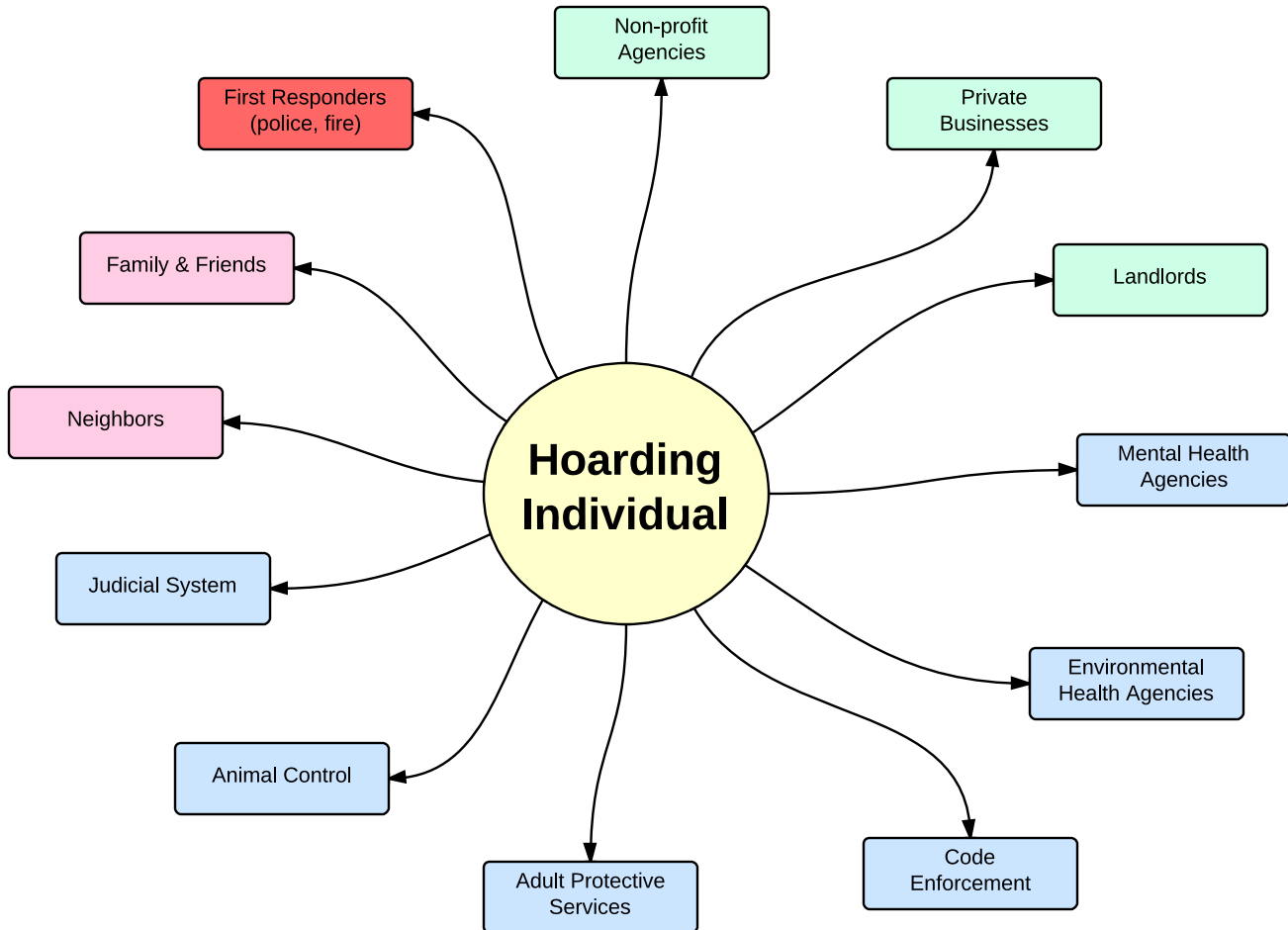


Hoarding Task Force Overview

The potential impact hoarders have on a community



PROBLEMS OF HOARDING

- Not knowing how to declutter
- Lack of communication
- Lack of results or change
- Frustration
- Fire Safety
- Decreased property value
- Cost to community
- Cost to public agencies

IMPACT: Epidemiological studies suggest that hoarding occurs in 2 to 5 percent of the population. Hoarding has long been identified as a community health problem and has been found to have a significant economic and social burden on communities at large. It is clear to experts that forced full- and partial- cleanouts- or abatements- are not helpful without mental health assistance. In fact, these cleanouts may even be harmful to the homeowners who are forced to clear out their homes to avoid serious consequences, like eviction or loss of child custody.