Welcome to the North Carolina Elder Protection Network

Connecting. Informing. Supporting.

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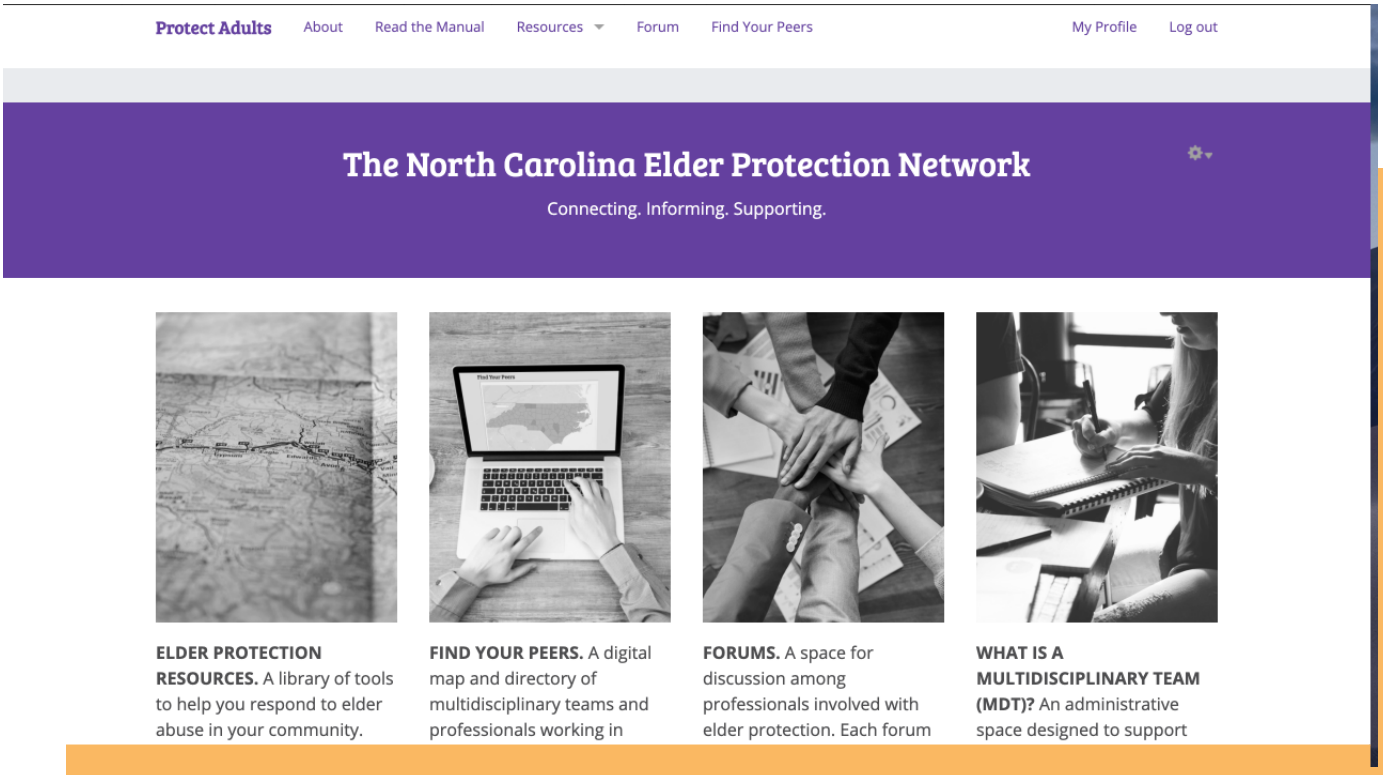
What Is the Elder Protection Network?

The Elder Protection Network (EPN) is a collaborative project designed to help **different public officials work together as part of a coherent whole** to address cases in North Carolina involving suspected elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

This suite of resources—made up of a **written manual, tools and quick reference guides, and an online network of locally based public officials**—will help people understand how the different parts of the elder protection system work together. It will also help connect those involved in elder protection services to share ideas and **build knowledge through the use of discussion forums and multidisciplinary teams, also known as MDTs.**

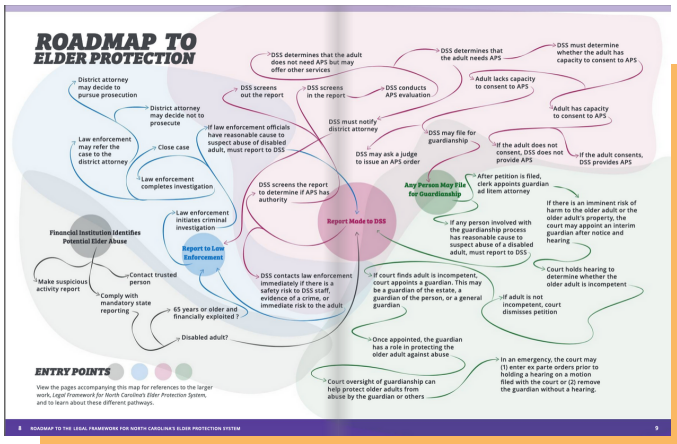


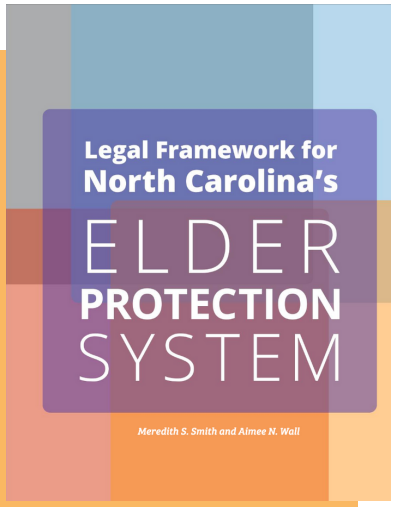
GETTING STARTED

The Elder Protection Network offers a number of free resources.

