KEY TAKEAWAYS
Improving sexual assault responses for elder victims necessitates a collaborative approach between agencies. The model presented involves collaboration between police departments, State Attorney’s Offices, Adult Protective Services, and Victim Advocates. Implementation ideas include:
• Integration of Adult Protective Services and Victim Advocates into investigations,
• Coordinated victim interviews to minimize effort duplication and victim re-traumatization, and
• Investigator training on sexual assault of elder victims and trauma-informed care.
Collaboration between agencies responding to sexual assaults of elder victims is critical for improving and expediting investigations.

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ATTENDEE INTERACTION FROM KEY AUDIENCE SEGMENTS
“We are attempting to replicate this awesome collaborative model in my jurisdiction.”
— Legal Attendee

“Medical Examiner offices with Elder Fatality Review teams would benefit from learning more about this approach.”
— Forensic Scientist Attendee

“I believe every jurisdiction needs this type of multidisciplinary approach.”
— Law Enforcement Attendee

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