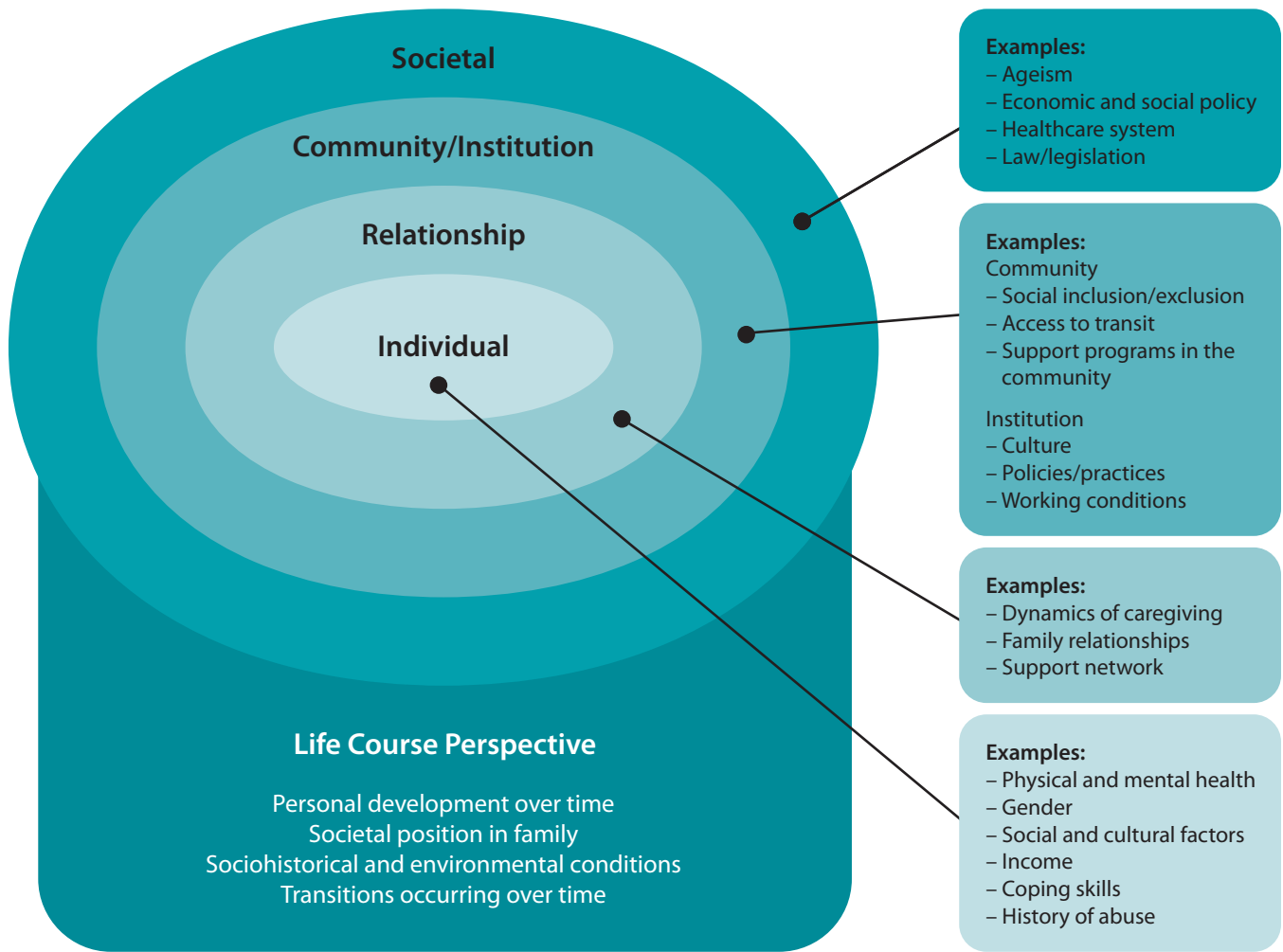


Figure 1: Ecological/Life Course Model



(McDonald & Thomas, 2013; Parra-Cardona, Meyer, Schiamberg, & Post, 2007; Schiamberg et al., 2011; Schiamberg & Gans, 2000; WHO, 2002)

How to use this model

The ecological/life course model shown in Figure 1 can be used to help understand the complexity of abuse and neglect and the interplay of factors that can either increase or decrease an individual’s vulnerability. It can also be used as a framework for considering the various levels where prevention and intervention activities should be focused. These multiple, interconnected factors show that, to effectively prevent and address abuse and neglect of older adults, collaboration and coordination between the four levels (societal, community/institution, relationship and individual) are required.