Free Resources

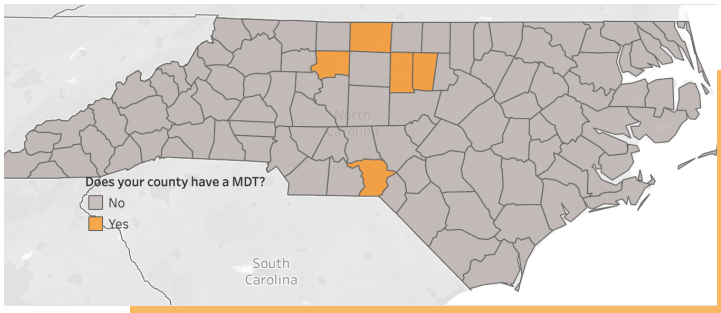
The **Roadmap to Elder Protection** outlines the different components of the elder protection system in North Carolina and illustrates how they connect to one another. This is your primer for exploring the elder protection system.

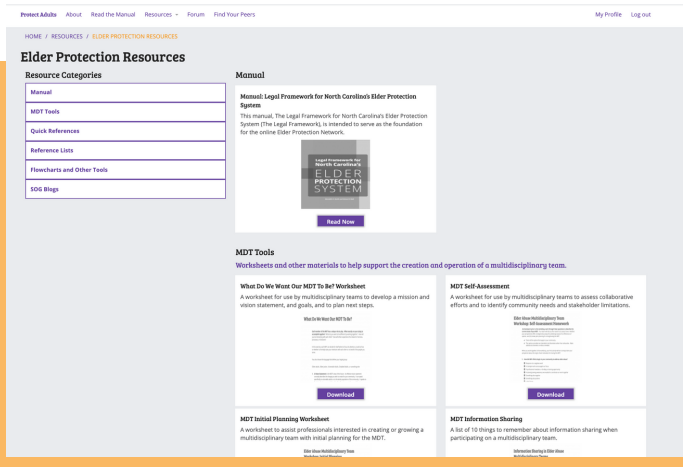




A **written manual** for professionals – you can download a copy for free, online or purchase a print copy.

A **map** identifying the location of North Carolina multidisciplinary teams collaborating to address elder abuse.





A **suite of tools**, including quick reference guides and worksheets, is also available on the EPN website. These tools cover topics such as information-sharing, terminating a power of attorney, and identifying elder abuse in guardianship cases.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO ON THE EPN SITE?

User Permissions

	Resource Library	Forums	Find Your Peers	MDT Space
Professionals who work with vulnerable adults	✓	✓	✓	*by invite*
Judicial officials	✓	N.C. law excludes judicial officials from participating in channels that may jeopardize their ability to stay neutral	✓	*by invite*
Department of Social Services Professionals	✓	✓	✓	✓
General Public	✓	*by invite*	✓	*by invite*

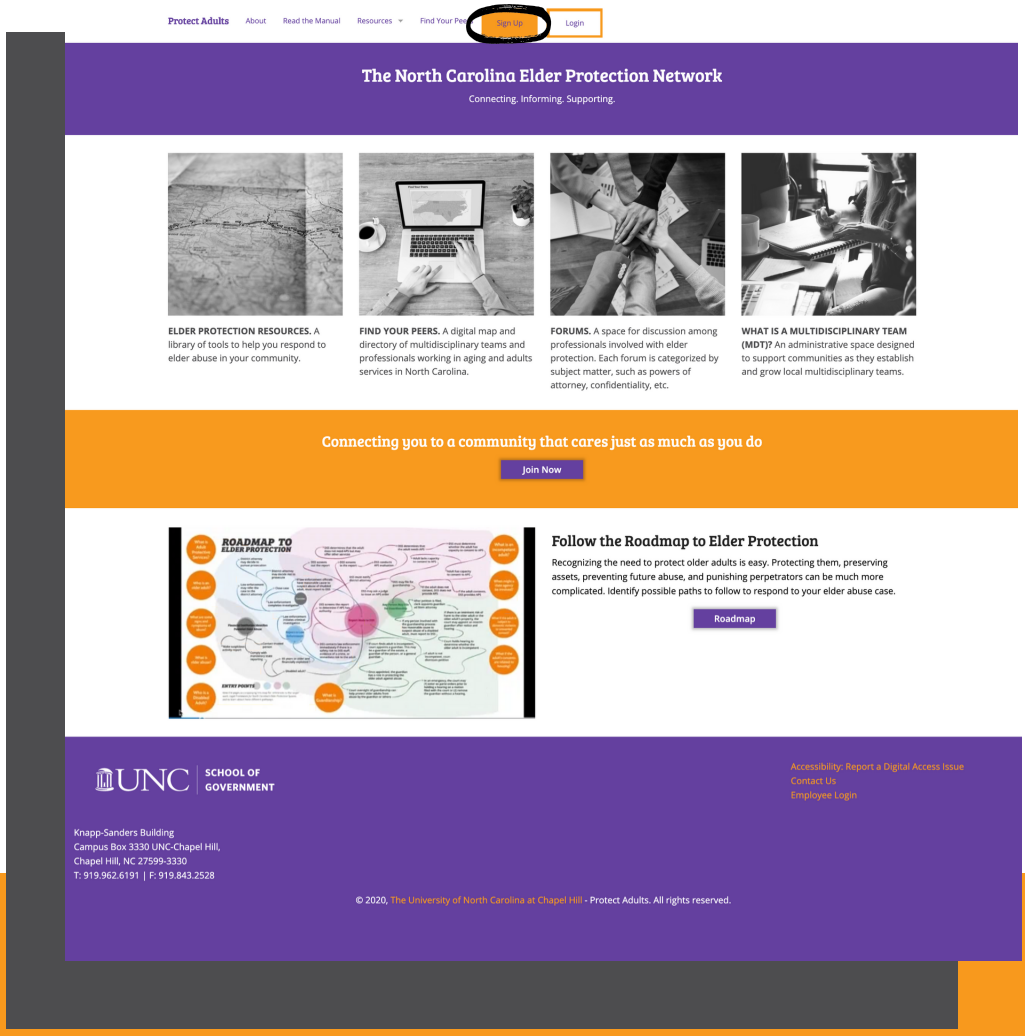
Registration is subject to approval by the site administrator.

