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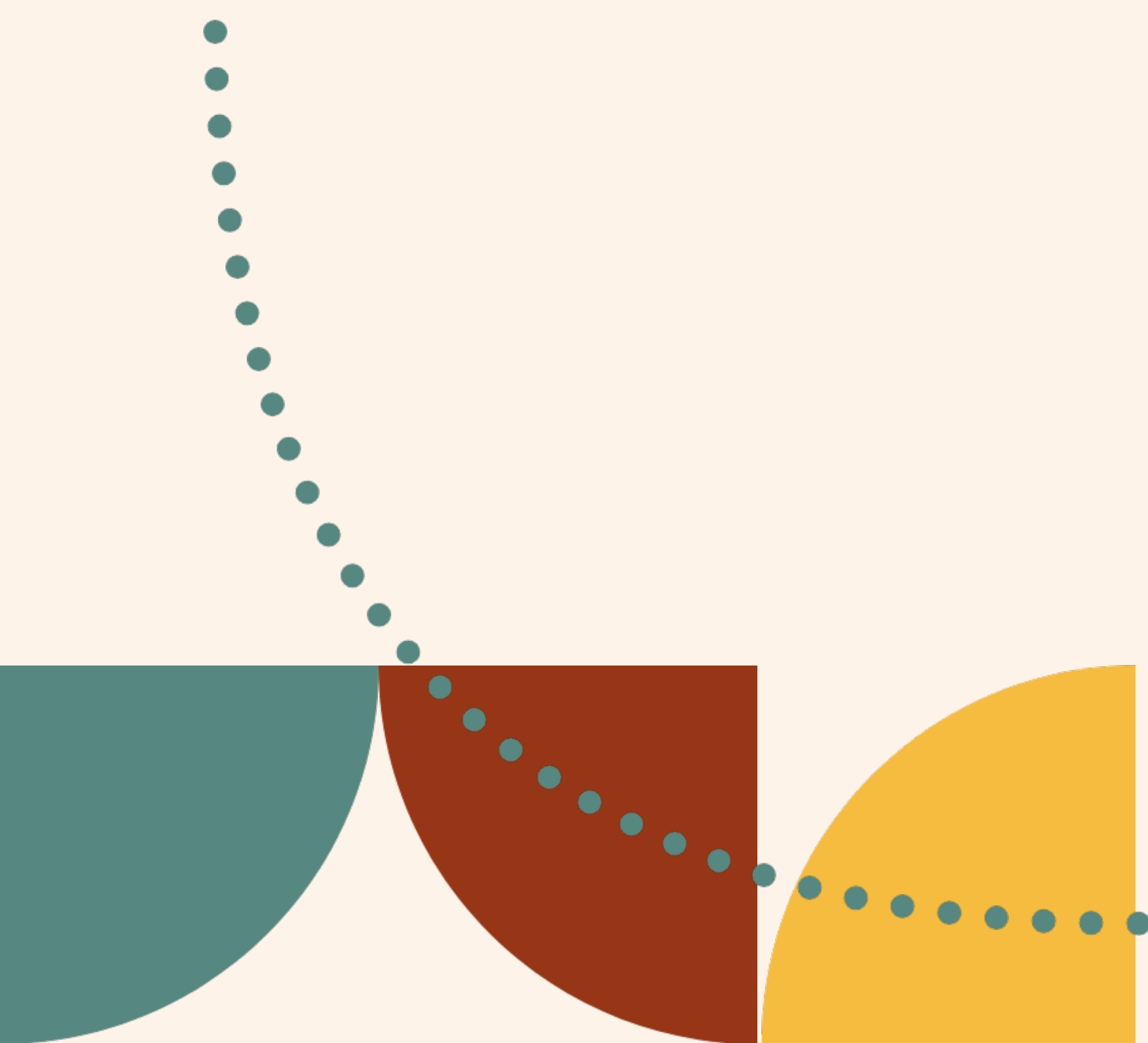
## Lessons Learned from Judicial Education on Elder Abuse

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## Goal & Objectives


# Critical Thinking

### Goal:

Inspire judges and judicial officers to seek further education opportunities and support that focus on management of elder abuse cases.



### Objectives

- Describe the importance of access to judicial education on abuse in later life and elder abuse for judges across the U.S.
  - Identify fundamental components of judicial education that are an essential foundation for judges presiding over cases where abuse in later life is present
  - Consider how key learnings from the CA judicial education replication of the Enhancing Judicial Skills in Abuse in Later Life Cases apply to your own continuing education as a judge or judicial officer
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# OVW Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program



Training



Coordinated  
Community Response



Victim Services



Victim Safety &  
Offender  
Accountability



Cross Training





## Training: Judges & Judicial Officers

### Enhancing Judicial Skills in Abuse in Later Life Cases

2007

Based on NJIDV  
Model (started in  
1998)

Partnership

NCJFCJ  
FUTURES

In Person

352 judges from  
47 states and 2  
territories

Virtual:

1205 Multi-  
disciplinary  
professionals  
(over ½ judges)

Upcoming

Tysons Corner, VA  
January 7-10, 2024

Interactive

Skill Based  
Relevant  
Problem Solving  
Peer Learning





## CA Elder Abuse Institute

### Replication

Started in 2008.  
Delivered every other year.  
Based on NJIDV Model (started in 1998); revised regularly and has evolved.

