From Research to Practice: Integrating Trauma Informed Responses to Elder Abuse

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Practical Guide for Implementing a Trauma-Informed Approach



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Physical vs. Psychological Trauma

Physical trauma



Psychological trauma



Trauma-Informed vs.
Trauma-Specific

Trauma-informed Practices

 Incorporate knowledge of trauma into practice

Trauma-specific Treatment

Mental health treatment

Evidence-Based & Widely Adopted

- Education
- Medicine and Geriatrics
- Human Trafficking
- Law Enforcement Investigations
- Interviewing Victims
- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- City Governments

- Victim Services
- Unhoused
- Prisons
- Mental Health
- Offenders
- Child Abuse/CACs
- Veterans
- Evaluation



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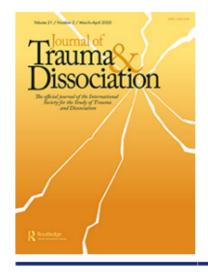
Improving Victim Contact and Criminal Justice Response: The Impact of Law Enforcement and Victim Assistance Training

Persuading victims to engage with law enforcement can be challenging, as victims may have various reasons for not wanting to report a crime or cooperate with an investigation. This makes the training of criminal justice professionals on trauma-informed approaches, cultural competencies, and evidence-based practices essential to improving the criminal justice response to crime victims. This panel highlights three studies examining the impact of training on criminal justice personnel: mandatory training of officers on sexual and family violence; frontline practices for victim notification; and an interactive training program focused on educating officers about trauma-informed interviewing of survivors. These trainings will be examined for their impacts on criminal justice personnel's knowledge of trauma-informed practice and perceptions of survivors, as well as on the degree to which they improve law enforcement responses and leads to better victim outcomes.

Trauma-Informed Training for Law Enforcement

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Moving the Field Forward: Elucidating the Nexus Between Elder Abuse and Trauma

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Elder Justice Professionals

- Law Enforcement
- APS
- Prosecutors
- LTCO
- Aging Services
- Physicians
- Psychologists/Neuropsychologists

Agenda

- 3 Es of Trauma
 - Elder Abuse & Trauma
- Trauma-Informed Practices
 - 4 Rs
 - 6 Principles
- Implications
 - Elder Justice Professionals & I-Teams
- Scenario
- Q & A
- Resources

My Background

Experimental researcher, not Clinician

Developmental Psychologist

Child Abuse & Intimate Partner Violence

Child Advocacy Centers since the 90s

Early 2000s Elder Abuse

- Teaching Family Violence Across the Lifespan
- Elder abuse research
- Volunteer Certified LTCO



A NEW OPERATING

SYSTEM FOR

TRAUMA-INFORMED

SYSTEMS OF CARE



What is wrong with you?

What happened to you?

"She just won't follow through!"

"He's not a credible witness"

What is trauma?

Trauma

Individual trauma results from an **event**, series of events, or set of circumstances that is **experienced** by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful or life threatening and that has lasting adverse **effects** on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being.



3 Es of Trauma









- Large Ts Adults (70%)
 - Witnessing death or injury
 - Unexpected death of loved one
 - Life-threatening accident
 - Life-threatening illness or injury
 - Natural disasters
 - Sexual or physical abuse
 - Combat or war zone exposure
 - Terrorism or mass violence
- Micro Traumas
 - Micro Aggressions
 - Bullying
 - Discrimination

- Large Ts Older Adults (90%)
 - Unexpected death of a loved one
 - Chronic and/or life-threatening diagnoses
 - Physical injury
 - Elder abuse, neglect, financial exploitation
- Micro Traumas
 - Micro Aggressions
 - Bullying
 - Discrimination
 - LTC Resident abuse

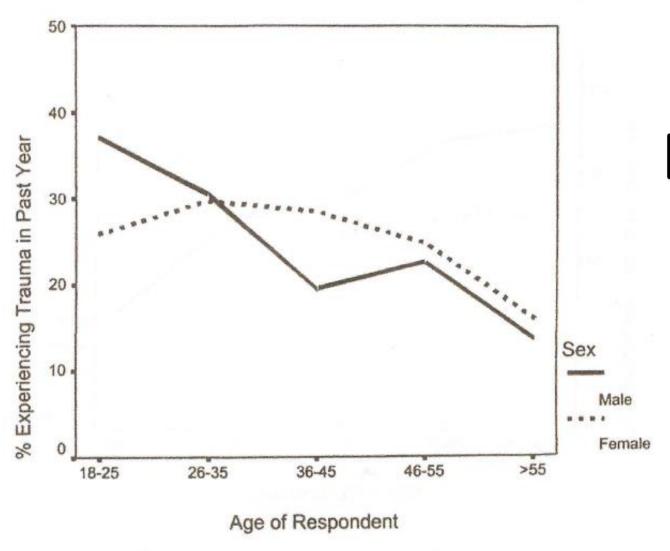


FIGURE 1.1. Past-year exposure to potentially traumatic events by sex and age in a sample of 1,000 adults from the southeastern United States.

