being a victim of elder abuse, as well as other duties associated with the role.</p> <p>4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, members of an elder abuse enhanced multidisciplinary team may share with other team members client-identifiable information concerning victims of elder abuse as appropriate to facilitate team activities.</p> <p>NY CLS Soc Serv § 473</p> <p>2. (a) In that the effective delivery of protective services for adults requires a network of professional consultants and services providers, local social services districts shall plan with other public, private and voluntary agencies including but not limited to health, mental health, aging, legal and law enforcement agencies, for the purpose of assuring maximum local understanding, coordination and cooperative action in the provision of appropriate services.</p> <p>(b) Each social services district shall prepare, with the approval of the chief executive officer, or the legislative body in those counties without a chief executive officer, after</p>

	<p>consultation with appropriate public, private and voluntary agencies, a district-wide plan for the provision of adult protective services which shall be a component of the district’s multi-year consolidated services plan as required in section thirty-four-a of this chapter. This plan shall describe the local implementation of this section including the organization, staffing, mode of operations and financing of the adult protective services as well as the provisions made for purchase of services, inter-agency relations, inter-agency agreements, service referral mechanisms, and locus of responsibility for cases with multi-agency services needs. Commencing the year following preparation of a multi-year consolidated services plan, each local district shall prepare annual implementation reports including information related to its adult protective services plan as required in section thirty-four-a of the social services law.</p> <p>4. For the purpose of developing improved methods for the delivery of protective services for adults, the department with the approval of the director of the budget, shall authorize a maximum of five demonstration projects in selected social services districts. ...</p> <p>NY CLS Soc Serv § 473-e</p> <p>2. Reports made pursuant to this article, ... Such reports and information may be made available to: [a-g]</p>
<p>NC</p>	<p>N.C. Gen. Stat. Section 108A-80</p> <p>(d) The Social Services Commission may adopt rules governing access to case files for social services and public assistance programs, except the Medical Assistance Program. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services shall have the authority to adopt rules governing access to medical assistance case files.</p>
<p>ND²</p>	<p>N.D. Cent. Code, § 50-25.2-05</p> <p>1. ...For the purpose of evaluating a report or providing other adult protective services, the department or the department’s designee may: ...</p> <p>d. Coordinate the assessment and the provision of other adult protective services with other state or local agencies, departments, or institutions, including the agency of the protection and advocacy project, or private agencies, organizations, and professionals providing services necessary or advisable for the vulnerable adult; ...</p> <p>N.D. Cent. Code, § 50-25.2-12</p>

² 50-25.2-11.1. Civil remedy for financial exploitation — Damages — Commencement of action. (enacted in 2017)

	<p>All reports made under this chapter and all records and information obtained or generated as a result of the reports are confidential, but must be made available to: [1-7]</p> <p>2. Authorized staff of the department or the department’s designee, law enforcement agencies, and other agencies investigating, evaluating, or assessing the report or providing adult protective services.</p>
OH	<p>ORC Ann. 5101.62</p> <p>The department of job and family services shall do all of the following: ...</p> <p>(C) Facilitate ongoing cooperation among state agencies on issues pertaining to the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of adults.</p> <p>ORC Ann. 5101.621</p> <p>(A) Each county department of job and family services shall prepare a memorandum of understanding that is signed by all of the following: [1-7]</p> <p>(B) The memorandum of understanding shall set forth the procedures to be followed by the persons listed in division (A) of this section in the execution of their respective responsibilities related to cases of adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The memorandum of understanding shall establish all of the following:</p> <p>(1) An interdisciplinary team to coordinate efforts related to the prevention, reporting, and treatment of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of adults;...</p>
OK	<p>43A Okl. St. § 10-105</p> <p>A. Upon receiving a report of alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult pursuant to the provisions of the Protective Services for Vulnerable Adults Act, the Department of Human Services shall make a prompt and thorough investigation. When feasible, law enforcement and the Department shall conduct joint investigations in order to reduce potential trauma to the victim and to eliminate duplicative efforts.</p> <p>43A Okl. St. § 10-110</p> <p>A. The reports, records, and working papers used or developed in an investigation of the circumstances of a vulnerable adult pursuant to the provisions of the Protective Services for Vulnerable Adults Act are confidential and may be disclosed only pursuant to rules promulgated by the Commission for Human Services, by order of the court or as otherwise provided by this section or Section 10-110.1 of this title.</p>

