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**Steps and Services in Senior Care  
North Orange County, California**

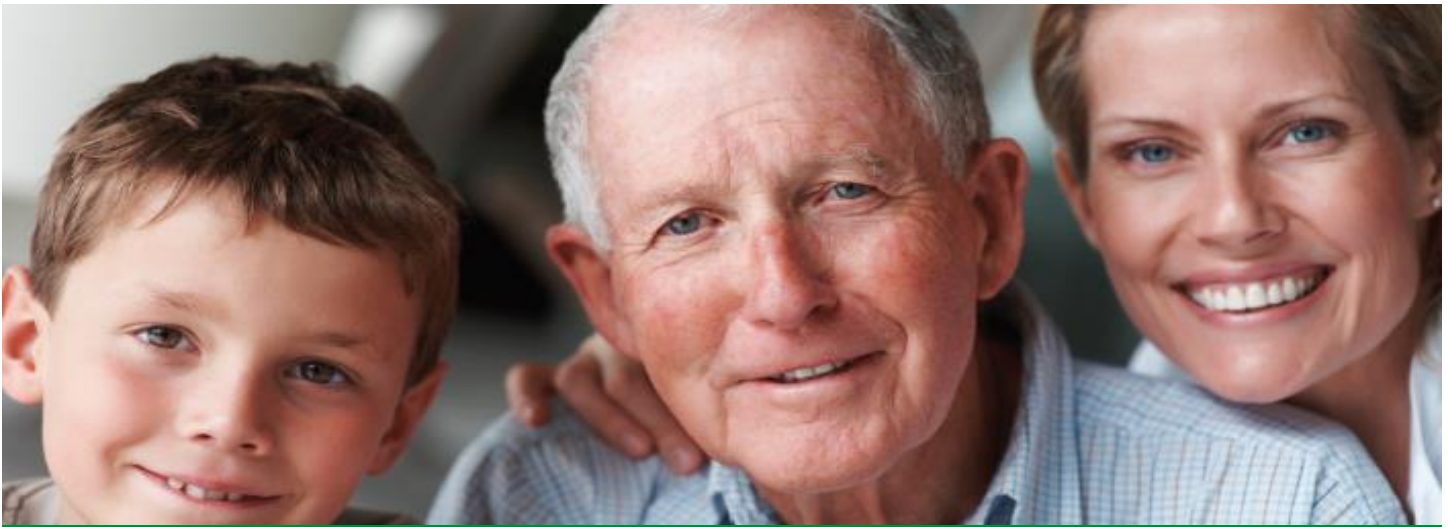
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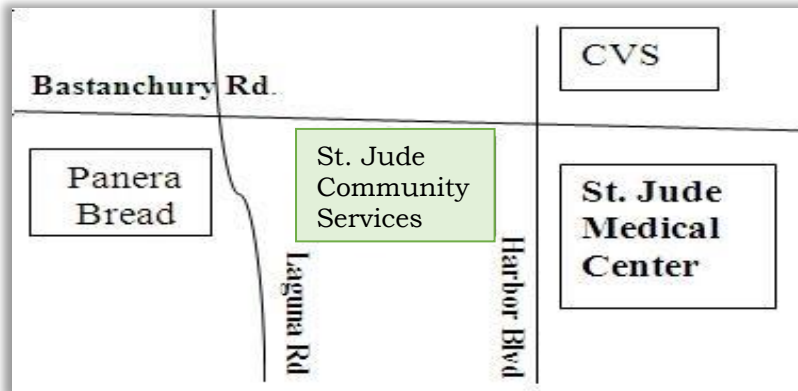
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## About This Guide

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We wrote this **Senior Resource Guide** to help people who care about older adults. If you are a senior, family caregiver, resident, or professional in North Orange County, California ~ then this guide is for you.

Whether it is a friend, family member, or client that is in need, there are many things you can do to help. You may even use this guide to plan for your own future. Caring for an older adult, even yourself, takes a lot of love. So in this guide, we often call the person you're caring for "your loved one."