JOIN THE ELDER PROTECTION NETWORK

Empowering you to reach your peers.

Create an Account

All professionals who work with vulnerable adults can make a profile on the Elder Protection Network. To create an account, navigate to **protectadults.sog.unc.edu** and complete the three-step sign-up form. You'll be notified by email when your account is created.



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Which Best Describes your Job Title? *

- Select -

How did you find us? *

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Full Name *

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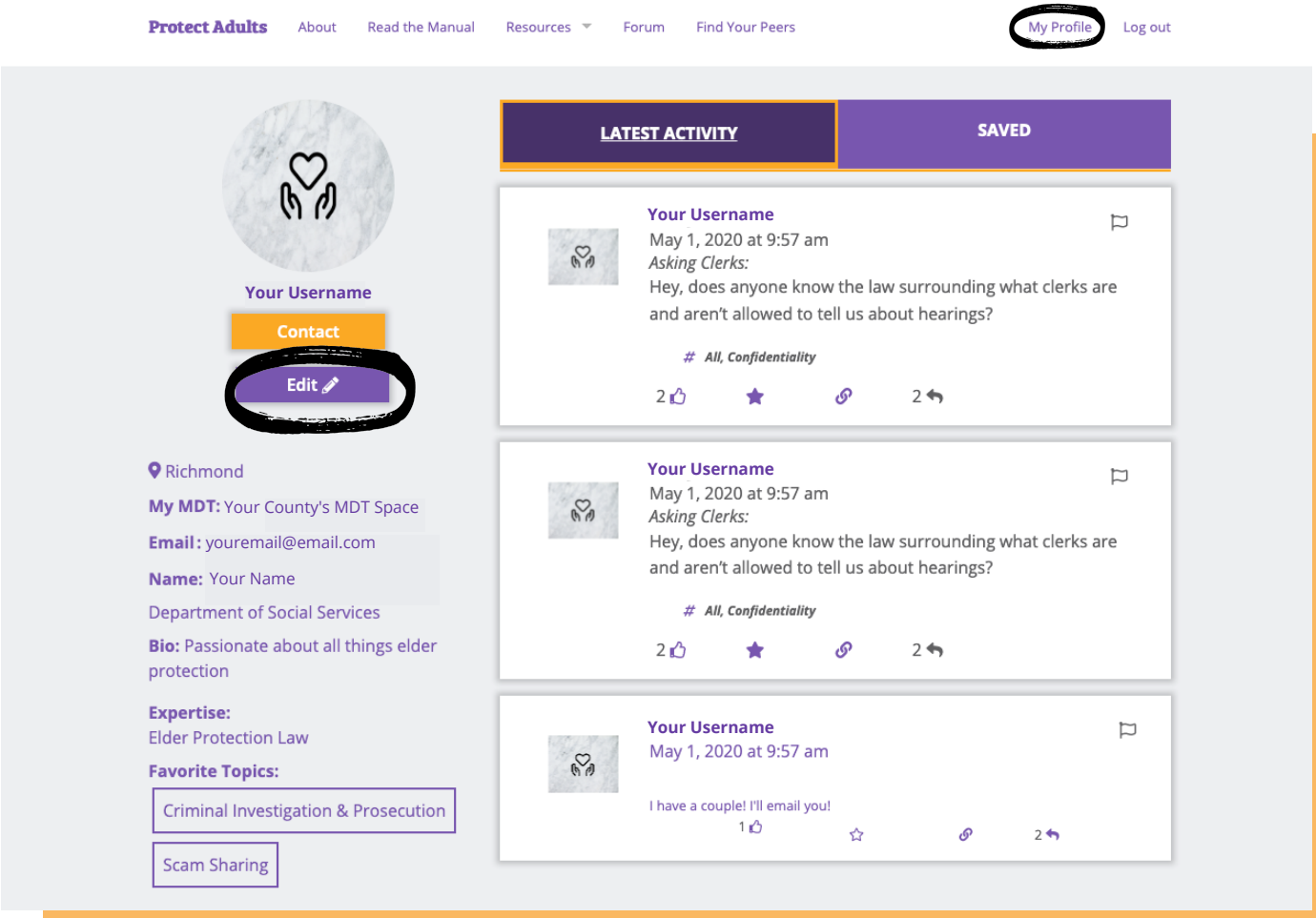
Invitee Work Emails

Edit Your Profile

Your profile displays your bio, contact information, and area(s) of expertise and is **the gateway to your MDT Space.** This is also where you can edit your personal account information, such as your log-in credentials.

To edit your profile, go to “My Profile” at the top right of the page. Once you are on the profile page, click the "Edit" button, which is located below your profile photo. Edit the form and save your changes.