Developmental Differences



- Internalized ageism
- Age
- Gender identity
- Pre-morbid ego strength
- Previous traumatic experience
- Chronicity of trauma
- Family history of trauma
- Developmental period of trauma
- Current life stressors
- Social support
- External locus of control
- Culture and religious attitudes
- Older adults are a heterogeneous population (Jaul & Barron, 2021)



Older Adults

Independent to Vulnerable Continuum

Resilience

- Social connections
- Sleep
- Exercise
- Mindfulness
- Purpose in life
- No self-blame
- Supportive Childhood Family
- Internal locus of control
- Optimism
- Religion/Spirituality
- Cognitive-behavioral skills



Figure 6 – Trajectories Following Trauma (adapted from Harris, 2017)

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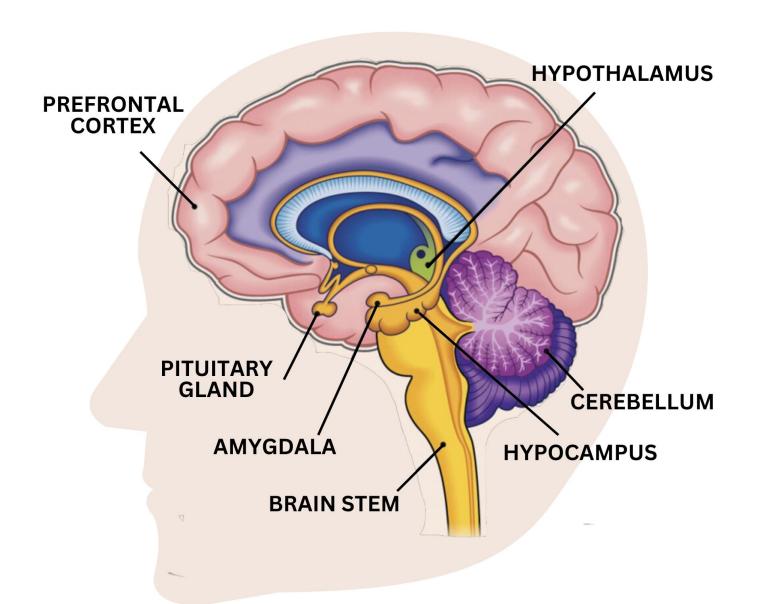


Effect (Immediate, months, years later)

- Emotional
 - · Emotional dysregulation, numbing
- Physical
 - Somatization, biological trauma, hyperarousal and sleep disturbances
- Health
 - Heart disease, Diabetes, Chronic pain
- Cognition
 - Intrusive thoughts and memories, cognitive errors, idealization, feeling different, triggers, flashbacks, dissociation
- Behavioral
 - Reenactments, self-harm and self-destructive behaviors, substance use, avoidance
- Social/Interpersonal
 - Dysfunctional relationships
- Spiritual
 - Loss of faith, feeling abandoned by God



Neurobiological Effects





THE BODY KEEPS THE SCORE BRAIN, MIND, AND BODY IN THE HEALING OF TRAUMA BESSEL VAN DER KOLK, MD

Recommended Reading

Elder Abuse & Trauma

History of trauma may increase vulnerability to elder abuse	Elder abuse is a form of traumatic event	Elder abuse (FE) results in traumatic responses
Dong & Wang, 2019; Dong et al., 2017; Schickedanz, Jennings, & Schickedanz, 2021; Kong & Easton, 2019; Easton, & Kong, 2021; Chen & Fu, 2022	Ernst & Maschi, 2018; Jackson, 2021; Ramsey Klawsnik & Miller, 2017	Courtois & Gold, 2009; Acierno et al., 2019