This guide will tell you what steps you need to take to care for your loved one. It will help you make a plan for their care. It will also help you find resources in North Orange County and other parts of the County.

There is no advertising in this guide, and no one paid to be in it. This guide does not list every service that you could use. These resources are just a few of the many senior services in North Orange County and elsewhere too. Just because they are listed here, doesn't mean that we recommend them. This guide will help you get started, but there are other resources that may better meet your needs.

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## STEPS in Senior Care

This guide is designed to help you quickly and accurately plan for what may lie ahead. The Resource Guide is divided into two parts ~ **Steps and Services**. The first steps you'll need to consider begin right here . . .

### Step 1: Looking at Legal and Health Issues

Caregiving descends upon us in many ways ~ through sudden crises or a series of small but unsettling mishaps and warning signs. You may be the only person to step in or you may be part of a large network of family members and friends willing to help. Whatever the situation, you may not be sure of the next step. Or even the *first* step. You may be in the middle of a crisis and decisions have to be made quickly or if you are planning ahead **the following questions, suggestions and information may be helpful in a variety of ways.**

***Does your loved one need help? Below are some warning signs:  
Check the boxes that apply***

- Difficulty concentrating / poor judgment
- Difficulty walking -- unsteady when standing -- recent fall(s)
- Diminished driving skills -- recent accidents -- near misses
- Loss of appetite -- changes in eating / cooking habits
- Loss of interest in activities once enjoyed
- Memory loss -- forgetfulness -- confusion -- inability to complete tasks
- Mishandled medication(s)
- Persistent fatigue -- lack of energy
- Personality changes -- irritability -- sudden mood changes
- Poor grooming and personal hygiene -- soiled clothing
- Poor housekeeping / home maintenance -- unsafe conditions
- Reluctance to socialize
- Spoiled or outdated food in fridge -- little nutritious food in home
- Unopened mail -- past due bills -- mishandled finances

Now that you know some of the warning signs you may have other concerns as well ~ take a minute and jot down your answers to the following 'first step' questions:

### ***First Questions To Ask And Answer***

1. What specific kind of help does your loved one need? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who will be financially responsible for their care? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How much time do you personally have to give? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who will be legally responsible? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who is the actual decision maker? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What kind of medical needs do they have? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Describe the type of day your loved one routinely has? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Are the problems undiagnosed but correctable? \_\_\_\_\_
9. If your loved one's problems are not correctable, what living arrangements and Care plans are most appropriate? \_\_\_\_\_
10. If they are able to remain in their own home, how will you determine what type of in-home care to arrange? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are there transportation issues? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Is assisted living preferred / possible over aging-in-place? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What particular challenges does your loved one's disability pose?  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. What do you need to know to access community resources? \_\_\_\_\_
15. How will you manage it all ~ *and still maintain a life of your own?* \_\_\_\_\_

The next step is collecting and organizing important information ~ this will be an invaluable step over time. It takes a little time and organization to complete this step, but you'll be glad that you have it where you can find it when you need it.

### **Information That You Will Need About Your Loved One**

1. Senior's date of birth and Social Security number
  - a. You will need this information to access many services
2. Collect information about medical providers
  - a. If you haven't done so already, gather details about your loved one's physicians and health insurance
3. Names, phone numbers and addresses of the senior's medical professionals
  - a. Doctors, Dentist and Pharmacy (be sure to include complete details about any arrangements the senior has made for discount prescriptions)
4. Copies of health insurance policies and the front and back of all insurance cards. If your loved one is 65 or older, you will need a copy of their Medicare card
5. Make a list of all medications:
  - a. Prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs (such as aspirin, antacids, herbal remedies, nutritional supplements ~ even daily multi-vitamins)