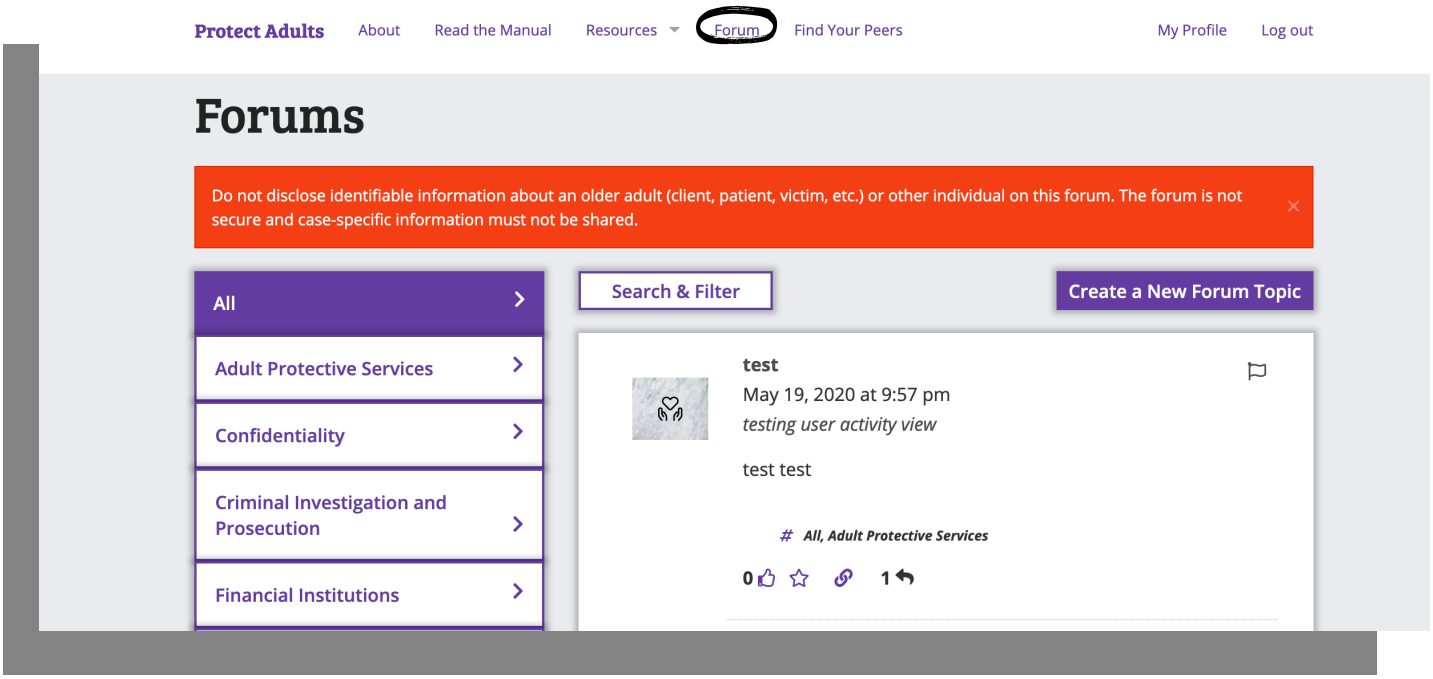


THE FORUM

A space for discussion among professionals involved with elder protection.

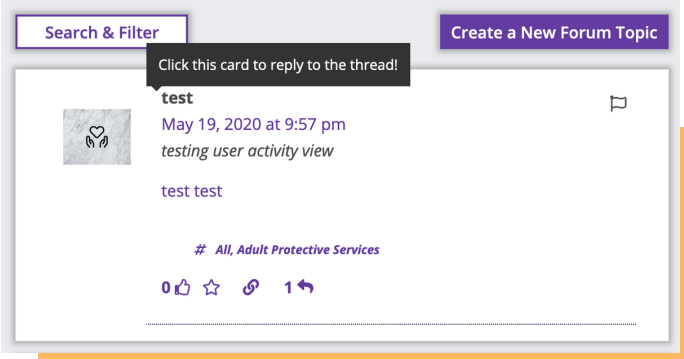
Forum Etiquette

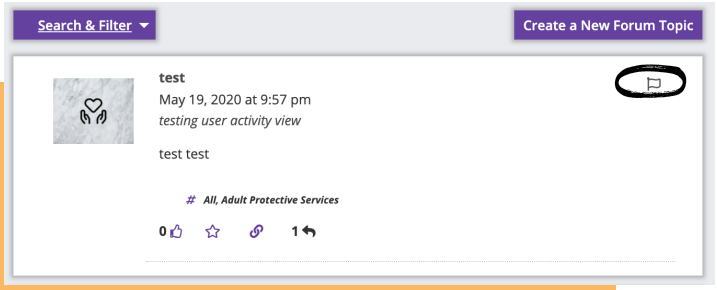
The Forum is a platform for communication among professionals registered on the site. Organized by subject—powers of attorney, confidentiality, etc.—you can find the forum by clicking on "Forum" in the main navigation menu.



Reply to a Forum Post

To make a comment, click on the card you want to reply to and type your response in the comment box. Click "Reply".