Trauma-Informed Practices: 4 Rs

4 Rs: Assumptions of a Trauma-Informed Approach

Realize

widespread impact of trauma

Recognize

• the signs and symptoms of trauma

Respond

 by fully integrating knowledge of trauma into polices, procedures & practices

Resist Revictimization

actively through trauma informed and compassionate responses

Realize Widespread Impact of Trauma



Prevalence, Impact, & Multiple Pathways to Recovery

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What You'll See

- Need for control
- Inability to cope with the stress of daily living
- Difficulty trusting and benefiting from relationships
- Difficulty making decisions
- Trouble with cognitive processes like memory, attention, and thinking
- Substance use, self-harm
- Difficulty regulating behavior or emotions

- Changes in a child's brain development
- Disorganization of thinking, awareness, and judgement
- Memory for traumatic events is stored in bits and pieces
- Altered reaction to time
- Irritation, agitation
- Hypervigilance
- Unhelpful attempts at coping
- Changes in worldviews
- Perceive the world as dangerous
- Difficulty recounting the event coherently
- Avoidance

Trauma and Neurocognitive Disorder (NCD)

 Trauma symptoms mistaken for NCD

Trauma history may accelerate aging/NCD

 NCD disinhibits control of trauma symptoms

More research is needed

Respond by fully integrating knowledge of trauma into policies, procedures, and practices

Integrating into Polices, Procedures and Practices

- Organizational responsibility
- Trauma-informed workforce
- All staff are trauma-informed
- Self-care policies



Secondary Traumatic Stress

- Definition
 - Professionals who encounter persons who suffer grave trauma and personal damage but do not develop an ongoing relationship
- Organizational Self-Care Polices
 - Employee assistance, wellness, personal leave, flexible schedules
- Personal Self-Care Practices
 - Mindfulness training, exercise, healthy eating, meditating, pleasurable activities, separating work and personal life, art, personal psychotherapy, social support, nature, Tai Chi, Yoga





The Impact of Mindfulness Training on Trauma-Related Outcomes in Law Enforcement Officers

Daniel Grupe, Ph.D UW-Madison Center for Healthy Minds NIJ Research Conference May 23, 2023

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Acadia National Park



Resist revictimization actively through trauma-informed and compassionate responses

Do No Harm



Resist Revictimization

Institutional Practices

• Institutionalizing practices evoking feelings of powerlessness, lack of control and physical or emotional danger

Trauma Triggers

• Smells, sights, settings, noises, gestures or other stimuli that cause a trauma survivor to not only remember but relive a traumatic experience

Avoid Revictimization

- Organizational adoption of trauma-informed policies
- Staff are well trained in trauma-informed practices