- b. Include dosage amounts and instructions for taking them (time of day, with food or between meals, etc.) Take this list with you to ALL of your loved one's medical appointments to help avoid dangerous prescription drug interactions
  - c. Date and results of recent medical tests such as x-rays, CT scans and MRI's, dental, hearing and eye tests, etc.
6. Complete health history
    - a. Be sure to take this with you to all of your loved one's medical appointments
    - b. Include major illness and medical conditions for your loved one's parents, brothers and sisters
  7. Learn as much as possible about the medical conditions of the senior
    - a. Talk to his or her doctors about any concerns
    - b. Discuss with the physician symptoms and progression of the disease to anticipate what might come next
  8. With your loved one's approval, consider calling a family meeting
    - a. Try to involve trusted family members early in the process. Early input from them will facilitate communication and decision-making down the line
    - b. Allow all family members a chance to express themselves and their feelings
    - c. When possible, designate a person to be responsible for each task - set goals
  9. Be respectful of the older adult ~ always ask for their consent, opinion, preferences and ideas ~ this is about them and about their life

## Legal Issues and Tools

### First Task ~ Organize Papers

Legal issues relating to care planning are divided into two categories:

1. **Healthcare**
2. **Financial**

**Healthcare** ~ Important documents to look for:

1. Advance Health Care Directive
2. Power of Attorney for Health Care
3. Living Will
4. Directive to Physicians
5. HIPAA Authorization (means "**H**ealth **I**nurance **P**ortability and **A**ccountability **A**ct")
6. POLST (means "**P**hysician **O**rders for **L**ife **S**ustaining **T**reatment")

**Financial** ~ Look for papers relating to property and financial matters:

1. Trusts
2. Wills
3. Power of Attorney for Finances



4. Deeds or Certificates of Ownership for Property
5. Annuities
6. Life Insurance
7. Long-Term Care Insurance Policies
8. Retirement Accounts/ Benefits (IRA, 401k, 403b, Pensions)
9. Veterans Benefits
10. Most recent statements from bank, credit union, investments.

Next, consider consulting with a qualified attorney to review these papers. DO NOT WAIT FOR A MEDICAL CRISIS to consult with an attorney. The person signing new documents must have legal capacity to understand what they are signing.

### **Second Task ~ Choose An Attorney**

Sometimes the best choice is the original attorney who prepared the papers. If you have confidence in that person, this is an obvious choice.

However, sometimes clients lose touch with the attorney or feel that they need someone more familiar with their current life issues.

### ***Finding An Elder Law Attorney***

The attorney who practices Elder Law or Special Needs Law works primarily with people as they age and people with disabilities. Using a holistic approach, the attorney will address general estate planning issues and will counsel clients about planning for incapacity and possible long-term care needs. The attorney will review documents to be sure they properly coordinate private and public resources to finance the cost of quality care. The attorney may also have useful suggestions for support services in your area. You can locate an elder law attorney through:

#### **1. NAELA**

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys' website at [www.naela.org](http://www.naela.org). On the NAELA homepage, you will find a link that will help you locate an elder law attorney near you.

**2. For additional information go to the Attorney / Elder Law section on *pages 27-28***

### **Third Task ~ Get Ready For The Attorney Visit**

Here are a few tips as you prepare. (Each attorney has a slightly different approach):

1. Make a list: Discuss with your spouse, partner, or those helping you the questions that are on your mind. Write them down
2. Think about your care managers: If you were unable to manage your finances and health care, who would you choose for those important jobs? Do you have alternates in mind? Would they agree to serve?
3. Are there doubts about the present ability of the client to understand and sign documents? If so, mention this to the attorney right away!
4. If the client has a serious, chronic or terminal illness, or if there is some other urgency advise the attorney immediately!
5. When you make the appointment, ask the attorney these questions:
  - Does the attorney offer a no-charge first visit?
  - What documents should you bring to the meeting?
  - Should you complete a questionnaire first?
  - Will the attorney want to meet privately with the client?
  - Are family members welcome? Are designated trustees or health care agents welcome?
  - If the attorney accepts the case, what are the fees and costs? When will the client receive the legal services agreement for review? (In most cases, attorneys are required to have a written agreement for any legal work. It must be signed by both client and attorney)