	<p>B. Department of Human Services agency records pertaining to a vulnerable adult may be inspected and their contents disclosed without a court order to the following persons upon showing of proper credentials and pursuant to their lawful duties: [1-8]</p> <p>6. Any public or private agency or person authorized by the Department to diagnose, provide care and treatment to a vulnerable adult who is the subject of a report or record of vulnerable adult abuse or neglect;</p> <p>7. Any public or private agency or person authorized by the Department to supervise or provide other services to a vulnerable adult who is the subject of a report or record of vulnerable adult abuse or neglect; provided, the Department may limit such disclosure to summaries or to information directly necessary for the purpose of such disclosure;</p> <p>C. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the Department from disclosing such confidential information as may be necessary to secure appropriate care, treatment or protection of a vulnerable adult alleged to be abused or neglected.</p> <p>43A Okl. St. § 10-110.1</p> <p>B. When a person responsible for the care of a vulnerable adult has been charged by information or indictment with committing a crime resulting in the death or near death of the vulnerable adult, there shall be a presumption that the best interest of the public is served by public disclosure of certain information concerning:...</p>
OR	<p>ORS § 124.090</p> <p>(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the Department of Human Services or the department's designee may, if appropriate, make the names of the witnesses and the elderly persons, and the reports and records compiled under ORS 124.050 to 124.095, available to: [a-g]</p> <p>(ORS § 430.731 (1) The district attorney in each county shall be responsible for developing county multidisciplinary teams...Note: 430.731 was enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but was not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 430 or any series therein by legislative action. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.; see Department of Human Services, Adult Abuse Prevention and Investigations, Oregon Administrative Rules)</p> <p>ORS § 430.763</p> <p>... However, the Department of Human Services shall make this information and any investigative report available to any law enforcement agency, to any public agency</p>

	that licenses or certifies facilities or licenses or certifies the persons practicing therein and to any public agency providing protective services for the adult, if appropriate...
PA	<p>35 P.S. § 10225.306</p> <p>(b) LIMITED ACCESS TO THE AGENCY’S PROTECTIVE SERVICES RECORDS.—[1-6]</p> <p>(2) In arranging specific services to carry out service plans, the agency may disclose to appropriate service providers such information as may be necessary to initiate the delivery of services.</p>
RI	<p>R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-66-4</p> <p>(c) To accomplish these objectives, the director is authorized: [1-20]...</p> <p>(2) To facilitate communications and the free flow of information between communities and the offices, agencies, and employees of the state;</p> <p>(6) To coordinate those programs of other state agencies designed to assist in the solution of local, regional, and statewide problems concerning elderly persons;</p> <p>(9) To further the cooperation of local, state, federal, and private agencies and institutions providing for services or having responsibility for elderly persons;</p> <p>R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-66-8.2</p> <p>(e) When it is determined after investigation that protective services are necessary, the department shall develop a protective services care plan and coordinate, in conjunction with existing public and private agencies and departments, available and existing services as are needed by the person abused, neglected, exploited or self-neglecting.</p> <p>R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-66-10</p> <p>Any records of the department or other agency pertaining to a person reported to be abused, neglected, exploited or self-neglecting shall be confidential. The records shall not be deemed public and shall be considered records under Section 38-2-2(4)(i). The director may, however, disclose to the attorney general, any local state; or federal police officials, appropriate courts, state departments, public or private agencies, or medical personnel, pertinent information that is necessary to investigate reports of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or self-neglect, the coordination of needed services, the protection of the elderly victim or criminal prosecution.</p>
SC	S.C. Code Ann. § 43-35-15

	<p>(C) ...The Adult Protective Services Program may promulgate regulations and develop policies, procedures, and memoranda of agreement to be used in reporting these incidents, in furthering its investigations, and in providing protective services....</p> <p>S.C. Code Ann. § 43-35-60</p> <p>Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a state agency, an investigative entity, and law enforcement may share information related to an investigation conducted as a result of a report made under this chapter. Information in these investigative records must not be disclosed publicly.</p>
SD	<p>S.D. Codified Laws § 1-36A-25</p> <p>The Department of Human Services may establish a program of services for adults and the elderly to promote the development, coordination, and utilization of resources to meet the long-term needs of adults and the elderly and to provide services to assist them in their social and health problems. The program may include program planning and development, coordination of services for adults and the elderly, and administration of programs funded under the Older Americans Act, Social Security Act, and other federal programs which are available for health, social, transportation, nutrition, counseling, protective, and referral services for adults and the elderly.</p> <p>S.D. Codified Laws § 1-36A-26</p> <p>The secretary may promulgate reasonable and necessary rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, for the administration and operation of the program for adults and the elderly relating to the following areas:...</p> <p>(11) Adult protective services;</p>
TN	<p>Tenn. Code Ann. § 71-6-125</p> <p>(a) By January 1, 2017, the district attorney general of each judicial district shall establish, or cause to be established, a vulnerable adult protective investigative team (VAPIT) for the purpose of:</p> <p>(1) Coordinating the investigation of suspected instances of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult; and</p> <p>(2) Receiving and reviewing information generated by the multi-disciplinary adult protective services evaluation teams as established in § 71-1-110.</p> <p>(e) (1) Except as otherwise permitted by law, records, reports, and information concerning reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult shall be kept confidential among the VAPIT's members.</p>

