

ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE ON ELDERCARING COORDINATION CO-CHAIRS

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**HELPING THE GREATEST WISH OF AGEING PERSONS COME TRUE:
“ALL I REALLY WANT IS FOR MY FAMILY TO GET ALONG!”**





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**DEFLATE FAMILY CONFLICT AND
ELEVATE ELDER SAFETY THROUGH
ELDERCARING COORDINATION**

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Imagine . . .



Now imagine . . .



UNITED NATIONS ACTION MODEL



Eldercaring Coordination

- Decreasing family conflict
- Reducing risks and abuse
- Preserving the dignity and quality of life of ageing persons





- **Association for Conflict Resolution**
- **Florida Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts**

ACR TASK FORCE DEFINITION

Eldercaring Coordination: a dispute resolution process during which an Eldercaring Coordinator (EC) assists elders, legally authorized decision-makers, and others who participate by court order or invitation to resolve disputes with high conflict levels that impact the elder's autonomy or safety.



HOW?

- Enables more effective communication, negotiation, problem-solving skills;
- Offers education about elder care resources;
- Facilitates creation, modification, implementation of eldering care plan;
- Makes recommendations for resolutions; and
- Makes decisions within scope of court order or with parties' prior approval.

Transforming Intractable Conflict!



HOW IS ELDERCARING COORDINATION DIFFERENT?

Dispute is
conflict driven
rather than
content/issue driven



WHO IS AN EC?



ECs help refocus on needs of Elder!



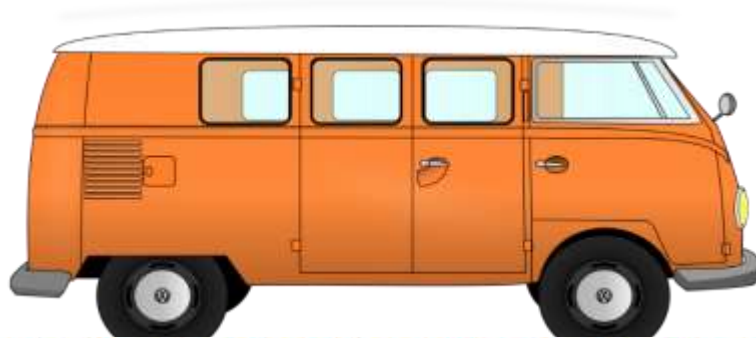
EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF THE EC



- Ageing
- Family Dynamics
- Mental Health
- Legal
- Mediation
- Building Collaboration
- Team Leadership

ELDERCARING COORDINATION

- Court Ordered
- Family dynamics are central to elder's care
- EC uses multiple tools and strategies
- EC is neutral and acts impartially
- Makes sure all voices are heard while elder's remains prominent
- Focus on parties making nonlegal decisions





OFF TO COURT!

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OPTIONS

- **Court**
- **Elder mediation**
- **Eldercaring Coordination**

Designed for high conflict families



IDENTIFYING CASES



PARTIES AND PARTICIPANTS

- **Elder** to the extent possible
- **Parties** = legally authorized decision-makers
- **Participants**
 - ordered to attend
 - invited to attend



FAMILY CONFLICT IS A HEALTH ISSUE!



RESEARCH SAYS:



Ageing Person:

