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# **Preventing, Identifying, and Addressing Elder Abuse in Canada: Role of Community Health Nurses**

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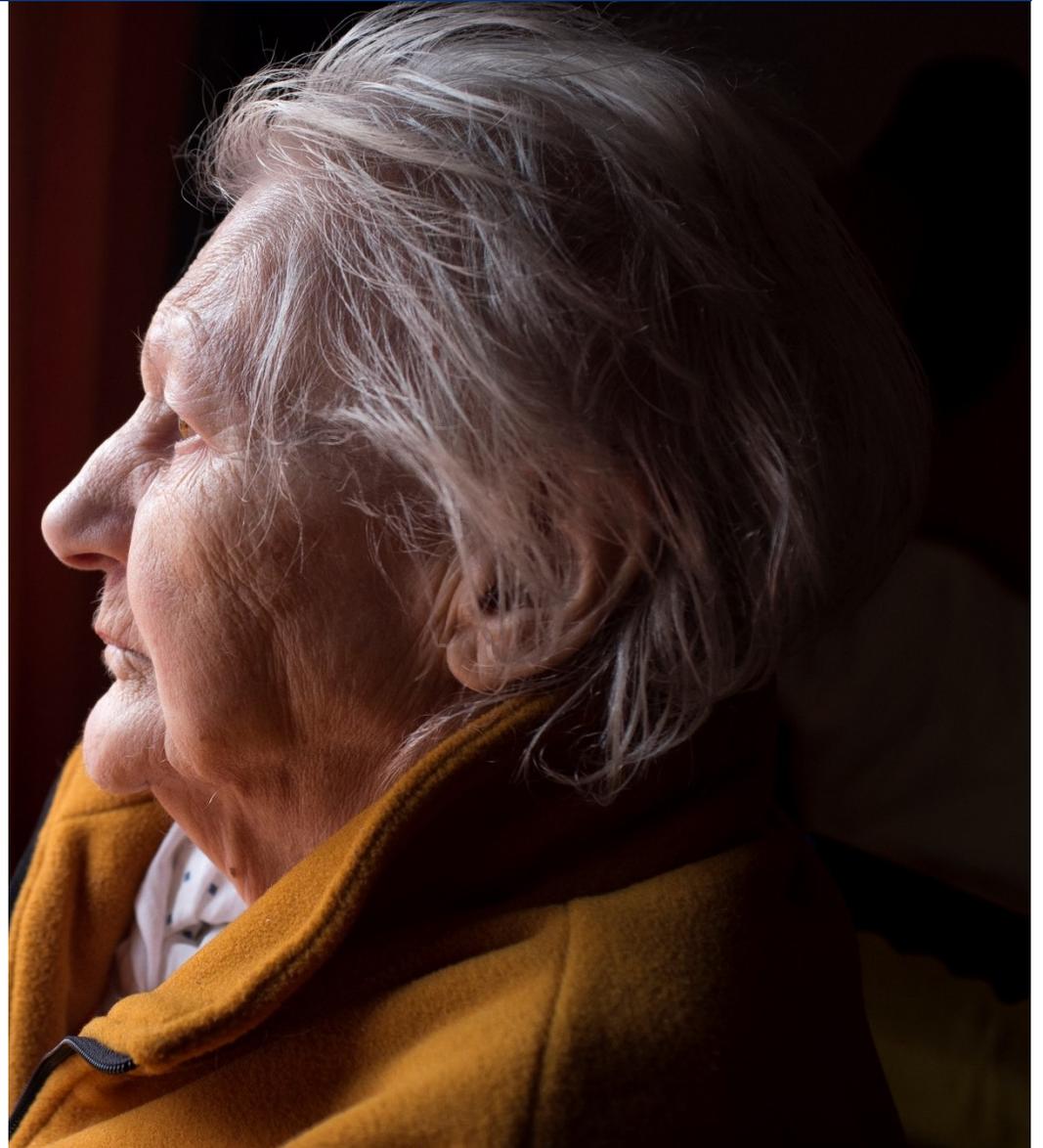


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BEST PRACTICE  
STANDARDS  
ORGANIZATION**

- **Hear a true story of elder abuse involving a client in the community**
- **Learn innovative professional development strategies used to advance knowledge on elder abuse prevention**
- **Discuss community health nurses roles and implications for practice**

