



## Why is financial and estate planning important?

Martha worked to save for retirement and to help her children and grandchildren financially. When Martha found out she had dementia, she wanted to prepare herself and her family for changes. With the help of her provider and Medical Legal Partnership, Martha was able to pick a decision maker for future financial decisions which gave her peace of mind. Financial and estate planning is important to help you make the best financial choices for yourself and your family.

## What can you look for?

- Health care needs that are more than you can afford or no insurance to cover all costs
- Paying your bills is becoming harder to remember
- Retired or looking to retire soon
- Wanting a Will to share your wishes after you pass

Estate planning helps you to make financial plans based on your wishes. This includes making your will and health care wishes known. These plans are used when unable are no longer able to make your own decisions, or after you pass.

## Questions to ask yourself:

- Do your loved ones know your financial wishes?
- Have you made a Will?
- Do you have a financial and/or medical Power of Attorney?
- Do you need Long-Term Care Insurance?
- Should you do Estate Planning?





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## What can you do?

- Talk to your provider
- Talk with your family about your wishes
- Complete an Advance Health Care Directive or Living Will and review it every year to make sure it is up to date
- Contact the Medical Legal Partnership through Alaska Legal Services for assistance to make a will

## Where can you find support?

- [Family Health Resources](#) can assist in exploring insurance coverage.
- Estate Planning with [Medical Legal Partnership](#) can assist you with qualifying for Medicaid, preparing your will, and planning for the future.
- [Palliative Care Consultant](#) and [Community Resource Specialist](#) can assist you in deciding what is important.

For more information, visit <https://www.southcentralfoundation.com/aging-well/>

## Alaska Native Health Campus Resources

### Anchorage

(907) 729-3300

### Matanuska-Susitna Borough

(907) 631-7880

#### Primary Care

- Community Resource Specialist
- Family Health Resources

#### Palliative Care

#### Medical Legal Partnership

## Community Resources

#### Aging and Disability Resource Center (907) 343-7770

#### AK 211 (800) 478-2221

#### AK Law Help [alaskalawhelp.org](http://alaskalawhelp.org)

#### Disability Law Center (907) 565-1002

