



SUVANTO – FOR A SAFE OLD AGE

Turvallisen vanhuuden puolesta

– Suvanto ry

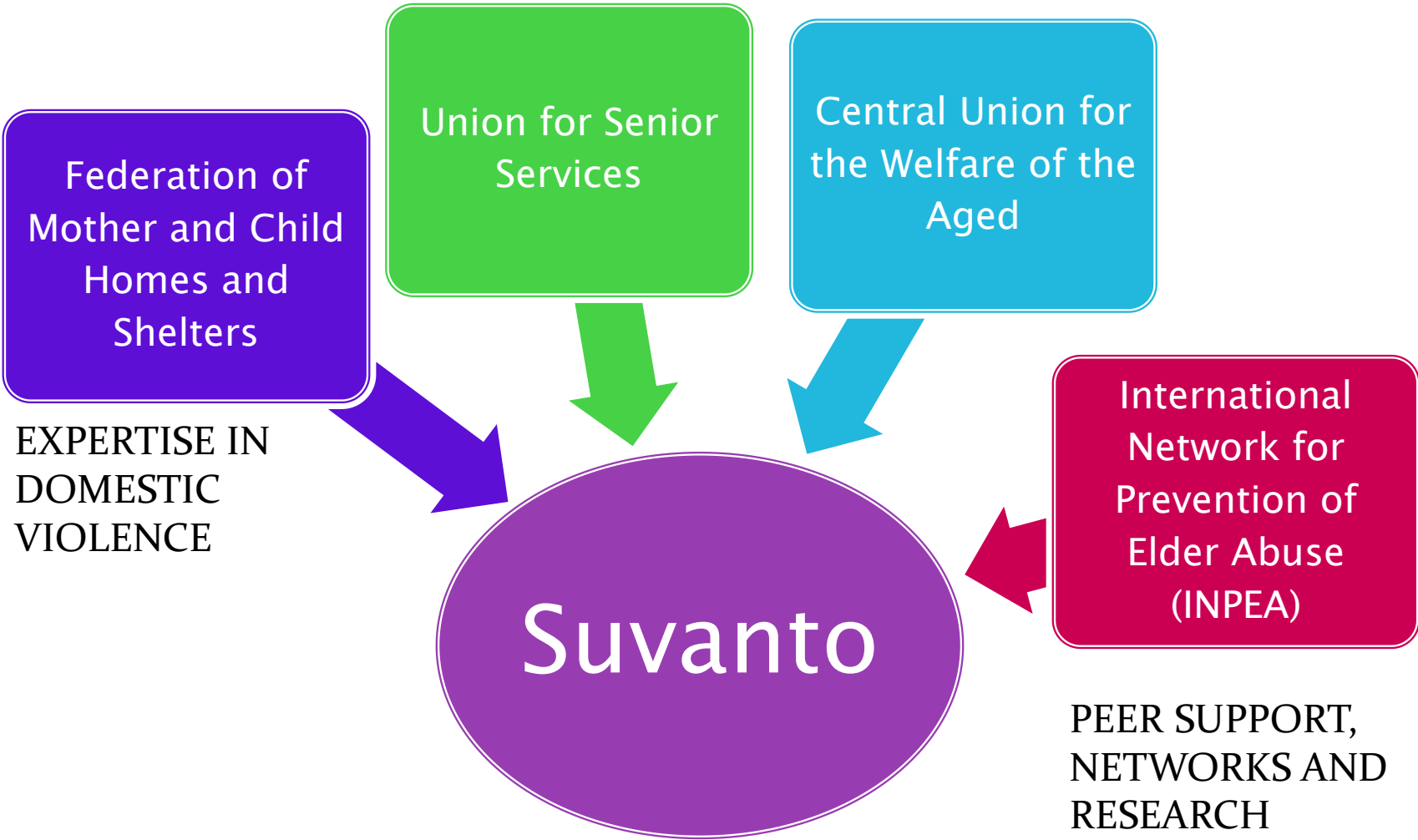


OUR PURPOSE

- ▶ To increase public awareness of the elder abuse
- ▶ To prevent abuse and domestic violence against the elderly
- ▶ To help and empower elderly people who live under the threat of abuse, neglect or domestic violence



EXPERTISE IN WORK AMONG THE ELDERLY





OUR WORK

- ▶ Spreading information about and raising awareness of elder abuse
- ▶ Training professionals and volunteers
- ▶ Mentoring of professionals – advice and consultation in “abuse case” matters
- ▶ Helping elderly victims of abuse, neglect and domestic violence
 - The national Suvanto Helpline and Legal advice (by the phone)
 - Individual support
 - Peer support group

Important to remember when working with elderly victims of abuse or domestic violence

- ▶ Individual aging processes
- ▶ Common illnesses and different forms of physical, mental and social changes related to aging
 - Differing ability to act, handle one's life and release oneself from the violence
 - Somatic and neurological disorders, memory disorders, personality disorders, anxiety disorders
 - Medicines and drugs
 - Trauma – in some cases activated anew
- ▶ The elderly need many kinds of help from several kinds of professionals and fields.



Important to remember when working with elderly victims of abuse or domestic violence

- ▶ Family cultures, ways of functioning, interaction and dynamics
- ▶ Dependences
 - Economy and housing
 - Emotional dependence, strong affection
 - Need of care and support
- ▶ Experience of abuse and meaning of life
 - the development tasks of aging (Erikson), the course of life (Jung) and gerotranscendence (Tornstam)
- ▶ Legal and ethical issues



OUR VISION

- ▶ To create new methods and practices to help elderly and their families and close ones live their lives without abuse
- ▶ To implement our working methods and awareness of elder abuse in the common practices



The Suvanto Helpline 0800-06776
Tuesdays and Thursdays 12–3 pm

Legal advice on Wednesdays
(every even week) 4–6 pm

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