Trauma-Informed Practices: 6 Principles

Six Principles of a Trauma-Informed Approach

















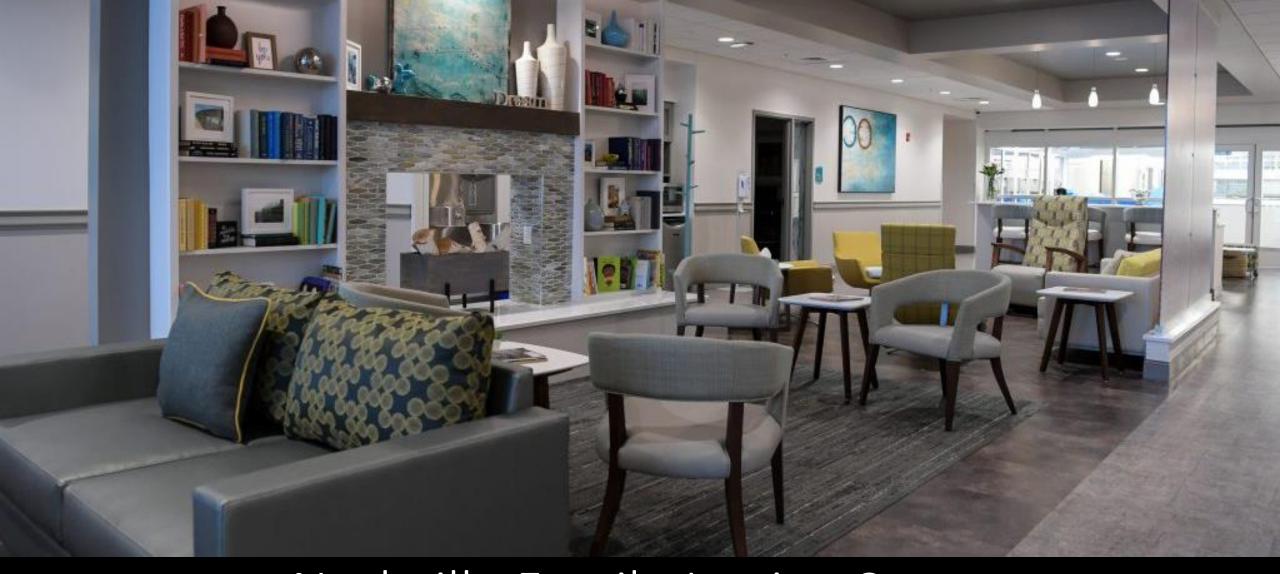
Safety

Trauma Survivors

- Physical
 - Avoid touching without permission
- Psychological
 - Comfort raising sensitive issues
- Environment
 - Building "meant for me"

Staff

- Physically
 - Avoid touching without permission
- Psychologically
 - Safe to express their feelings and raise sensitive issues with management
- Environment
 - Is the building "meant for me"



Nashville Family Justice Center



Trustworthiness & Transparency

Trustworthiness

- Trauma Survivors
 - Keep your word
 - Follow policies
- Staff
 - Trust in management

Transparency

- Trauma Survivors
 - Explain confidentiality
 - Clearly defined rates for services
- Staff
 - Knowledge of how management decisions are made





Peer Support

- Trauma Survivors
 - Providing and receiving peer support is empowering

- Staff
 - Support each other
 - Celebrate successes

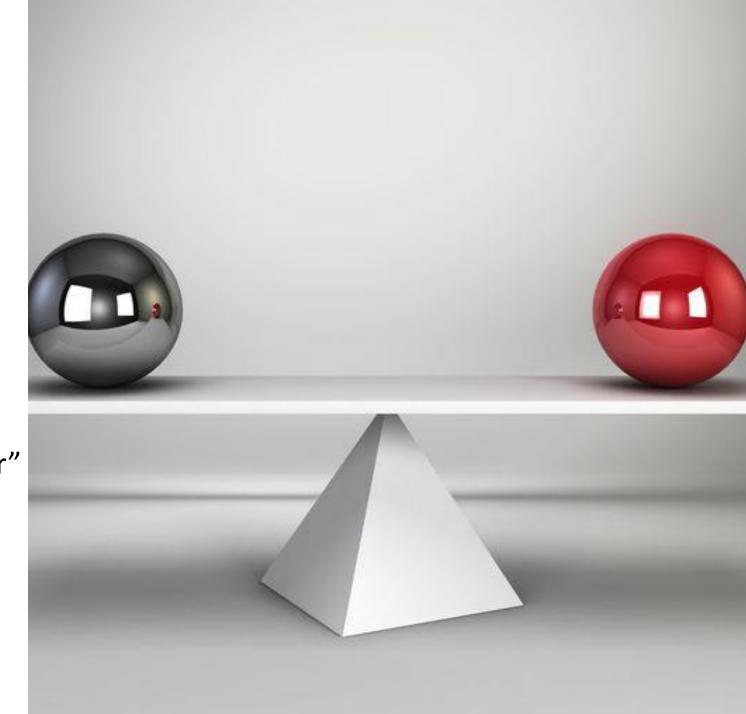






Collaboration & Mutuality

- Trauma Survivors
 - Balance power
 - Experts in their own needs
- "Doing with" rather than "doing for"
- Staff
 - Include staff in management decision making



Shift from Deficits-Based to

Strengths-Based Approach

80/20 Rule



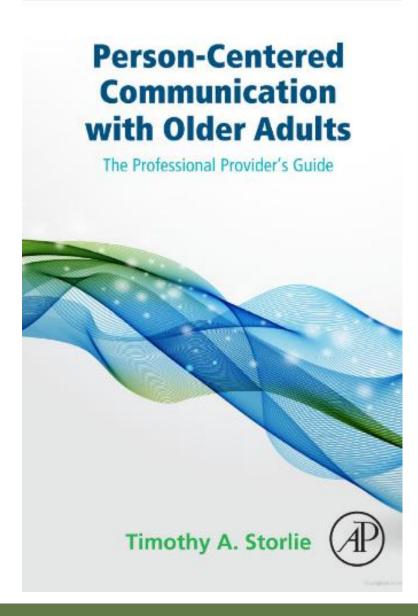


Empowerment, Voice & Choice

- Trauma Survivor
 - Ask!

