



Elder Abuse MDT Peer Support Community

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The **mission** is to support and coordinate the Department of Justice's enforcement and programmatic efforts to combat elder abuse, neglect, and financial fraud and scams that target older adults.

The Initiative does so by—

- ▶ Promoting justice for older adults.
- ▶ Helping older victims and their families.
- ▶ Enhancing state and local efforts through training and resources.
- ▶ Supporting research to improve elder abuse policy and practice.

ABOUT THE MDT TAC

Our mission is to provide tools, resources, and individualized consultations to facilitate the expansion of elder abuse case review multidisciplinary teams across the nation.

MDT TAC SERVICES

- Responding to requests for materials (e.g., toolkits or research)
- Phone consultations to discuss problem solving (e.g., confidentiality issues)
- In-person consultations for communities needing a more hands-on approach
- Educational opportunities such as webinars
- MDT Guide and Toolkit
- Elder Abuse Network Map



AGENDA

- ▶ Project background
- ▶ What is the MDT Peer Support Community?
- ▶ What is it NOT?
- ▶ How to join
- ▶ What you can expect to find
- ▶ Help us share this project with your peers
- ▶ Related projects

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Elder Justice professionals often feel siloed in their work.

The goal of this project is to utilize a peer support community to aid elder abuse multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) in **communicating with and learning from one another.**



WHY BUILD A MDT COMMUNITY?

Elder Abuse MDTs encounter unique challenges.

Elder Justice professionals often feel siloed.

It is currently challenging to identify other elder abuse MDTs across the country for collaboration.

Elder Abuse MDTs members have a wealth of knowledge to share.



WHAT THIS COMMUNITY IS



A place to share information about your teams work



A place to ask technical questions about the development and management of your MDT



A place to learn from one another



A place to find EJI created educational materials



A place to share your outreach education materials



A place to ask questions of the MDT TAC

WHAT THIS COMMUNITY IS - EXAMPLES



A place to ask for examples of documents: MOUs, confidentiality agreements, intake procedures, etc.



A place to share your challenges and ask other teams how they have overcome similar issues



A place to meet other professionals doing similar work for collaboration opportunities



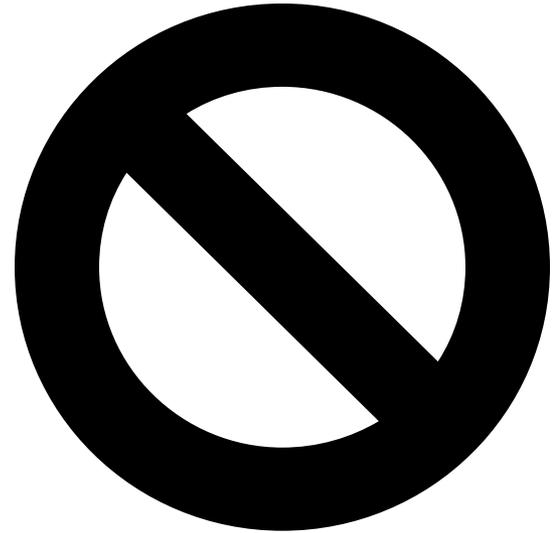
A place to post relevant upcoming events



A place to create partnership and build community – group posts or direct messaging of members

WHAT THIS COMMUNITY IS **NOT**

- This is **not** a place to share information about your cases.
- This is **not** a secure forum to share confidential information of any kind.
- This is **not** a place to sell goods or services.
- This is **not** a place to report elder abuse.