## Advance Care Planning Basics

### 1. Every adult needs an **Advance Healthcare Directive**:

- \* To name your choice of person(s) to make your health care decisions when you can no longer communicate;
- \* To tell those caring for you what kind of health care you want/don't want;
- \* To tell everyone caring for you how you feel about life support;
- \* To make special requests about the people or things important to you when you are ill (friends, music, clergy, pets, poetry, scripture, etc.);
- \* To tell everyone where you want to live in your final days;
- \* To make choices about organ donation, cremation, burial;
- \* To tell everyone how you want to be remembered

**2. Complete a **POLST** with your doctor's help if you presently have a serious life-threatening or terminal illness.** *Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment* forms are detailed doctor's orders which reflect your choices about life support options or resuscitation. These orders are kept in your medical chart. The law requires doctors, emergency medical responders, and healthcare workers to honor these detailed choices. Similar documents are often called **DNR (Do Not Resuscitate)**.

**3. Make sure that your Hospital has a copy of your Advance Directive / POLST, that your healthcare agent knows your wishes and has a copy, and that you keep a copy (wallet, glove compartment, etc.) in case of emergency.**

- \* **Medic Alert Foundation – ID and Medical Information Bracelet.** (page 49)  
[www.medicalert.org](http://www.medicalert.org)
- \* **California Department of Justice - Advance Healthcare Directives**  
[https://oag.ca.gov/consumers/general/adv\\_hc\\_dir](https://oag.ca.gov/consumers/general/adv_hc_dir)
- \* **Coalition for Compassionate Care of California (non-profit)**  
<http://coalitionccc.org>
- \* **Five Wishes – Changing the way we plan for end of life care**  
<https://www.agingwithdignity.org/five-wishes/about-five-wishes>

## Medical Privacy and HIPAA

The **Health Information Portability and Accountability Act** ~ 1996 (HIPAA) is intended to safeguard an individual's health information.

A HIPAA release is a document signed and dated by you to authorize use and disclosure of protected health information for reasons other than treatment, payment or health care operations. An authorization must contain a description of the protected health information, the names of persons permitted to make a disclosure, the names of persons to whom the covered entity may disclose, an expiration date or event, an explanation of the individual's right to revoke, how to revoke, and a statement about potential re-disclosures.

Your doctor and other medical professionals are required by law to protect your medical privacy. This is why you are often asked to sign a form stating that you have received the provider's Privacy Statement.

**IMPORTANT:** The form often includes an authorization giving permission to share your medical information with other health care providers, your spouse or other persons *you* designate. Consider who else you want to be included in your medical care information.

**Don't wait until a medical emergency to sign an Advance Health Care Directive. Every time you visit a doctor, hospital, medical lab, etc., give them a copy of your Advance Health Care Directive and ask to sign the provider's HIPAA form stating who can receive information on your care.**

## Types Of Medical Care As You Age

**Annual Wellness Visit** is scheduled with your primary care physician. This visit is paid for by Medicare and it gives both you and your physician a chance to catch up on your healthcare concerns, needs, mental health status, tests that need to be run, lab work, etc. This is a good time to ask questions or talk about a specialist if needed.

**Home Health** care can only be provided by licensed health workers, such as skilled nursing care, physical therapy rehabilitation or other in-home services for the treatment of an illness or injury and is typically (though not necessarily) initiated by a physician. Medicare may pay for some home health care, but only if you meet certain qualifications and conditions. *Keep in mind that Home Health is **not** the same as In-Home Care and In-Home Care is rarely covered by insurance.* Check with your insurance company or physician for more information.

**Palliative Care** addresses the needs of patients struggling with chronic and / or life threatening illnesses and may occur in the hospital, home, or a skilled nursing setting. Comfort and quality of life, sometimes combined with curative treatment, are the focus of care.

**Hospice Care** is for individuals who are approaching end of life and are no longer seeking a cure or curative treatments. The focus of their treatment is comfort and quality of life for their remaining days. Hospice and Palliative care are both team-oriented groups consisting of specially trained professionals, volunteers and family members, and may occur in a variety of settings, including home, board and care, and skilled nursing facilities. Your physician prescribes Hospice care and Medicare covers this benefit. Typically you may choose one of the referrals your physician suggests or your own Hospice choice.