Flag a Forum Post

Please do not disclose identifiable information about an older adult (client, patient, victim, etc.) or other individual on this forum. If you see a forum post that makes such a disclosure, click the flag icon on the post to **immediately remove it from the forum.**

YOUR MDT SPACE

Each county can have one multidisciplinary team (MDT) represented on the website. The online "MDT Space" for each team can be activated by a designated professional from the county's department of social services. If you are the county DSS's designated professional and you would like to activate your county's MDT space, email us at **protectadults@sog.unc.edu.**

MDT Space Walk-Through

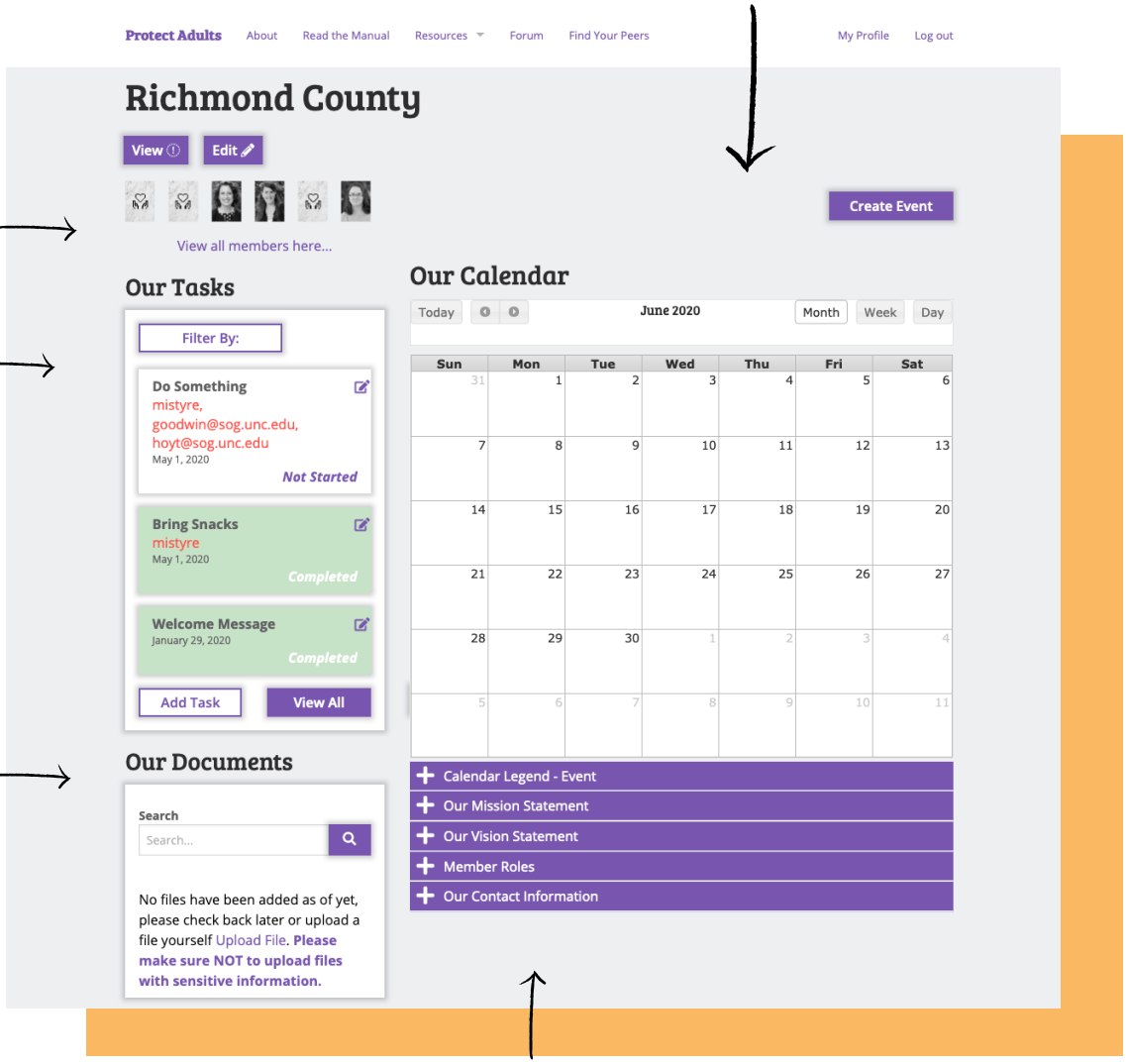
You can monitor your progress and communicate with your team via the MDT space. View the example MDT space below.

You can check your schedule using the calendar provided. The calendar shows upcoming events, such as MDT meetings or community events. The color of an event indicates the type of event scheduled.

You can view all the members of your MDT team and their key information by clicking on “View all members here . . .”

You can monitor your team’s progress here. Each task is marked as either “Not Started” or “Completed.”

This is the space for your team's shared documents, such as team worksheets, shared definitions, etc.



A section of collapsible rows includes additional information about your MDT team. Your team’s mission statement, vision statement, member roles, and general contact information are documented here.

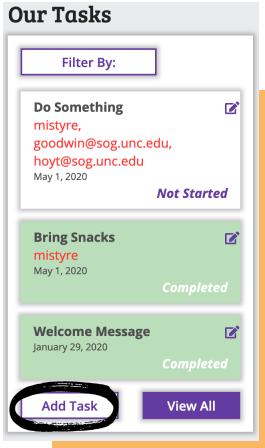
Navigate Your MDT Space

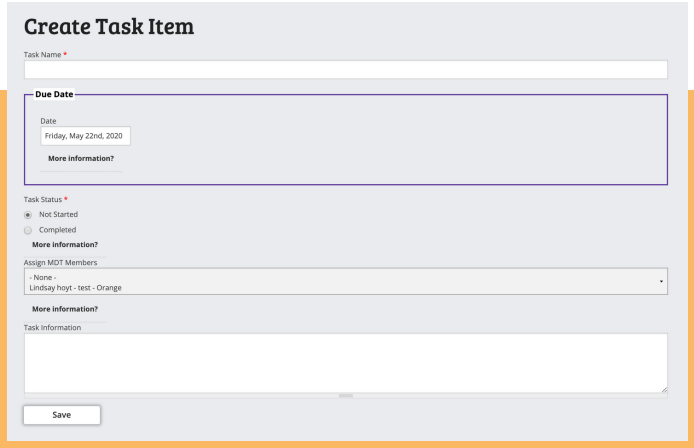
As a coordinator, you can . . .