COMMUNITY STANDARDS

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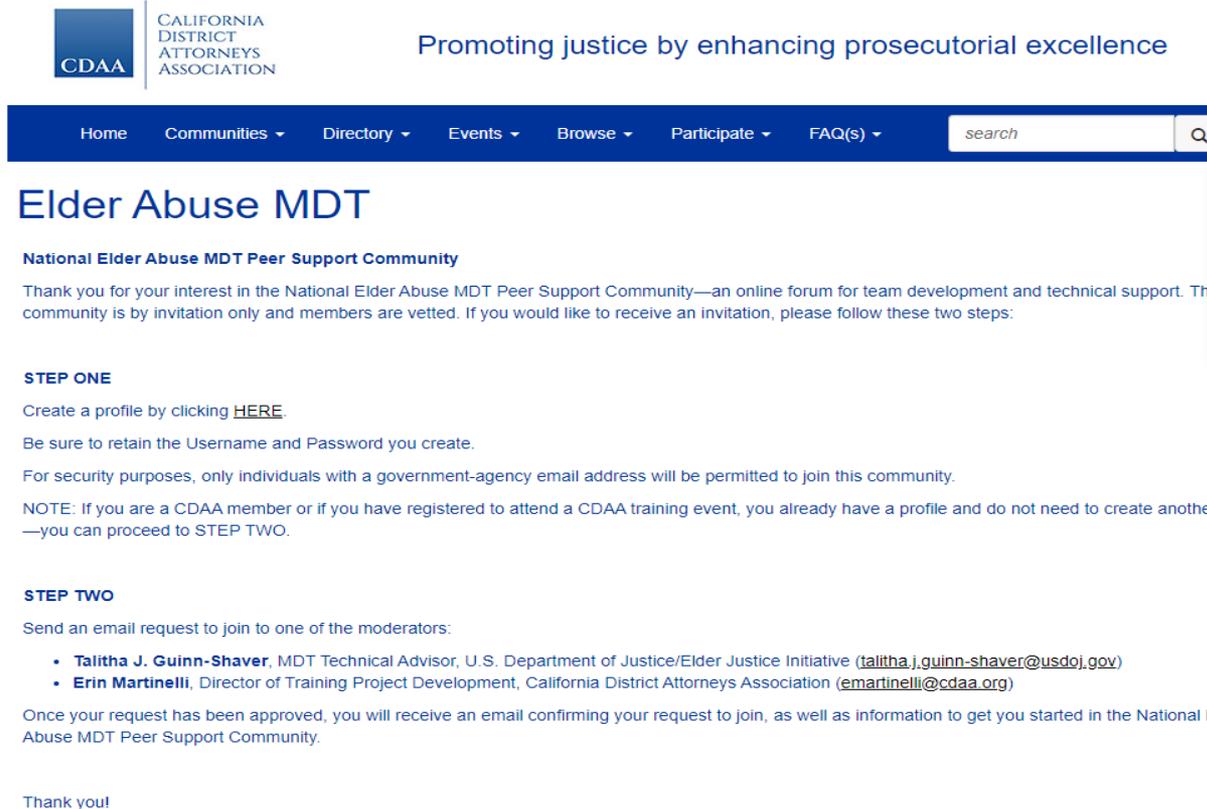
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National Elder Abuse MDT Peer Support Community

Thank you for your interest in the National Elder Abuse MDT Peer Support Community—an online forum for team development and technical support. This community is by invitation only and members are vetted. If you would like to receive an invitation, please follow these two steps:

STEP ONE

Create a profile by clicking [HERE](#).

Be sure to retain the Username and Password you create.

For security purposes, only individuals with a government-agency email address will be permitted to join this community.

NOTE: If you are a CDAA member or if you have registered to attend a CDAA training event, you already have a profile and do not need to create another—you can proceed to STEP TWO.

STEP TWO

Send an email request to join to one of the moderators:

- **Talitha J. Guinn-Shaver**, MDT Technical Advisor, U.S. Department of Justice/Elder Justice Initiative (talitha.j.guinn-shaver@usdoj.gov)
- **Erin Martinelli**, Director of Training Project Development, California District Attorneys Association (emartinelli@cdaa.org)

Once your request has been approved, you will receive an email confirming your request to join, as well as information to get you started in the National Elder Abuse MDT Peer Support Community.

Thank you!

CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT

Create an Account

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THE APPROVAL PROCESS



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Please add me to the National Elder Abuse MDT Peer Support Community.

Email forwarded from Talitha or Erin to Veyonniss:

Please add Bob to the National Elder Abuse MDT Peer Support Community.

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Email from Veyonniss to Bob:

Welcome email with instructions.

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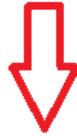
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By joining and using this community, you agree that you have read and will follow these rules and guidelines. You also agree to reserve discussions and shared files and content to that best suited to the medium. This is a great medium with which to solicit the advice of your peers, benefit from their experience, and participate in an ongoing conversation. Questions should be directed to our Member Services department via the Contact Us link on this site. Technical questions on association management issues should directed to our help desk.

Please take a moment to acquaint yourself with these important guidelines. If you have questions, contact the member services department. In order to preserve a climate that encourages both civil and fruitful dialogue, we reserve the right to suspend or terminate membership in this community for anyone who violates these rules.