## Viola's Risk Factors:

- Isolation
- Dementia
- Lack of support
- Dependence on others



# Types of Elder Abuse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHI5KjfXfiM>

# Elder Abuse: Violation of an Elder's Right



# Elder Abuse : Canadian Context



**Can you identify some CHNs roles and responsibilities in preventing, identifying and addressing elder abuse and neglect?**

**Recognize indicators of abuse**

**Interact with the older person at risk**

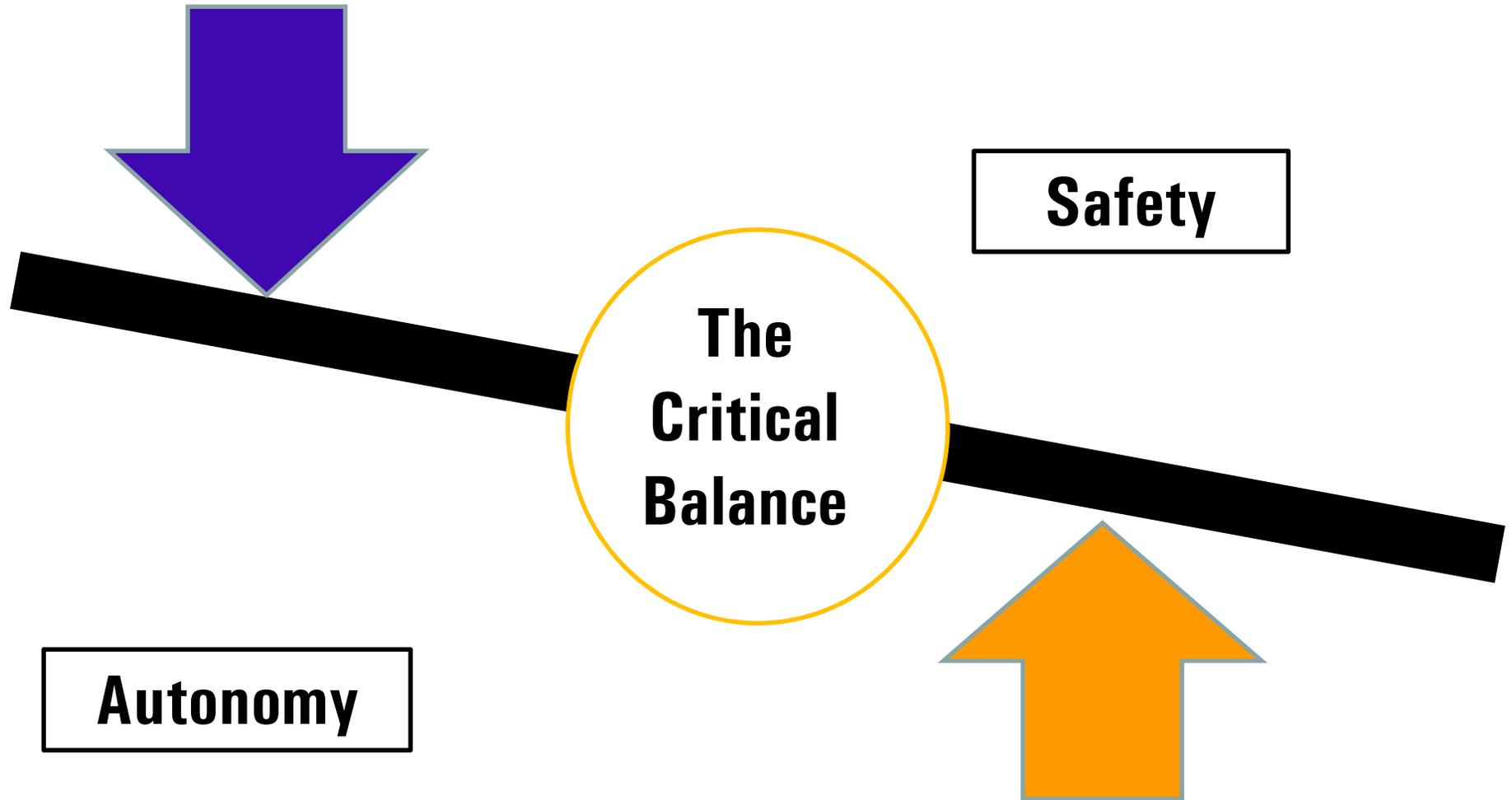
**Respond**

**Advocacy**

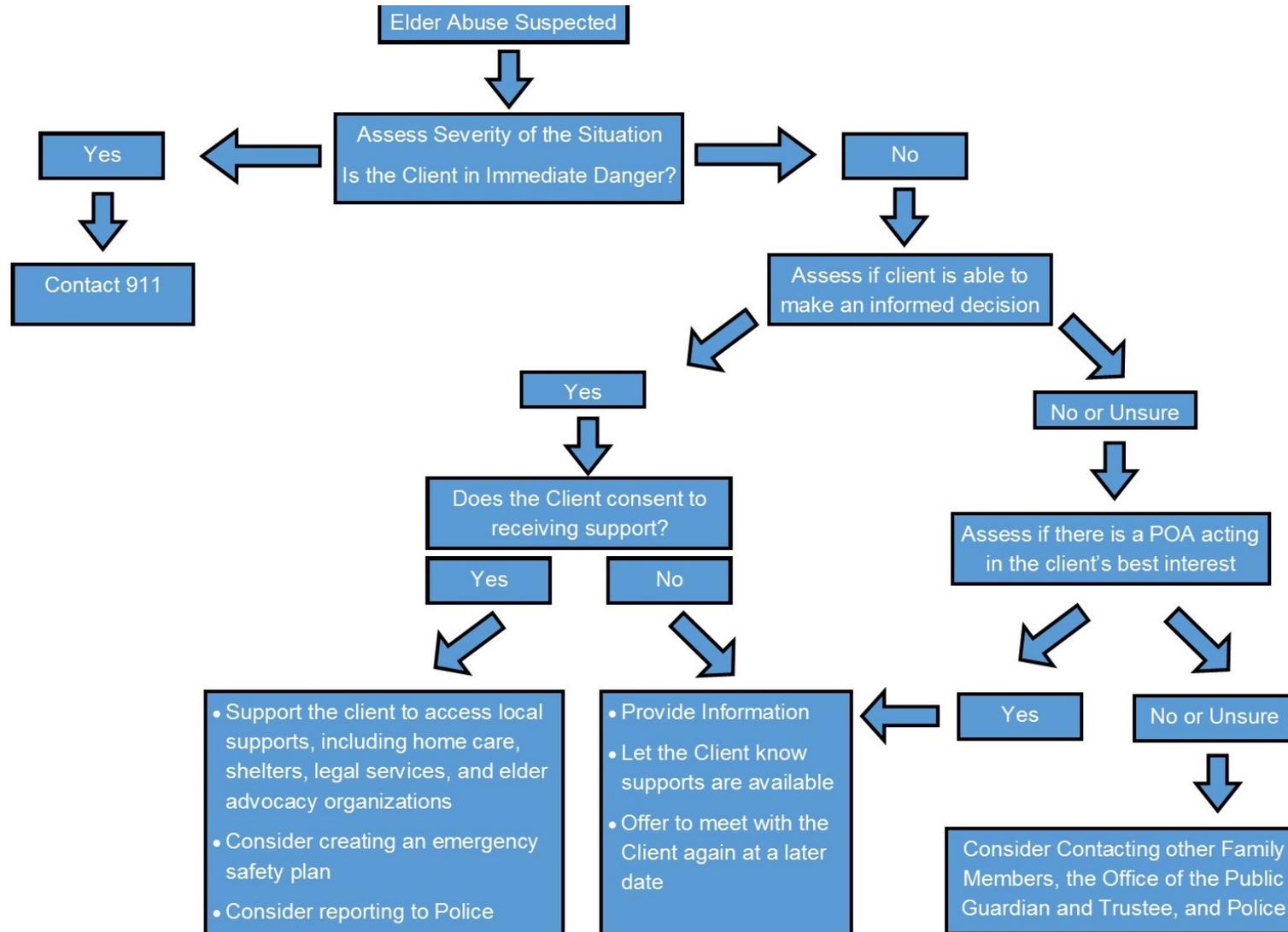
**Public Awareness Raising**

**Collaborative Practice**

# Balance Between Safety and Autonomy



# Elder Abuse Decision Tree

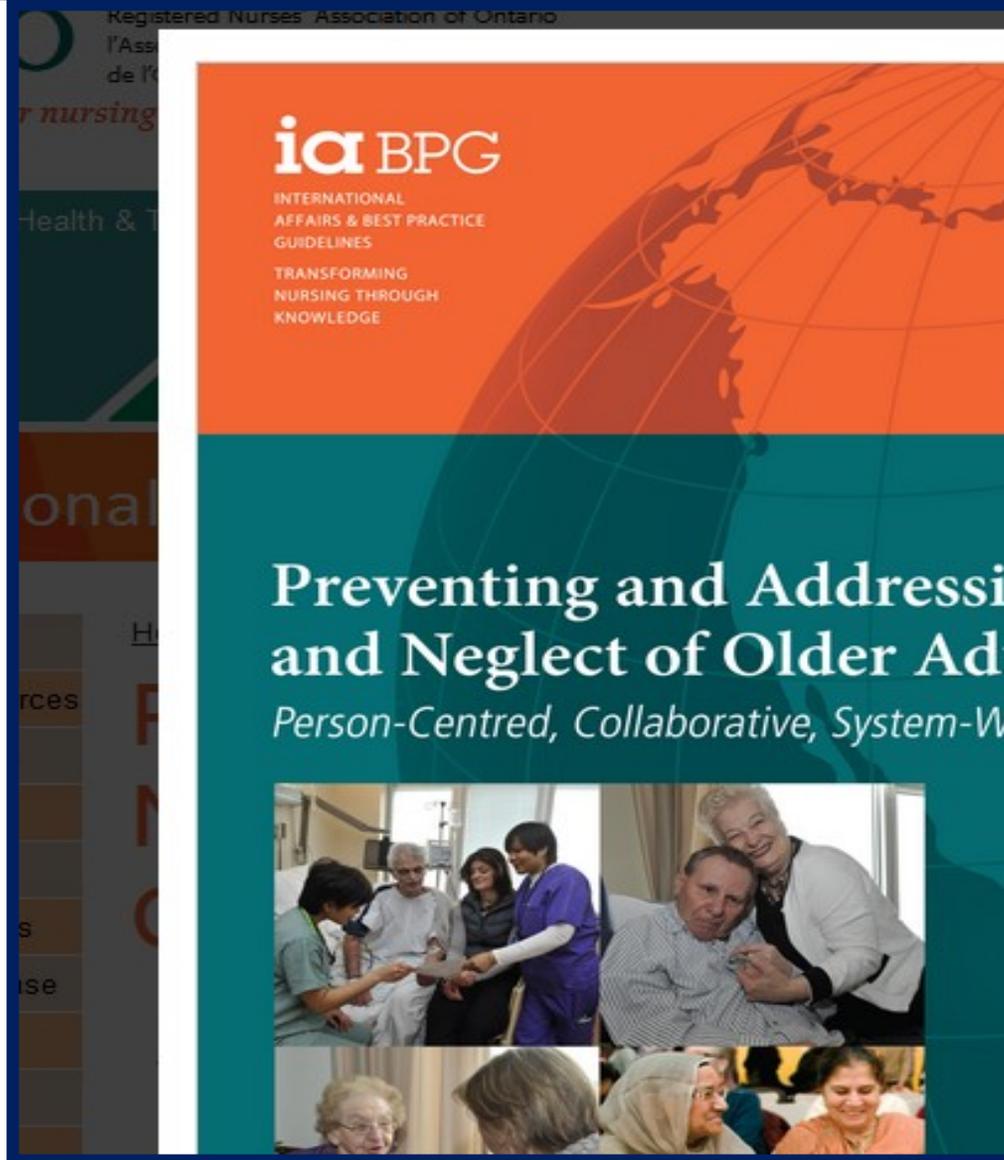


*\*Adapted from Winnipeg Elder Abuse Strategy Elder Abuse Decision Tree*

# Stakeholders: Everyone has a Role



# RNAO: Best Practice Guidelines



**Gap Analysis**

**Literature  
Review**

**Environmental  
Scan**

**Synthesis of  
Findings**

**Staff Training**

**Reluctance to disclose abuse**

**Practitioners limited knowledge**

**Lack of protocols to identify abuse**

**Minimal support services for Elder Abuse**

**What are some of the prevention and intervention strategies that CHNS can employ to address elder abuse and neglect in their practice?**