You can edit most of your MDT space details by selecting the "Edit" button at the top left of the page. This will lead you to a page where you can **add and remove members and revise your mission and vision statements.**

Add a Task to Your MDT Space

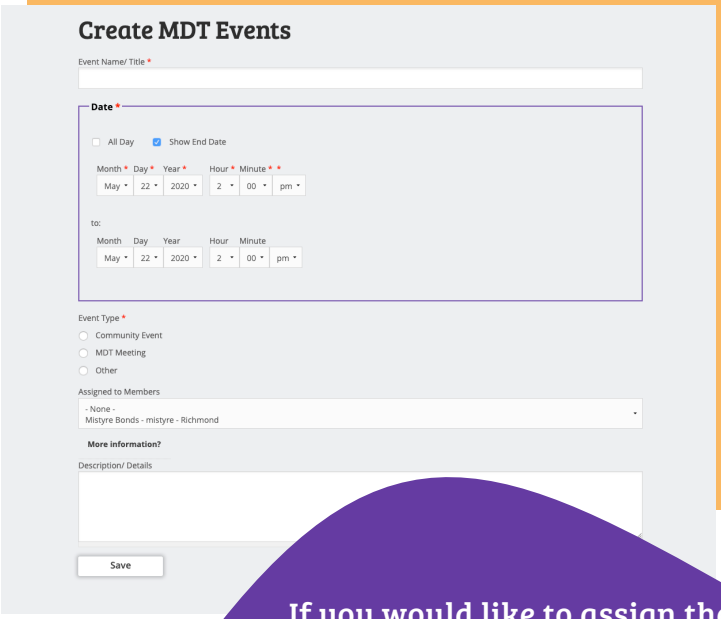
Click "Add Task" at the bottom of the "Our Tasks" column, on the left side of your MDT space and fill out the form. To assign the event to multiple members of your MDT, hold down the "Ctrl" key (PC users) or the "command" key (Mac users) as you select your members.





Add a Meeting to Your MDT Space

In your MDT space, add a meeting by clicking on the **"Create Event" button above the calendar, then fill out the form.** To assign the event to multiple members of your MDT, hold down the "Ctrl" key (PC users) or the "command" key (Mac users) as you select your members. The event will be scheduled in the calendar, and a notification will be sent to your team.



If you would like to assign the coordinator role to another person on your team, email us at protectadults@sog.unc.edu

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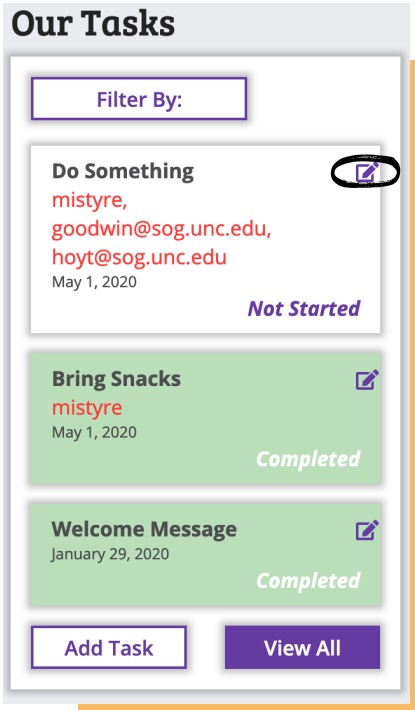
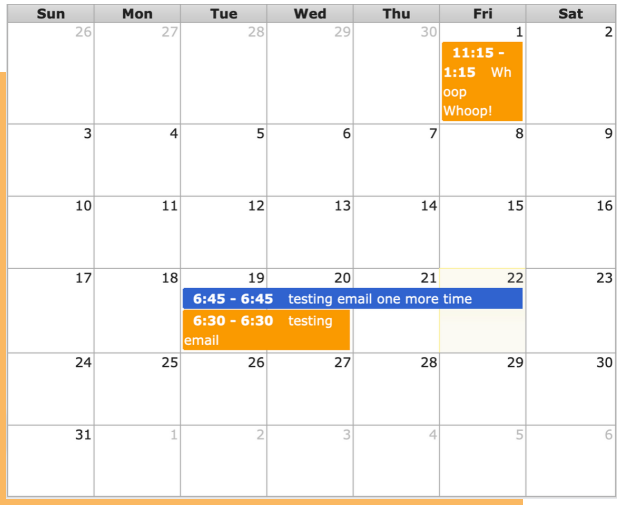
Change the Status of a Task in Your MDT Space

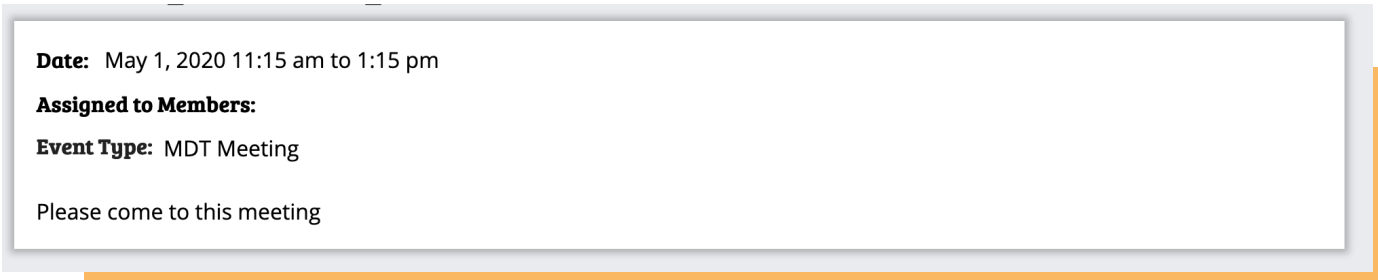
To change the status of a task, click the edit icon on the task card you want to edit. On the form, choose either "Not Started" or "Completed" under the task status option.





