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## 1. INTRODUCTION

As Ohio's elderly population continues to rise, the number of older adults at risk of abuse, neglect, and exploitation also is increasing. Physical and mental vulnerabilities may leave these individuals susceptible to abuse or neglect, including financial or mistreatment. Multiple state and local agencies are tasked with combatting and preventing elder abuse. The court can collaborate with community partners, such as adult protective services, law enforcement, and health care providers, to enhance outcomes for older adults.

This toolkit is designed to provide courts with practical resources and information for working with these cases.

