



A TEAM BASED APPROACH TO ELDER JUSTICE

WORKING TOGETHER TO TACKLE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION



A LITTLE BIT ABOUT SAFESENIORS

Our **Elder Abuse Prevention Collaborative** began in the 1980s as the Tri County Protection Team, hosted by AgeWell Services. The collaborative became known as **SafeSeniors** in 2020.

Focus = prevention through education and advocacy in Muskegon, Oceana, and Ottawa Counties.

Vulnerable Adult Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDTs) developed in Muskegon County in 2018; Ottawa County in 2019.

Focus = case review and victim centered support for older adult victims of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation.

Muskegon's SafeSeniors Task Force formed in 2020, three detectives and focused prosecution.

Focus = dedicated investigation and prosecution of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation crimes against older adults.



YOU ARE PART OF THE TEAM TOO

Tackling the issue from all sides = prevention plus prosecution

Education and awareness to help prevent and expose abuse, neglect and financial exploitation.

Advocacy for policies and programs that ensure the safety of our older adult population.

Case by case review with victim centered, trauma informed, wraparound support during and after investigation.

- ✓ Stop the bleeding.
- ✓ Ensure safety.
- ✓ Provide support.

Investigation.

Prosecution.

Justice.

Restitution.