	<p>(e) (2) Disclosure of the items in subdivision (e)(1) may be made to persons and entities directly involved in the administration of this section, including:...[A-E]</p> <p>(D) Members of the VAPIT;</p>
TX	<p>Tex. Hum. Res. Code § 48.101</p> <p>(b) Confidential information may be disclosed only for a purpose consistent with this chapter and as provided by department or investigating state agency rule and applicable federal law.</p> <p>(f) The department or investigating state agency may establish procedures to exchange with another state agency or governmental entity information that is necessary for the department, state agency, or entity to properly execute its respective duties and responsibilities to provide services to elderly persons or persons with disabilities under this chapter or other law. An exchange of information under this subsection does not affect whether the information is subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.</p> <p>The department may establish procedures to exchange with a community service provider or local governmental entity confidential information relating to a report made under Section 48.051(a) that is necessary for the department, provider, or entity to provide protective services, health care services, housing services, or social services to the person who is the subject of the report. An exchange of information under this subsection does not affect whether the information is subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.</p> <p>Tex. Hum. Res. Code § 48.1521</p> <p>(a) The department shall develop and implement a system to ensure that, to the greatest extent possible, investigations conducted by the department that involve especially complex issues of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, such as issues associated with identity theft and other forms of financial exploitation, are:</p> <p>(2) monitored by a special task unit for complex cases.</p> <p>(b) Each county with a population of 250,000 or more shall appoint persons to serve as standing members of a special task unit to monitor cases that arise in the county and require monitoring as provided by Subsection (a). The standing members of each special task unit must include:...</p>

	<p>(1) a provider of mental health services or aging services or a representative of a nonprofit entity serving persons with disabilities;</p> <p>(2) a representative of a law enforcement agency; and</p> <p>(3) a legal expert.</p> <p>(c) In addition to the standing members specified by Subsection (b), the special task unit:</p> <p>(1) must include, for purposes of monitoring a particular case, the caseworker on the case and the caseworker’s supervisor; and</p> <p>(2) may include a financial forensics expert and any other person with expertise that would be useful in monitoring a particular case. ...</p>
UT	<p>Utah Code Ann. § 62A-3-303</p> <p>In addition to all other powers and duties that Adult Protective Services is given under this part, Adult Protective Services:</p> <p>(12) may require all officials, agencies, departments, and political subdivisions of the state to assist and cooperate within their jurisdictional power with the court, the division, and Adult Protective Services in furthering the purposes of this chapter;</p> <p>Utah Code Ann. § 62A-3-312</p> <p>The database and the adult protection case file:...</p> <p>(3) may be made available, at the discretion of the division, to:</p> <p>(b) persons involved in an evaluation or assessment of the vulnerable adult as follows:</p> <p>(ii) a multidisciplinary team approved by the division to assist Adult Protective Services in the evaluation, assessment, and disposition of a vulnerable adult case;</p> <p>(iii) an authorized person or agency providing services to, or responsible for, the care, treatment, assessment, or supervision of a vulnerable adult named in the report as a victim, when in the opinion of the division, that information will assist in the protection of, or provide other benefits to, the victim;...</p>
VT	<p>33 V.S.A. Section 6911</p> <p>(a) (1) Information obtained through reports and investigations, including the identity of the reporter, shall remain confidential and shall not be released absent a court order, except as follows: [A-C]</p>

<p>VA</p>	<p>Va. Code Ann. Section 15.2-1627.5</p> <p>C. The attorney for the Commonwealth in each jurisdiction may also establish a multidisciplinary adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation response team to review cases of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of adults as defined in Section 63.2-1603. The multidisciplinary team may be established separately or in conjunction with any already existing multidisciplinary team.</p> <p>Va. Code Ann. Section 63.2-1605</p> <p>I. The report and evidence received by the local department and any written findings, evaluations, records, and recommended actions shall be confidential and shall be exempt from disclosure requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Section 2.2-3700 et seq.), except that such information may be disclosed to persons having a legitimate interest in the matter in accordance with Sections 63.2-102 and 63.2-104 and pursuant to official interagency agreements or memoranda of understanding between state agencies.</p>
<p>WA</p>	<p>Rev. Code Wash. (ARCW) § 74.34.320</p> <p>(1) Each county is encouraged to develop a written protocol for handling criminal cases involving vulnerable adults. The protocol shall:</p> <p>(b) Be developed by the prosecuting attorney...</p> <p>(e) Require the development and use of a confidentiality agreement,...</p> <p>(2) Members of a vulnerable adult advocacy team must disclose to each other confidential or sensitive information and records,...</p> <p>(3) Prior to participation, each member of the vulnerable adult advocacy team must sign a confidentiality agreement that requires compliance with all governing federal and state confidentiality laws.</p> <p>(5) Information and records communicated or provided to vulnerable adult advocacy team members, as well as information and records created in the course of an investigation, shall be deemed private and confidential and shall be protected from discovery and disclosure by all applicable statutory and common law protections. The disclosed information may not be further disclosed except by law or by court order.</p>
<p>WV</p>	<p>W. Va. Code § 9-6-3</p> <p>The secretary shall direct the coordination of the investigation of complaints of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation made pursuant to this article, and the various agencies of the department, the adult protective services system, the state and</p>