- Staff
 - Ask!





Use Person-Centered Communication





Intersectionality

Gender Race/ Criminal Class **Ethnicity** Identity History Historical/ Religious Ableism Collective Ageism Identity Trauma **Immigration** Sexual Culture Geography Preferences Status

Class

Gender Identity

Race/ Ethnicity

Sexual Preferences

Ableism

Religious Identity

Historical/ Collective Trauma

Ageism

Culture

Geography

- Erase biases and stereotypes
 - Implicit Bias Self-assessments

 Honor traditional cultures of clients and communities

 Recognize how factors impact trauma

Guiding Principles

Person-Centered Approaches

Cultural Humility

Equity

Person-Centered Care

"...individuals' values and preferences are elicited and, once expressed, guide **all** aspects of their health care, supporting their realistic health and life goals. ..."

Cultural Humility



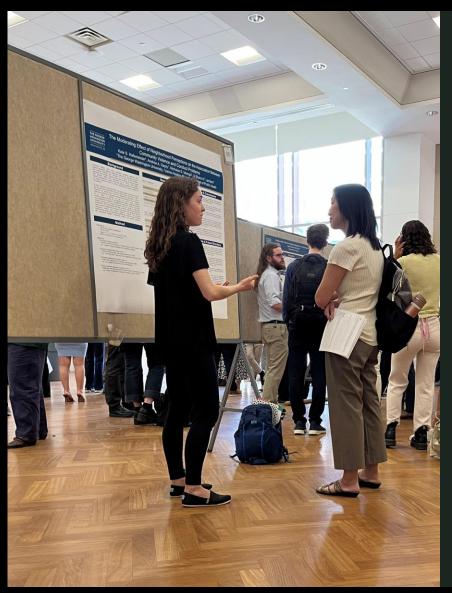
100% competency in another's culture is not possible



Approach every culture with respect, humility and a willingness to listen

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Ask



Equity



Interconnectivity Among Principles















Trauma-informed Care

Self-Reflection Checklist



Self-Assessment

Implications for Your Work

Elder Justice Professionals

- Law Enforcement
- APS
- Prosecutors
- LTCO
- Aging Services
- Physicians
- Psychologists/Neuropsychologists

Trauma Training

University of Buffalo (2022)
National Child Traumatic Stress Network

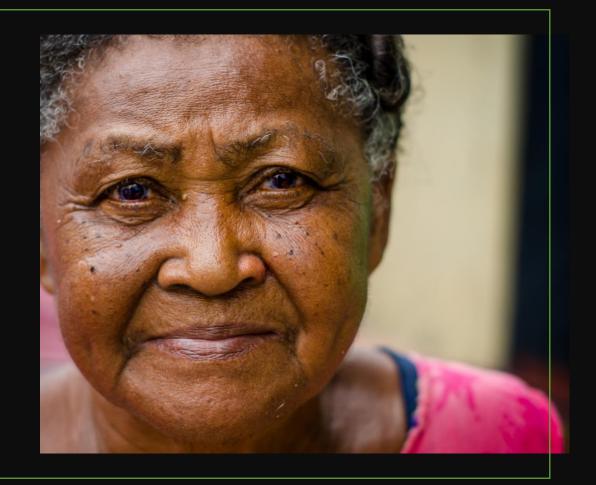
Child Advocacy Center Training

- Experience & interaction
- Repeat exposure
- Trauma 101
- Self-care

• Training Evaluation (Kirpatrick & Kirpatrick, 2006)



You get one opportunity to make a **first** impression!



Misjudging Credibility

"She just won't follow through!"

"He's not a credible witness"



SAFE Safe Accessible Forensic Interviewing for Elders 4-Day Advanced Certificate Training Participant Manual

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https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/safe-training

SAFE

(Safe Accessible Forensic Interviewing for Elders)

4-Day Advanced Certificate
 Training

 2-Day Training on Communicating with Older Adults

 1-Day Training on Abuse of Older Adults



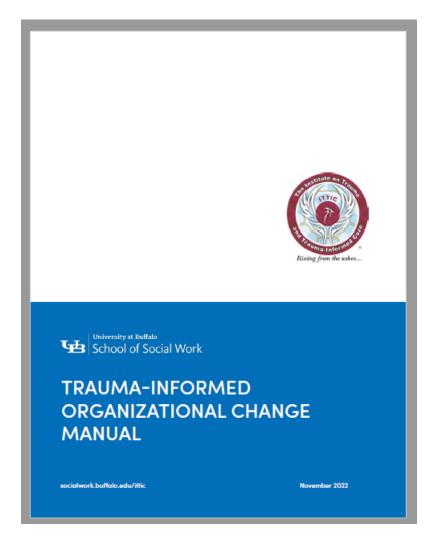
Benefits for Elder Justice Professionals