Preventive strategies:

**Education**

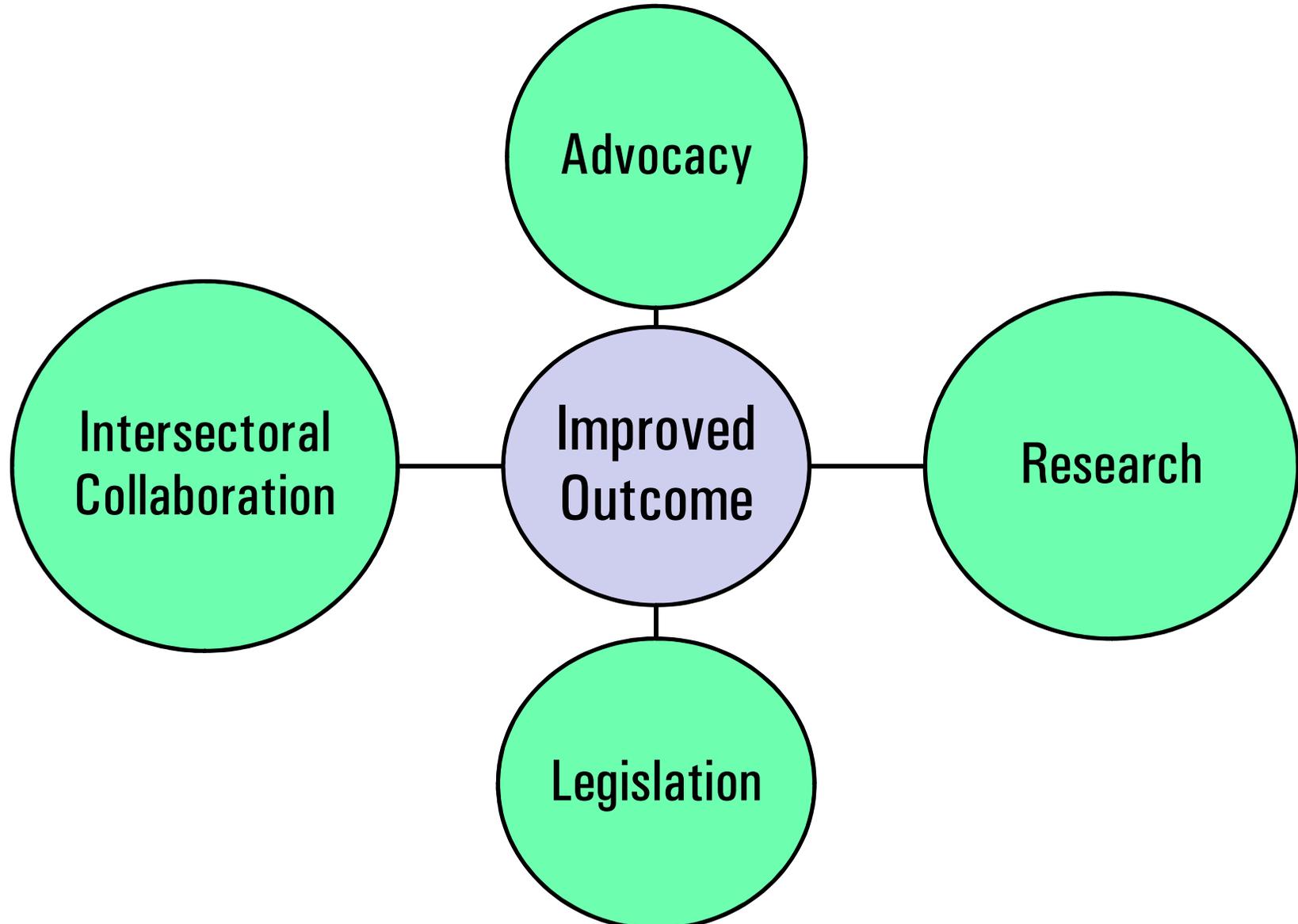
- Practitioners
- General Public

**Advocacy**

- Policies
- Legislations

## Intervention Strategies:

- Caregiver Interventions
- Money Management Programs
- Helplines
- Emergency Shelters
- Multidisciplinary Teams



# What happened to Viola in the story?



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# Questions?

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***Thank You!***

