**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**](https://www.lifespan-roch.org/enhanced-multidisciplinary-teams) and the [**Weill Cornell Medicine’s New York City Elder Abuse Center**](https://nyceac.org/clinical-services/mdts/) 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**](https://aging.ny.gov/) and the New York State [**Office of Victim Services**](https://ovs.ny.gov/).

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.