

Collaborative Agreement Elder Abuse Forensic Center

This Collaborative Agreement is entered into by and between the collaborative partners of the Elder Abuse Forensic Center, listed below, for the purpose of documenting the contribution which each partner has agreed to make in support of the Elder Abuse Forensic Center.

The partners in the Elder Abuse Forensic Center (Partners) are as follows:

University of California, Irvine, College of Medicine, Program in Geriatrics
County of Orange District Attorney's Office
County of Orange Health Care Agency, Behavioral Health Care/Older Adult Services
County of Orange Public Administrator/Public Guardian
County of Orange Sheriff/Coroner Department
County of Orange Social Services Agency, Adult Protective Services
Community Services Programs
Human Options (Domestic Violence Services)

I. Term:

The term of this Agreement shall commence on February 1, 2003, and remain in effect through December 2005, unless terminated earlier in accordance with Paragraph VI of this Agreement.

II. Background

The purpose of the Elder Abuse Forensic Center is to provide an array of coordinated services for elders and adults with disabilities who have been abused or neglected. Each of the agencies participating in the Center has specific responsibilities for preventing, identifying, investigating, treating, and/or remediating abuse and neglect among elders and adults with disabilities. One of the objectives of the Center is to assist each of the collaborative partners in meeting their responsibilities in a more effective and efficient manner through cooperation and collaboration. This will be achieved through interagency consultation and multi-agency team case conferences and result in the development of coordinated action plans. In addition, the Center will provide education and training to other professionals.

The University of California, Irvine, College of Medicine, Program in Geriatrics applied for and received funding from the Archstone Foundation to support this effort for a three year period beginning December 2002.

III. Responsibilities of all partner agencies:

To the extent possible, each of the Partners agrees to provide the following services to the Elder Abuse Forensic Center:

- A. Partner agencies will assign staff to provide consultation and participate in case conferences with other Center participants during the “office hours” established by the Center participants. (At present, those hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM, however those hours may be changed at the consensus of the Center participants.) The types of staff which are to be assigned to the Center are shown below:
1. University of California, Irvine, College of Medicine, Program in Geriatrics: Geriatrician, Geropsychologist, Gerontologist, Program Coordinator
 2. County of Orange District Attorney’s Office: Deputy District Attorney
 3. County of Orange Health Care Agency, Behavioral Health Care/Older Adult Services: Clinical Social Worker (Older Adult Specialist)
 4. County of Orange Public Administrator/Public Guardian: Deputy Public Guardian
 5. County of Orange Sheriff/Coroner Department: Investigator
 6. County of Orange Social Services Agency, Adult Protective Services: Senior Social Workers and Senior Social Services Supervisors
 7. Community Services Programs: Victim Witness Advocate
 8. Human Options: Social Worker
- B. Provide services to clients consistent with the mission, requirements, and mandates of their employing agency.
- C. Honor confidentiality requirements of all other Center participants.
- D. Support the efforts of the Center to secure additional funding.
- E. Participate in planning and providing training for other professionals who are interested in the issue of abuse and neglect among elders and adults with disabilities.
- F. Provide data, as necessary, to evaluate the effectiveness of the Center and report on Center activities.

IV. Additional responsibilities of University of California, Irvine (UCI):

As the recipient of the grant funding from the Archstone Foundation, UCI is also responsible for providing the following additional services to the Elder Abuse Forensic Center:

- A. Arrange for space, furniture, & equipment for the operation of the Center. Initially, these services are to be provided by the Social Services Agency, under a separate agreement with UCI, at 1505 E. Warner Ave., Santa Ana. The location of the Center may change as the needs of the Center and/or the Social Services Agency may require.
- B. Reimburse Partners for certain additional costs to allow for their remote site access (e.g. duplicate software, hardware, data lines, etc.). Each Partner is responsible for negotiating with UCI in advance for any expenses for which they will request reimbursement.
- C. Provide administrative support to Center, including hiring and supervising the Program Coordinator.
- D. Provide liaison with the Archstone Foundation and be responsible for reporting to them as necessary.
- E. Take the lead on seeking out additional funding to support Center activities.
- F. Develop and conduct an assessment of the effectiveness of the Center and report on outcomes.

V. Confidentiality:

The Partners each agree to maintain all records in a confidential manner, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, as they may now exist or be hereafter amended.

VI. Termination:

Any Partner may terminate their participation in the Center, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice. Notice will be deemed served on the date of mailing and is to be sent to the following address:

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