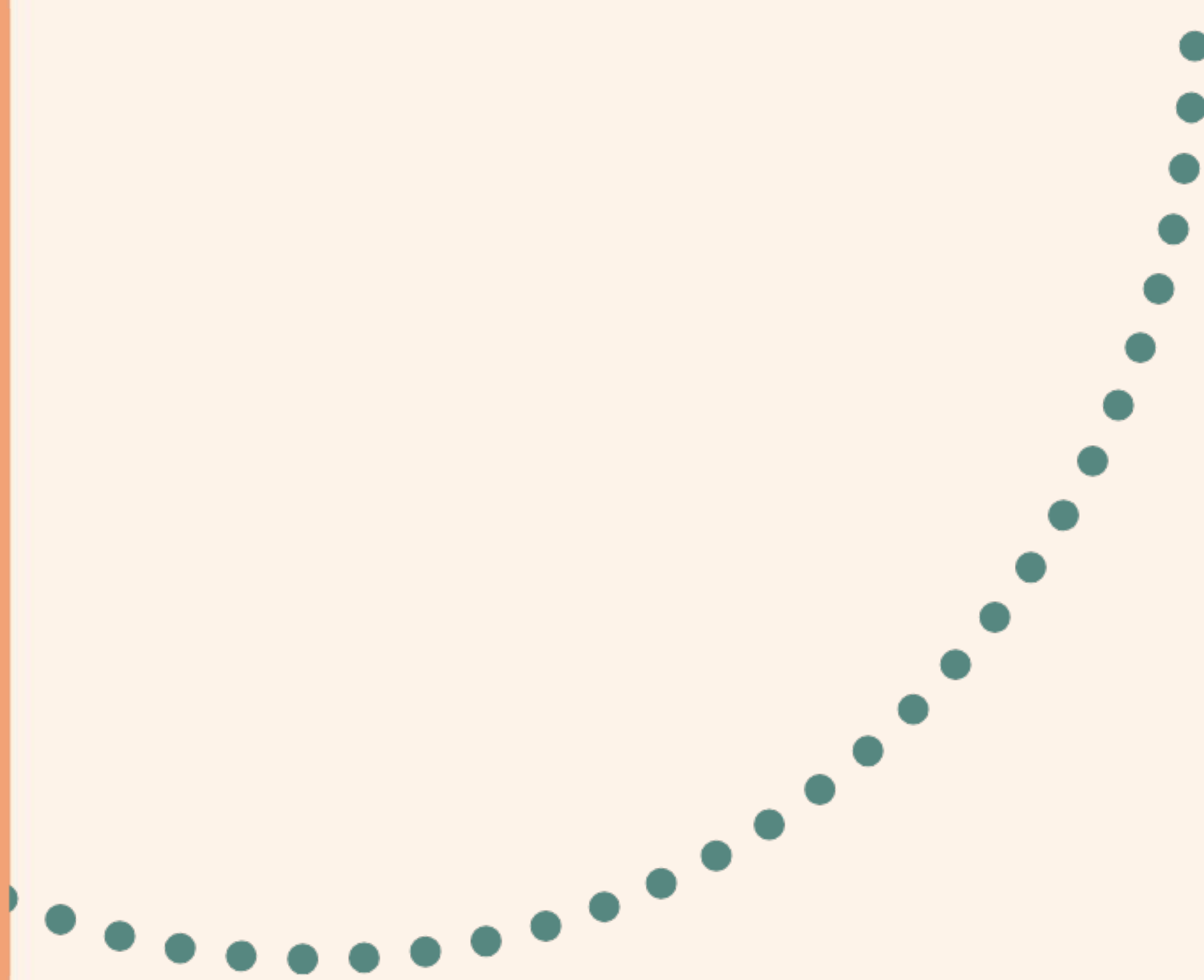


### Recent Topics

Dynamics, Adult Protective Services (APS), Judicial Leadership—Elder Protection Court, Protective Orders, Medical Issues of Aging, Undue influence, Assessing capacity, Older Defendant/Respondents, Culture and Fairness, Ethical Issues in Fact-Finding, Court Coordination & Communication, Restorative Justice, access.

### Similarities

Focus on aspects of abuse in later life/elder abuse cases that are different from other cases and how those differences affect judicial fact finding and case resolution.



### Differences

Some additional experts; State specific faculty



### Benefits

cost, local experts and faculty

### Note:

CA developed bench guide





# What are we talking about?

## Abuse in Later Life

- Willful abuse, neglect, abandonment, or financial exploitation
- Older adult who is age 50+
- By someone in an ongoing, trust-based relationship (i.e., spouse, partner, family member, or caregiver) with the victim.
- Sexual abuse of an older adult by anyone (including strangers)



# Open Questions?