**Insurance Plans** ~ It's a good idea to begin looking at what type of Medicare or MediCal coverage is best too. Always consider prescription coverage and skilled nursing co-pay options. Dementia care insurance is another consideration too. *(see page 41 for more information)*

## ***New Technologies In Healthcare***

1. Neuro Rehab VR provides a **virtual reality PT** experience for older patients undergoing physical therapy following a stroke, brain injury or spinal cord injury or who suffer from neurodegenerative diseases. The customized virtual therapy exercises record physiological and kinematic responses quantifying the progress of the patient with scores and metrics over time.  
<https://www.neurorehabvr.com/>
2. Learn more about **TeleHealth / TeleMedicine** – pros and cons, how it is transforming healthcare and how to become comfortable with it too.  
<https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/consumer-health/in-depth/telehealth/art-20044878>
3. Labs in your toilet? Yep – Toi Labs has turned **the toilet** into a source of valuable health information with a toilet seat called TrueLoo that reveals information such as dehydration, Urinary Tract Infections, certain diseases i.e., Clostridium, the Norovirus, etc., that could lead to hospitalization.  
<https://www.toilabs.com/>
4. **The watch** (called VitalBand) not only provides emergency call-out and fall-detection, but also tracks vital signs like heart and respiratory rate and oxygen saturation, as well as physical activity and sleep quality and medication reminders. Family members can view their loved one's streaming vitals, historical readings, manage fall alerts, edit profile information and view nutritional information.  
<https://www.vitaltech.com/vitalband>

## **Meet with a Doctor**

### **What Is A Geriatrician and Why Should You See One?**

What type of doctor do you need? A **Geriatrician** (jer-ee-uh-trish-uhn) is a physician who is specifically trained to evaluate and manage the unique health care needs and treatment preferences of older adults. The types of conditions older adults have and how those conditions interact with each other differs from what adults under the age of 60 typically experience. Geriatricians are Board Certified with the American Medical Association and understand the unique physical and emotional health problems associated with aging. *(See a listing of Geriatricians on page 37-38.)*

Geriatricians look beyond the medical problems to see their impact on a patient's overall well-being. They understand that health care involves not only medical examinations but also mental, spiritual, functional and social wellbeing.

Having a proper diagnosis is important in understanding what is needed to help older adults maintain their good health, improve their health with

specialized care, and receive the care they need to age in place or to live a quality life in a supportive community.

A visit to the doctor's office can be stressful and intimidating but there are steps you can take to make the most out of your doctor's visit. Write down and keep track of symptoms or changes in health, mood, and physical and mental abilities.

### Getting The Most Out Of Your Doctor Visit

A doctor's visit can be stressful. You may forget some of the things you wanted to talk to them about. So it's important to plan ahead for your visit. If you can take someone with you to your doctor's visit, consider doing so ~ it is often difficult to remember everything the physician tells or asks a patient to do.

#### ***Preparing For A Doctor's Visit***

Write down your questions and bring them to your office visit. Ask the most important questions first and make sure you get answers to your top two or three concerns. Before your visit, write your list of symptoms and details, and what they were like when they first started.

1. If you have diabetes or hypertension, bring your home-monitoring records;
2. Bring all your medications, including herbals, supplements and vitamins. If you can't bring the medications, be sure and bring an up-to-date list of medications and supplements. Keep this list handy;
3. Consider taping your visit or bring a health care folder or notebook to write down the doctor's responses to your questions and her/his advice about treatment and other information for follow-up;
4. If you feel you need support in communicating with the doctor, in remembering information, or if you have a complicated health problem, it's a **good idea to have a friend or relative accompany** you to be your advocate and to help you remember information;
5. **Ask the doctor to write down** her / his responses to your questions;
6. Feel free to ask questions about your medications ~ make sure you understand the medication's purpose ~ also ask if this is a **generic** or a **brand name** medication; (See *page 51* for low-cost medication options)
7. Let the doctor know if you do not understand anything being said;
8. Before you leave the office, **make sure that you understand** your condition, treatments options, and medications. Know when you need to meet the goals prescribed by your doctor and when you need to follow up with the next visit;
9. After the visit, be sure to follow through with the treatment plan you discussed with your physician.
10. See *page 37-38* for Geriatrician suggestions