View Meeting Details in Your MDT Space

To view the details of an upcoming meeting, click on the event shown in the calendar.

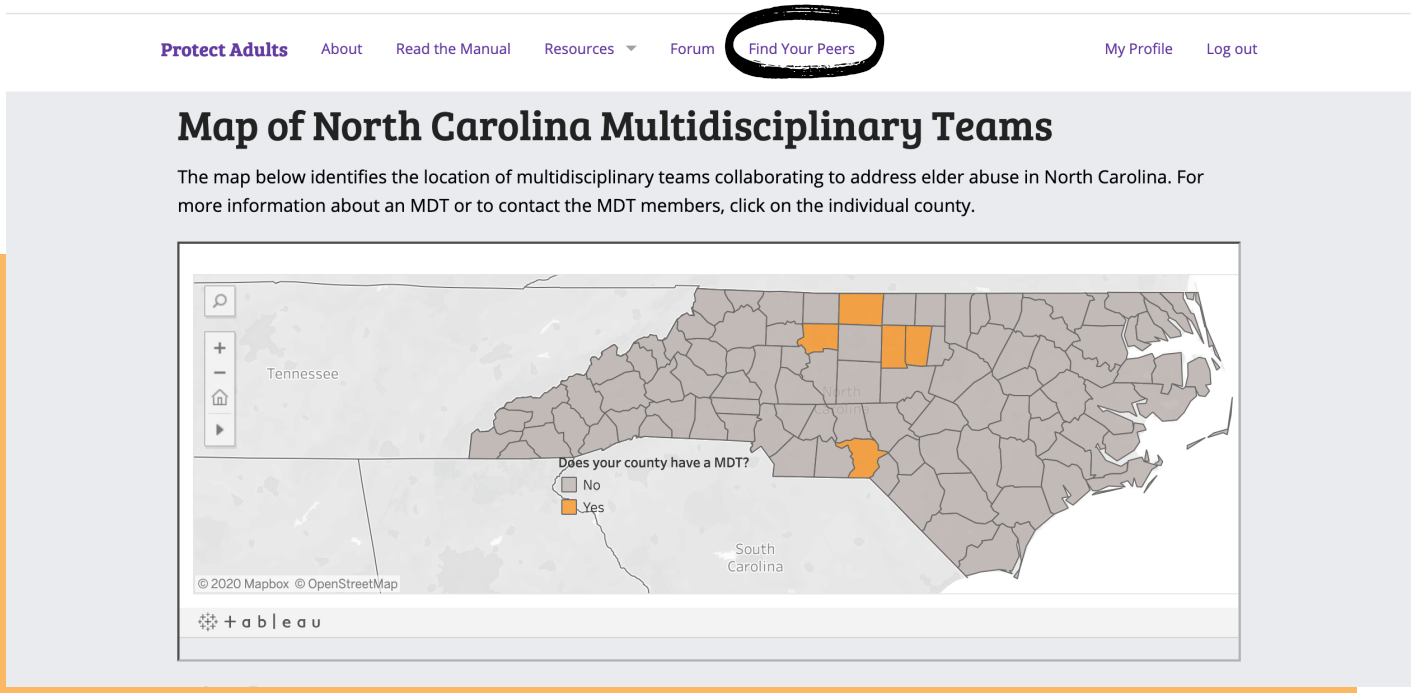


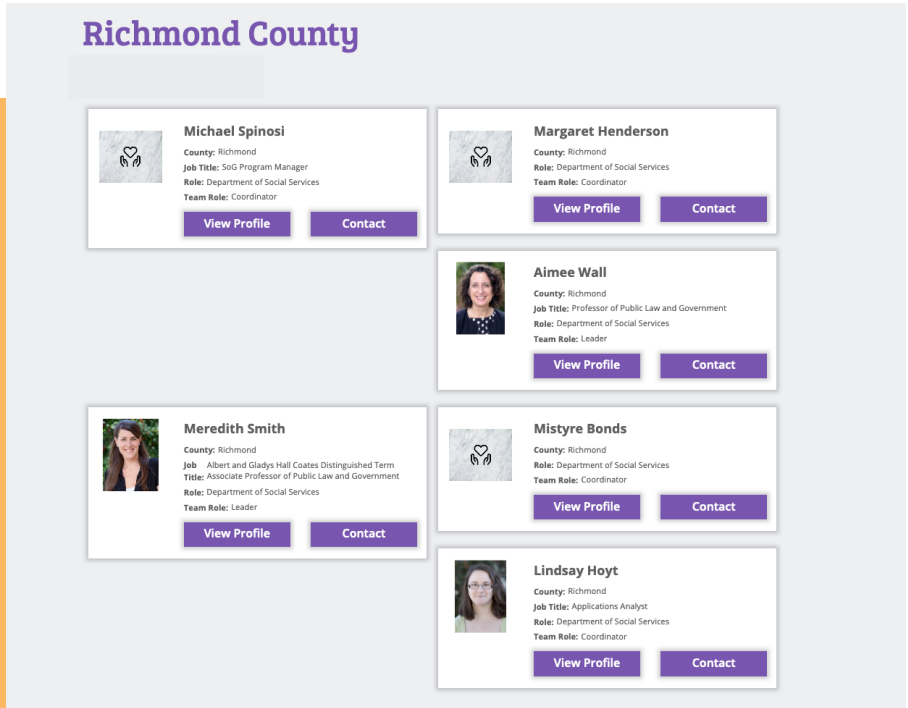
FIND YOUR PEERS

View this page to find an MDT space in your area or find peers to network with as you work with vulnerable adults.

