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E-MDT Initiative Preliminary Evaluation

The Center for Human Services Research (CHSR), in collaboration with the University at Albany School of Social Welfare, partnered with [Lifespan of Greater Rochester](#) and the [Weill Cornell Medicine's New York City Elder Abuse Center](#) to perform a preliminary program evaluation of the Elder Abuse Interventions and Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team (E-MDT) Initiative in New York State. The preliminary program evaluation was funded by the New York State [Office for Aging](#) and the New York State [Office of Victim Services](#).

E-MDTs used a collaborative approach to intervene in complex cases of elder abuse (e.g., financial, physical, psychological, sexual, and neglect by others). Members of the teams represented a variety of disciplines including Adult Protective Services, aging services, health and human services, financial/banking services, law enforcement, and others who meet under the facilitation of an E-MDT Coordinator. The teams were enhanced by access to forensic accountants, geriatric psychiatrists/mental health professionals, and civil legal services.

EVALUATION & RESEARCH

In Year 1, CHSR established a baseline efficacy of the program in New York State through interviews and surveys with representatives in a variety of roles within the E-MDTs. In subsequent projects years, CHSR provided additional support for program efficacy through an additional survey and focus groups targeting E-MDT ancillary staff.