	<p>regional long-term care ombudsmen, administrators of nursing homes or other residential facilities, county prosecutors, and any other applicable state or federal agency shall cooperate among each other for the purposes of observing, reporting, investigating, and acting upon complaints of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation of any vulnerable adult or facility resident in this state.</p> <p>W. Va. Code § 9-6-8</p> <p>(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section or any other provision of this code to the contrary, records concerning reports of abuse, neglect or financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult, including all records generated as a result of such reports, may be made available to: [1-8]</p> <p>(6) The recognized protection and advocacy agency for the disabled of the State of West Virginia.</p> <p>(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section or any other provision of this code to the contrary, summaries concerning substantiated and unsubstantiated investigative reports of abuse, neglect or financial exploitation of vulnerable adults may be made available to: [1-5]</p> <p>(1) Any appropriate official of the state or regional long-term care ombudsman investigating a report of known or suspected abuse, neglect or financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult;</p> <p>(4) A professional person when the information is necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of, and service delivery to, a vulnerable adult.</p>
WI	<p>Wis. Stat. § 46.90</p> <p>(3) Elder-adult-at-risk agency duties.</p> <p>(a) Each elder-adult-at-risk agency shall develop a policy for notifying other investigative agencies, including law enforcement officials in appropriate cases, and shall establish an elder abuse reporting system to carry out the purposes of this section. Each elder-adult-at-risk agency shall enter into a memorandum of understanding regarding the operation of the system with the county department under s. 46.215 or 46.22 and with any private or public agency, including a county department under s. 51.42 or 51.437, within the county that is participating in the elder abuse reporting system. The memorandum of understanding shall, at a minimum, identify the agencies that are responsible for the investigation of reports of abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, or self-neglect of elder adults at risk and for the provision of specific direct services.</p>

	<p>(6) Records; confidentiality.</p> <p>(b) Departmental report forms are confidential and may not be released by the elder-adult-at-risk agency or other investigative agency, except under the following circumstances: [1-10]</p> <p>6. To any agency or individual that provides direct services under sub. (5m), including an attending physician for purposes of diagnosis and treatment, and within the department to coordinate treatment for mental illness, developmental disabilities, alcoholism, or drug abuse of individuals committed to or under the supervision of the department. Information obtained under this subdivision shall remain confidential.</p> <p>9. To a federal agency, state governmental agency, agency of any other state, or local governmental unit in this state or any other state that has a need for a departmental report form in order to carry out its responsibility to protect elder adults at risk from abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, or self-neglect.</p> <p>(bt) Subject to pars. (b), (bd), (br), (bv), and (bw), records under this subsection are confidential and may not be released by the elder-adult-at-risk agency or other investigative agency, except under the following circumstances, upon request: [1-13]</p>
<p>WY</p>	<p>Wyo. Stat. § 35-20-104</p> <p>(a) The department shall:</p> <p>(vi) Develop, facilitate and participate in local multidisciplinary community-based adult protection teams that discuss adult protection issues.</p> <p>Wyo. Stat. § 35-20-108</p> <p>Except as provided under W.S. 35-20-116, records of the department or other agency or the court pertaining to a vulnerable adult receiving protective services under this act are not open to public inspection. Information contained in those records shall not be disclosed to the public in any manner that will identify any individual. The records may be made available for inspection only upon application to the court pursuant to W.S. 35-20-112 for good cause shown.</p> <p>Wyo. Stat. § 35-20-112</p> <p>(c) Upon application made in the manner and form prescribed by the department, the department may give access to records otherwise confidential under this section to any of the following persons or agencies for purposes directly related with the administration of this act: [i-iv]</p>

(e) The department or investigating state agency may establish procedures to exchange with another state agency or governmental entity records that are necessary for the department, state agency or entity to properly execute its respective duties and responsibilities to provide services to vulnerable adults under this act or other law. An exchange of records under this subsection does not affect whether the records are subject to disclosure under W.S. 16-4-201 through 16-4-205.