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TRAINING

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE TOOL:

The decision tree, *In-Hand*, from *En-Mains* (**EN**jeux éthiques, **Mal**traitance, **Aînés**, **IN**tervention, **Sc**énario; ethical stakes, abuse, seniors, intervention, scenario), is designed to support the psychosocial ethical reflection that leads to a decision during the intervention process in connection with the abuse of an elder. It can be used repeatedly and at various stages of the intervention process, according to the evolution of the situation.

Based on three scenarios, *In-Hand* targets the values in play, lists various practice avenues and clearly identifies the issues of a psychosocial and ethical nature raised by the practice. The optimal conditions for its use are as follows:

- The service provider responsible for the case is supported by his supervisor or a higher authority and by his organization

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Tool name	<i>In-Hand; En-Mains</i> (in French)
Document type	Decision tree to facilitate decision making It is a model of intervention (not prevention or screening)
Type(s) of abuse	All types of abuse may be covered since the list covers the process of clinical intervention, regardless of the type of abuse
Intended for	Psychosocial workers from health and social services as well as community and social business organizations.
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City (region)	Has been developed through the collaboration of various service providers in Quebec (especially in the Eastern Townships). Validated in several regions of Quebec. Recognized across Canada and in England. Cultural adaptations, followed by implementation, are projected in some European countries.
Creation date	Current version in 2009 Previous versions in 2005 and 2007
Number of people reached	Several hundreds to date
Contact person (contact information of the organization)	Marie Beaulieu, Ph.D. Email: marie.beaulieu@usherbrooke.ca
Number of pages	8
	How to get the tool: Since we must respect the copyright, the tool can only be obtained directly from Marie Beaulieu, PhD Email: marie.beaulieu@usherbrooke.ca
	Distinctive features: Tool validated in French Tool translated into English with acceptability study (both for content and for level of English used)



- The service provider responsible for the case is included in a team that supports the case discussion

Before starting the decision-making process, the service provider responsible for the case is asked to ensure that:

- he or she has a good knowledge of available resources in the community of practice
- he or she can integrate within the mandate (or framework) required by his organization

Finally, *In-Hand* is designed for service providers who have some experience in intervention in situations of seniors' abuse. Since this is a support for ethical decision making, therefore for a reflective process, the use of *In-Hand* can be combined with various screening or intervention tools.

In-Hand is always provided to service workers through one-day specialized trainings before application. It can not be used outside of that context, because the service worker cannot have all the premises in mind to respond appropriately.

The author must be contacted to plan a training.