

Supplemental Digital Appendix 1

Description of TEAM Institute Divisions and Their Participants

Divisions	Descriptions	Disciplines
Clinical and Forensic Evaluation Division	Conducts statewide telehealth mental capacity assessments and consultations for APS staff and clients, provides court testimony for guardianship hearings and provides statewide forensic records reviews for the Texas Department of Health and Human Services provider investigations as well as statewide employee misconduct registry reviews and court testimony.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geriatric Medicine • Forensic Medicine Nursing • Social Work • APS
Education and Outreach Division	Provides professional education to social workers, medical students, community agencies, legal / judicial entities, universities, home health agencies, hospice agencies, civic clubs, law enforcement and state and federal governmental agencies about the reality of elder abuse and best practices for prevention, detection and response.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geriatric Medicine • Law enforcement • Aging services • APS • Nursing • Social work • Medical Education
Research and Program Evaluation Division	Secures private and federal grant funding to study various aspects of elder abuse and self-neglect and lead statewide and national program evaluations. This division also works closely with Texas APS to implement and study improvements in investigation processes and management of abused, neglected and exploited clients.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geriatric Medicine • Nursing • Public Health Statistics • Forensic Medicine • Biomedical Informatics
Senior Justice Division	<p>Includes three multidisciplinary teams</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Harris County Elder Abuse Fatality Review Team (EFFORT) 2) Houston Financial Abuse Specialist Team (H-FAST) 3) Senior Justice Assessment Center (SJAC) <p>EFFORT was established in 2003 using seed grant funds from the American Bar Association while the H-FAST team began in 2007. Both continue as volunteer groups consisting of approximately 10 different agencies. The EFFORT meets to discuss death cases related to abuse in order to identify systemic issues that could help with preventing death. The H-FAST identifies scams and other financial crimes against the elderly and works to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banking • Civil Law • Criminal Law • Forensic Medicine • Geriatric Medicine • Geriatric Psychiatry • Investment Advisers • Long-term care ombudsman • Nursing • Real Estate • Social Service • Aging Services

	prevent these through multi-agency education and response. The SJAC began in 2017 and includes a variety of agencies that assess and interview the senior victim of abuse, neglect and/or exploitation at a single location and then work together to implement a response that includes medical, social and legal as necessary.	
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Abbreviation: TEAM indicates Texas Elder Abuse and Mistreatment; APS, Adult Protective Services.