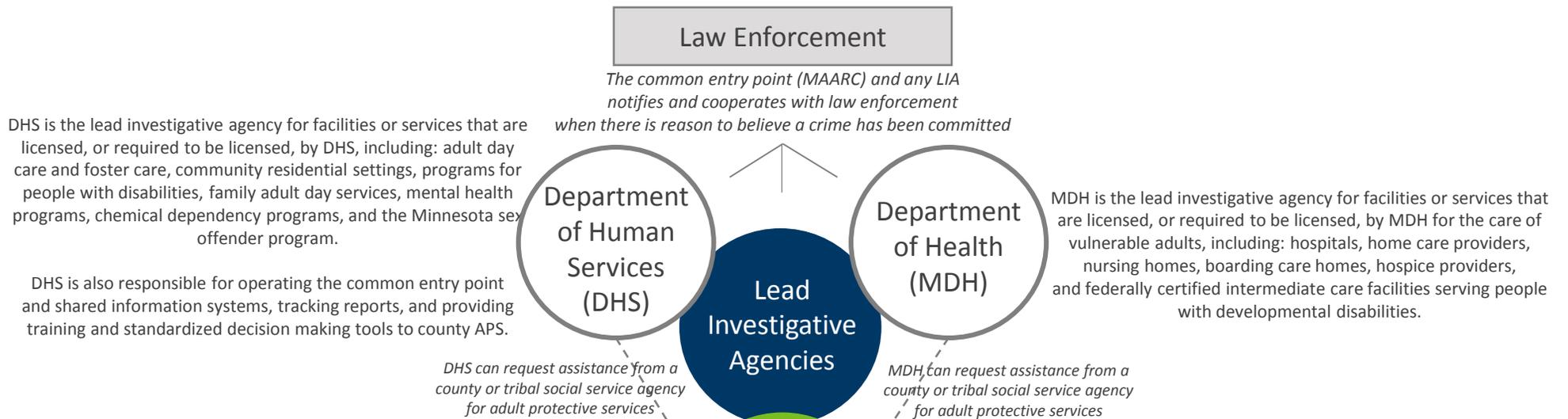


Adult Protective Services (APS) Redesign

PROJECT SCOPE

While the Vulnerable Adult Act (VAA) regulates the reporting of, and investigation into, allegations of maltreatment of vulnerable adults across different settings – including those licensed by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health – the focus of this review is **county and tribal-based Adult Protective Services (APS)**. APS is the lead investigative agency for reports of maltreatment in community settings and where the alleged perpetrator is not a licensed care provider or employee of a licensed care facility. Being the lead investigative agency, APS is responsible for providing adult protective services when reports of alleged maltreatment fall into their jurisdiction. APS is also responsible for providing protective services when another LIA requests assistance, and whenever emergency protective services are required.



FOCUS FOR APS REDESIGN:



When a report is accepted, APS conducts an investigation into allegations of maltreatment. Investigations include, as appropriate, interviewing, examining the environment, reviewing records, and consulting other professionals. Investigations conclude in a final determination of whether the report of maltreatment was false, substantiated, inconclusive, or that no determination is made.

Safety planning and the provision of adult protective services are intended to be part of APS investigation activities

