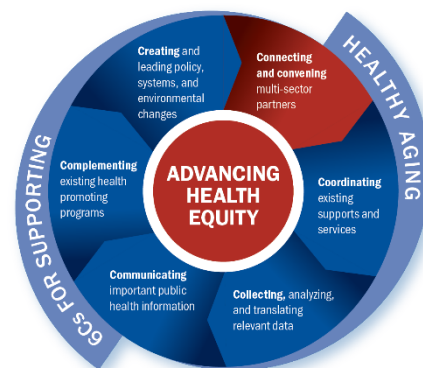## C2: Connecting and Convening Multi-Sector Partners

The public health sector is well known for facilitating effective partnerships to address public health issues. Using this skill to enhance and build new connections and partnerships to prevent elder mistreatment can be an effective tool to identify new partners and build or tap into existing coalitions and networks that could help to leverage the development and adoption of elder mistreatment prevention strategies.

> **Sidebar example of C2**: The Summit County Health Department (SCHD) in Ohio has served as the convener for the elder mistreatment project for many years. SCHD works with partners from their adult protective services agency, law enforcement, mental health providers, and others to identify victims of elder mistreatment, provide education and coaching or caregivers, share relevant resources, and manage referrals to appropriate agencies.

Alignment with the 10 Essential Public Health Services: Strengthening, supporting, and mobilizing communities and partnerships to improve health should include collaboration to prevent elder mistreatment, and support victims, families and perpetrators once mistreatment has occurred.

Strategies	Examples/Resources
Identify opportunities to embed elder mistreatment prevention in the work of age-friendly or healthy aging coalitions, movements, and conversations. For example, multi-sector plans for aging (MPAs) provide an opportunity to engage across sectors to embed EM prevention goals and strategies into new or existing work. MPAs are state-led, cross-agency, multi-year plans developed through a process that convenes a broad range of public and private partners dedicated to improving coordination among programs and services for older adults.	- Developing a Multi-sector Plan for Aging - States Engaged in MPAs - California's Master Plan on Aging - New York's Multi-sector Plan on Aging - Utah's Master Plan on Aging - National Strategic Plan on Aging
Implement programs to facilitate data sharing, training, and collaborative action planning among healthcare, social services, law enforcement, and legal teams.	RISE Collaborative (Responsive Interdisciplinary Solutions for Elder Abuse)

Develop or engage with a multi-disciplinary team to prevent elder mistreatment and support victims and families. These teams often include screening and referral processes to ensure a streamlined approach within a jurisdiction. Partners to consider for including are adult protective services, aging services personnel, physicians, law enforcement, mental health practitioners, and victim-witness advocates.	• Abuse Intervention Model • Department of Justice's MDT Technical Assistance Center • USC Center for Elder Justice MDT Resources
Engage community health workers (CHWs) who can provide connections between older adults and their families and formal support systems.	Public Health Departments Contracting with Community-based Organizations to Implement Community Health Worker Programs
Work with community partners to develop and deliver community education and outreach on EM awareness, prevention, and protection.	• National Center on Elder Abuse • Department of Justice, Elder Justice Initiative • Administration for Community Living •
Develop a specialized team, such as a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) to address severe mental health issues in individuals who do not meet traditional criteria for emergency intervention, with the goal of including a psychiatrist who can assess situations and issue a pink slip when necessary.	• Gatekeeper Program • The Triad Model
Identify novel partners for prevention activities, including libraries, hospitals, clinics, veterinarians, caregiver respite programs, mental and behavioral practitioners, emergency response personnel, and others.	• The American Library Association Elder Justice Task Force • American Library Association: Libraries Respond: Services to Older Adults • Urban Libraries Council Innovative Elder Abuse Prevention at Baltimore County Public Library • Identifying Elder Abuse in the Emergency Department: Toward a Multidisciplinary Based Approach

Work with caregiver support programs and organizations to identify opportunities for education and training for caregivers.	BRI Care Consultation (Benjamin Rose Institute) Comprehensive Older Adult Caregiving Supports program
Facilitate reciprocal referrals, connecting clients to appropriate services so that if a case doesn't meet Adult Protective Services criteria, the individual can be referred to other community organizations for support.	- No Wrong Door Virginia - Project at the USC Center for Elder Justice "Automating Client Referrals to a Multidisciplinary Team"