Find Your County's MDT Space

The Map of North Carolina Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs) **displays counties in the state that have MDTs**. If you would like to join your county's MDT, click on the county on the map. Clicking on a county takes you to a page on which you can view that county's MDT. Contact the individual listed as coordinator if you want to be added to the MDT.





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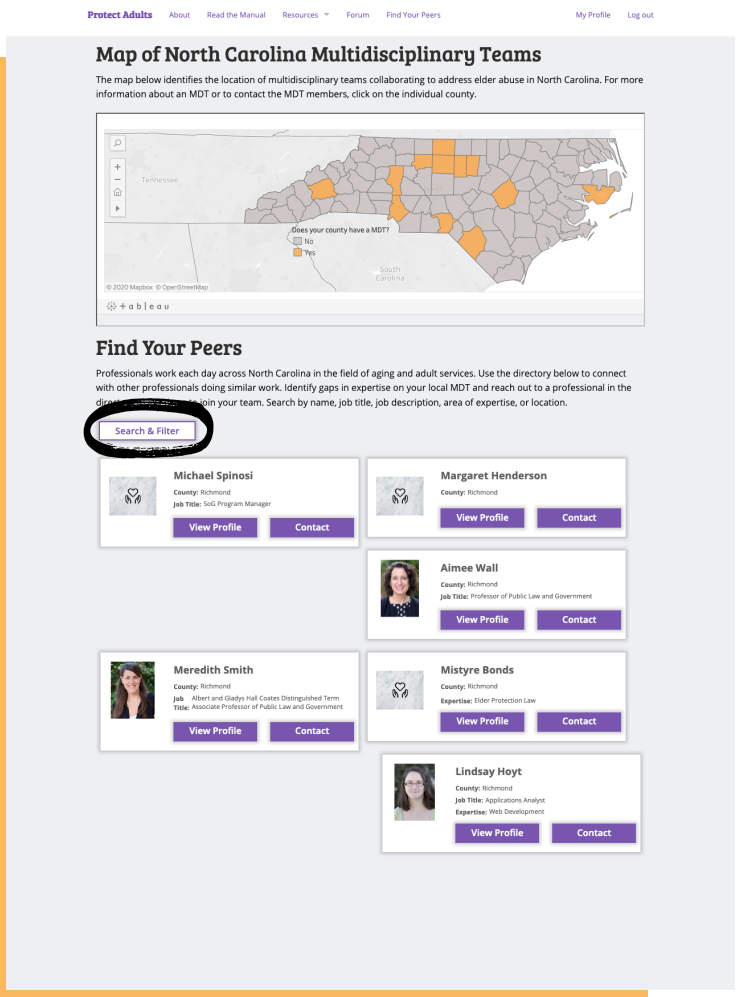
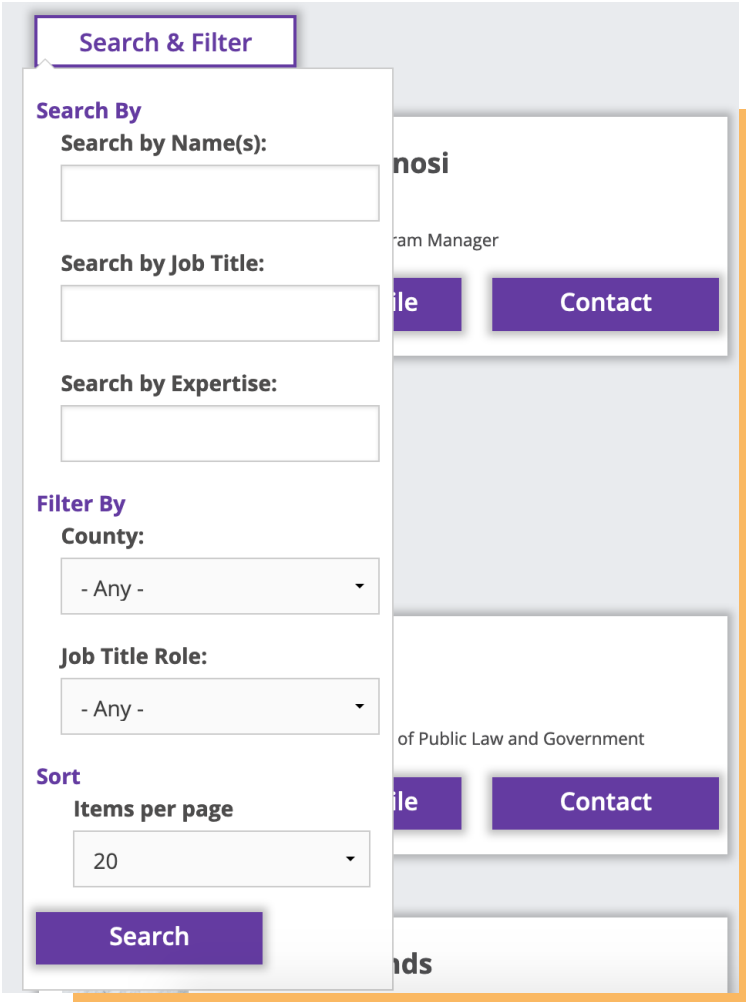
Below the MDT map is a **directory of professionals** who have joined the elder protection network. You can search for relevant professionals via the "Search & Filter" button.





Fill out the" Search By" boxes or use the drop-down menus in the "Filter By" section **to narrow your search results.**

WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

We will be continuing to develop and adapt these resources and website to meet the needs of North Carolina's elder protection professionals. Your feedback, questions, and suggestions are essential to helping us enhance the project over time. Please send your comments to **protectadults@sog.unc.edu** or click on the "contact us" link on the website.