- Benefits you directly and personally
- Avoids misinterpretations of behavior
- Increases cooperation with the criminal & civil justice systems
- Better investigations and prosecution



Benefits for Organizations

Reduces staff burnout



Download a copy free of charge here

Implications for I-Teams

- I-Team is the "Organization"
 - I-Team's policies, procedure, and practices are traumainformed

Provide training for all I-Team staff

 I-Team has a shared understanding of trauma and trauma-informed practices

Benefits for I-Teams



Improved client experience

Improved quality of services

Community of hope, healing and recovery

Increased success and satisfaction at work

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Multidisciplinary Team Technical Assistance Center

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The Multidisciplinary Team Technical Assistance Center (MDT TAC) has chosen to focus on elder abuse case review MDTs due to their direct impact on the lives of abuse victims. Case review MDTs work collaboratively to investigate and prosecute cases, and to ensure victims receive the services they need to recover from abuse. Through regular, face-to-face meetings MDT case review teams discuss cases, share information, and develop a plan for moving each case forward.



MDT TAC

Learn more about the mission, services, and resources available through the MDT TAC



Network Locator Map

Request to be included in the Elder Justice Networks Locator Map



MDT Resources

Strengthen your team with resources for multiple disciplines



MDT Webinars

Keep up with MDT TAC activities.



MDT Guide & Toolkit

Start or grow a local elder abuse case review MDT with this research and resource rich toolkit



MDT Peer Support Listserv Community

Connect with and learn from other elder abuse MDTs

Scenario



The Gerontologist

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Intervention Research

Conceptualizing Person-Centered Care in Elder Mistreatment Intervention: Use of a Well-Being Framework

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Tom Ms. M

Scenario

Squirming in your seats?



Service Advocate

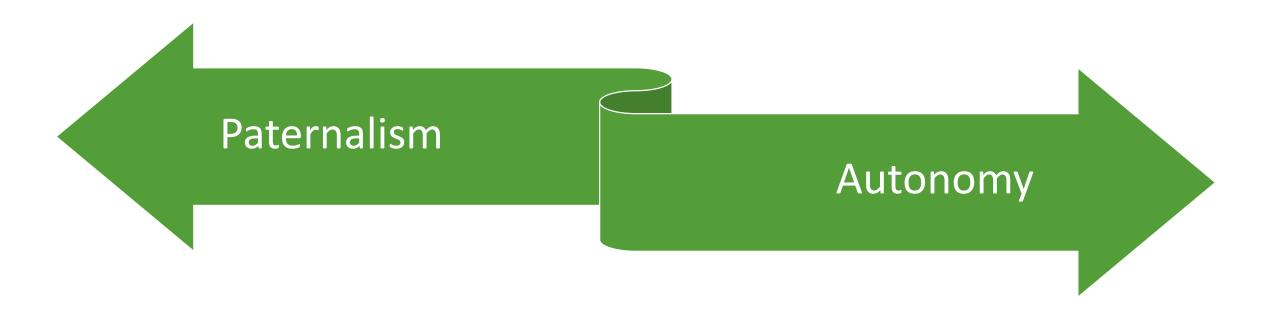
Established a trusting relationship with Ms. M

Developed a care plan with Ms. M

Worked with Ms. M and reported back to the MDT

Ensured Ms. M's wishes remained front and center for the MDT

False Dichotomy



Trauma-Informed Practices

Autonomy and paternalism are compatible

(Martinez et al. 2022)

Shift toward personal choice & autonomy

(Kogan, Wilber, & Mosqueda, 2016)

Requires organizational culture change

(Harris & Fallot, 2001; Li & Porock, 2014)

Improved working conditions for staff

(Fozio et al., 2018; Li & Porock, 2014)

There is **risk**

(Fozio et al., 2018; Li & Porock, 2014)



Q&A

Elder Justice Initiative elderjustice.gov



February 15th, 2023 Third Georgia-Based "Romance Scam" Co-**Conspirator Convicted in** Federal Court in Rhode Island

Thank You

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- between the trauma of ACEs and brain development.
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