

Community Partners

Professional, entity or group	Role in self-neglect cases
Mental health professionals, including county geriatric mental health program personnel or professionals in private practice (geriatric psychologists, psychiatrics, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can assess clients' mental status • Can arrange for psychiatric hospitalizations under CH 51 • Can diagnose and treat depression and other mental conditions
Geriatric physicians and nurses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can diagnose, assess and treat medical conditions • Can review medical records, and distinguishing injuries from effects of aging and disease
Clergy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can provide emotional and spiritual support to clients • Can provide or arrange for informal support services
Local law enforcement, including police and sheriffs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can assist with well-being checks, psychiatric hospitalizations, protective custody, freezing assets
Animal Welfare Organizations (municipal animal care and control agencies, humane societies and SPCAs, and rescue organizations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can provide information and assist with finding homes for animals. • Can make home visits to check on the welfare of the animals in the home.
Ethics Committees (most are convened by hospitals and nursing homes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can identify and address ethical issues raised in self-neglect cases
Multidisciplinary teams, including elder abuse multidisciplinary teams and death review teams.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can provide suggestions for interventions • Provides a "checks and balances" to ensure that all multiple options and points of view are considered. • Can ensure that workers' actions reflect community standards of practice
Local Resources: DV, Housing, Social Support Agencies, Food pantries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides support for victims of domestic violence, groups or advocates to help through the process • Can arrange resources to meet daily living needs

Aging Office/ADRC (Benefit Specialist; I& A Specialist and Dementia Specialist)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can assess for long term care services• Provide information about and referral to additional resources• Help in finding supports and strategies for managing dementia
Ombudsman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can provide advocacy on behalf of the abused elder• Assistance with investigation of or working with nursing homes, residential facilities, Family Care organizations
Crisis center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide after hours emergency intervention to assess immediate needs.