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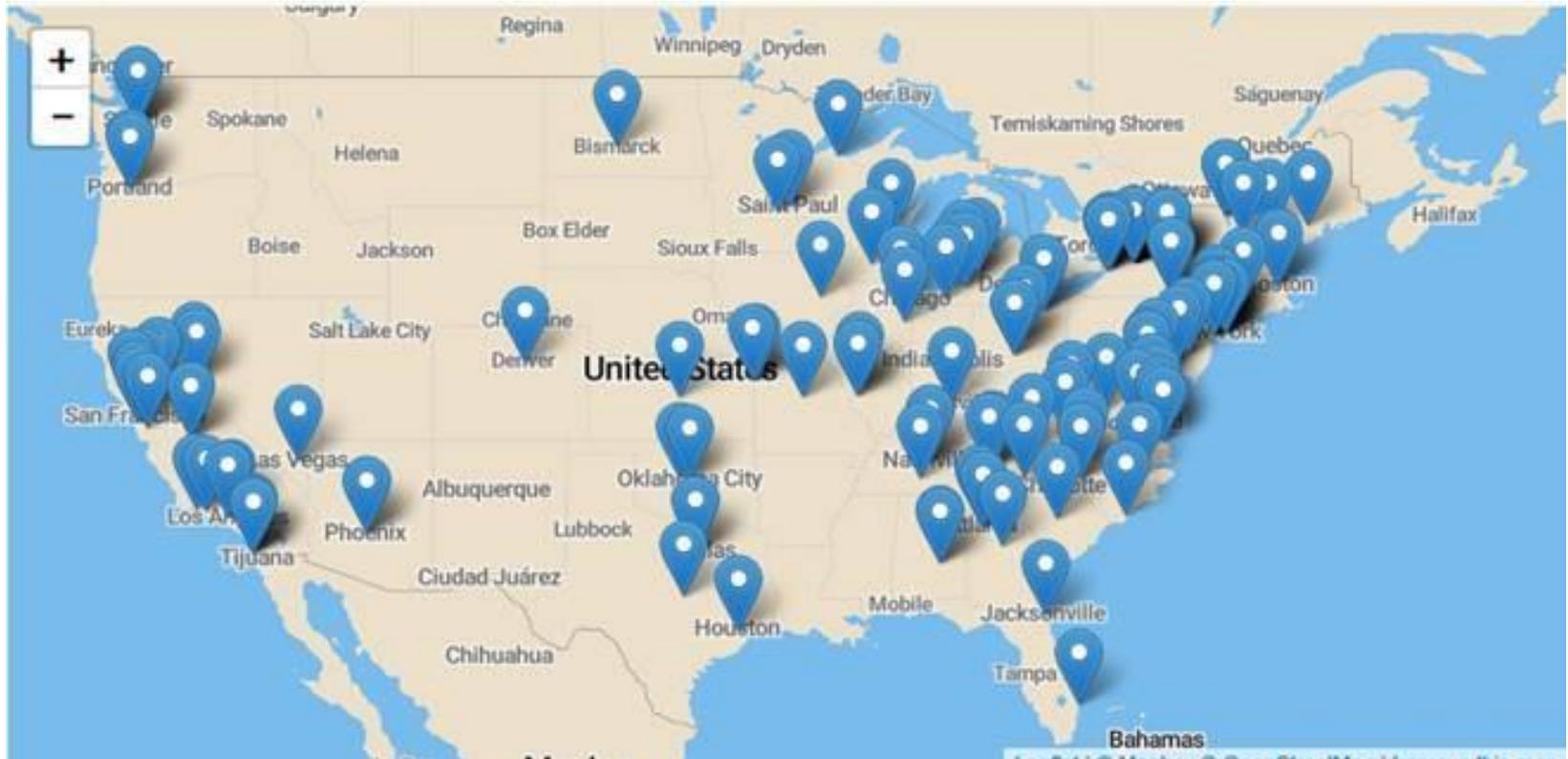
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HELP US BUILD OUR COMMUNITY

- Please invite your colleagues.
- Please understand that we are establishing a new community and you are one of the first members. We will grow together.
- Please ask for support any time you need it, at any point in the process.
- Please share your ideas for improving our community to better meet your needs.



RELATED PROJECTS THAT BUILD CONNECTION



MAP LOCATOR DETAILS

- ▶ This "Locator" is designed to enable elder justice professionals to locate and collaborate with elder justice networks/teams across the nation.
- ▶ Users can search networks by state using the navigation tools, or by a key word menu provided above the map.
- ▶ The networks represented on this map include teams that participated in a survey generated by USC, and those teams that have specifically requested to be included.
- ▶ The Locator is a living map and was launched knowing that there are many more networks across the country not currently represented on the map. We are asking you to help us fully populate the Locator.

JOIN US

If your network would like to be included in the Elder Justice Networks Locator Map, please submit

- ▶ Network name
- ▶ Network type (MDT, FAST, Task Force, etc.)
- ▶ Physical address (at least city and state if possible)
- ▶ Contact information – email and or phone number
- ▶ If applicable, web address

Submit to: talitha.j.guinn-shaver@usdoj.gov

REACH OUT FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT

For consultation contact:

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