## Step 2: Consider Your Housing Options

### Types and Costs of In-Home Care

#### *How Much Will It Cost?*

Not surprisingly, the cost of all types of care has steadily risen over the years ~ from homemaker services to nursing home care. Rates of care vary and over the next few years rates for care will rise significantly. The best estimate for care costs can be found on The Genworth Cost of Care Study (2019):

(<https://www.genworth.com/aging-and-you/finances/cost-of-care.html>)

Rates listed below are average Orange County, California rates ~ *you may find some services that are higher depending on need and other variables.*

- Personal Caregiver / Companion      \$28 OC Average *Hourly* Rate
- Caregivers / Home Health Aide      \$28 OC Average *Hourly* Rate
- Adult Day Health Care (ADHC)      \$77 OC Average *Daily* Rate
- Assisted Living Facility (ALF)      \$4,500+ OC *Monthly* Rate
- Memory Care Facility      \$5,500+ OC *Monthly* Rate
- Nursing Home Care (SNF)      \$288-\$350+ OC Average *Daily* Rate

It's important to know what type of care that your loved one needs. On the following page are types of in-home care to consider and inquire about, as well as descriptions of typical caregiver responsibilities.

1. **Personal Caregiver / Companion**
  - Provide friendly companionship
  - May also be a 'Hospital Sitter' or for Respite Care in some cases
  - Assists with light housework, meals, shopping, laundry, errands, etc.
  - No coverage by most health insurance policies
2. **Caregivers / Home Health Aide Services**
  - Assist with personal needs such as activities of daily living, bathing, feeding, some bedside care, etc.
  - May also assist with transportation to doctors and therapy appointments
  - May perform errands such as food shopping, picking up prescriptions
  - May help with meal preparation and light housekeeping
  - Provide medication reminders ~ no skilled nursing tasks or dispensing medication
  - Usually not covered by most health insurance policies – check with your insurance carrier
3. **Registered Nurse (RN) Or Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)**
  - For specific acute and immediate licensed nursing care (i.e., trach care, IV's, etc.)

- For insurance reimbursement you must have a doctor's order and show written documentation of procedure which could only be performed by an R.N. or L.V.N. on a continuous basis

### **IMPORTANT ~ Caregivers as Independent Contractors and Private Pay:**

Please do not assume that you can classify a private **caregiver** as an independent contractor. *In most cases state law classifies caregivers as employees.* If you are planning to hire a caregiver privately consult with an attorney or CPA. There are legal requirements to hiring private caregiver employees. Among them are Social Security benefits, Unemployment Insurance, Workman's Compensation and other costs. *Be aware* of your legal responsibilities. See *page 43* for information on in-home care agencies.

### **Questions To Ask**

#### ***When Interviewing Potential Caregiver Agencies***

1. Is the company independently owned, a corporation, or a franchise?
2. How many years have they been in business? Where is the local office?
3. Is it possible to have a consistent caregiver each time?
4. Does management have any healthcare experience or background?
5. What is the agencies' hourly rate? What is the minimum number of hours?
6. How much advance notice is required to cancel a shift?
7. Are there any charges for over 8-hour shifts, weekends or holidays?
8. How does the agency bill? Do they require a deposit? (Keep your receipts!)
9. How will they plan coverage if the caregiver is not able to work that shift?
10. Will the caregiver provide transportation for the patient? Will the caregiver use their own car or the patient's? How is gas paid for? Whose auto insurance is used?
11. How do they hire and evaluate their employees? Can caregivers be interviewed? What specific trainings do your caregivers get? How often?
12. Are the caregivers employees of the agency? Is Worker's Compensation Coverage, payroll taxes and expenses covered by the agency?
13. Are references available from a previous employer or agency?
14. Are agency personnel available after-hours 24/7 for consultation?
15. Is the agency a VA Approved Provider or do they have experience working with veterans and/or the VA and VA benefit plans for home care?