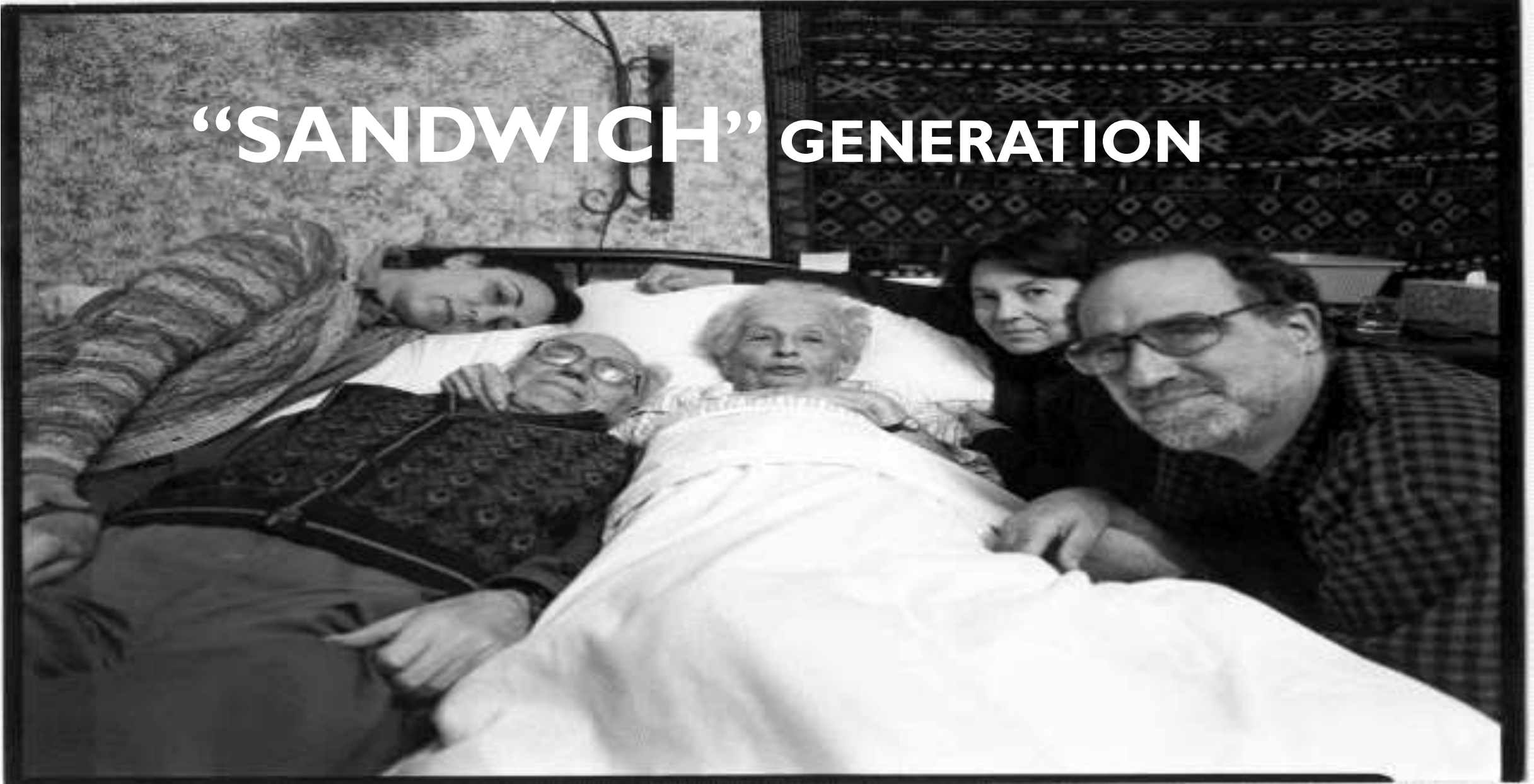
“What I want most is for everyone to get along!”

Research through Virginia Tech University/

- Pamela Teaster, Ph.D. and Megan Dolbin MacNab, Ph.D.



“SANDWICH” GENERATION



INTERGENERATIONAL INFLUENCE



IDENTIFYING RISKS PROTECTING OLDER ADULTS



Photo by Alex Boyd



BENEFITS



PILOT SITES



One judge, or judges, in a specific county or province, who refers at least 6 families who participate in eldercaring coordination.

Or group of attorneys who refer at least 6 cases through agreed orders



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Eldercaring Coordination...

creating a legacy of peace in the family



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