### **Hiring Options for Home Care – Private Hire vs. Home Care Organizations**

**Option 1 – Private Hire:** This means you alone become the employer responsible for screening and selection of caregivers. You are also responsible for tracking overtime, paying payroll taxes, issuing W-2 forms, unemployment insurance and providing workers compensation coverage. You also have to be prepared if a worker fails to report for work. You cannot avoid these responsibilities by simply calling your worker an “independent contractor”.



***Option 2 – Home Care Organizations Provide Home Care Aides:*** California law sets standards for Home Care Organizations. Home Care Aides are employees of the Home Care Organization. The Home Care Company (not the senior or family) are responsible for complying with requirements such as TB testing, training, background check and registration. This relieves families of burdensome paperwork, liability, screening and training.

## **Types of Residential Settings**

***Aging in Place (In Your Own Residence)*** is something that many people consider doing for as long as possible. (See *InfoBox* on *pages 16-17* for things to consider.) An important consideration is the older adult's safety, and anyone the senior may live with. Other considerations include finances, convenience, social supports and transportation.

***Retirement Communities*** (or ***Senior Independent Living Communities***) are designed to accommodate independent seniors who have few medical issues.

***Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC's)*** consists of independent living, assisted living and nursing home all on the same campus.

***Assisted Living Communities*** (state licensed) combine housing, healthcare, meals, socialization and some assistance with personal care in an independent environment.

***Residential Care Homes*** often referred to as a ***Board and Care*** (state licensed) provide care for seniors in a homelike setting that's very much like a family. This type of home varies considerably in both size and setting. The staff in a residential care home may set up and encourage medication compliance, help residents bathe / get dressed and other activities. Many ***Residential Care Homes*** also offer ***Memory Care*** and in-house ***Hospice*** care.

***Memory Care Communities*** offer dementia care and/or Alzheimer's care. Alzheimer's care is often delivered in an assisted living or nursing home setting on a separate floor, unit, or building. These living environments have secured areas to prevent wandering.

***Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)*** (also known as ***Nursing Home, Convalescent Hospital, Rehab Facility*** or ***Long Term Care***) provide a high level of care for those who have significant deficiencies with everyday activities (i.e., activities of daily living / ADL's). Residents typically receive occupational, physical and other rehabilitative therapies after an accident, illness or hospitalization along with medical care. Sometimes patients live out their life there too.

## **Aging In Place Technology 101**

New technology is giving older adults more confidence in their ability to live alone. There are devices to track medication and Alzheimer's wandering, activity — or inactivity — in the house, falls and real-time health information

as well as computers designed with older adults in mind. **"Smart" technology** is making aging in place a viable and desirable option for many people.

### **"Smart" Technology for Aging in Place Seniors**

**1. MedMinder** <https://www.medminder.com/>

**What it is and How it works:** A digital pill dispenser that looks like a regular seven-day model. Log onto the Web and remotely program the schedule and see if the user has complied. A prerecorded voice from, say, a grandchild, reminds Grandma to take her pills. If she doesn't, she gets a call, and a family member receives an email, text or call.

**2. Reminder Rosie** <http://www.lat.care/rosie>

**What it is and How it works:** A voice-activated talking clock that tells you to take your medicine at a certain time. A family member programs the clock (perhaps "I love you, Mom. It's time to take two blue pills and one yellow pill.").

**3. GrandCare Systems** <https://www.grandcare.com/about/>

**What it is and How it works:** A multipurpose system that tracks daily activity, has medical monitoring (glucose, oxygen, blood pressure, weight) and can display anything: diets, discharge plans, exercises. An interactive touch screen lets Dad watch videos, view family photos, listen to music, play games, read the news and video chat with family. System communicates with wireless sensors.

**4. MobileHelp** <https://www.mobilehelp.com/pages/smart>

**What it is and How it works:** PERS device with GPS tracking. Press the help button and after the response team seeks medical help, it calls and emails your family and tells them where you are, including the hospital. There is also a fall-detection system that gets help even if you're unable to push a button or talk.

**5. Lively by GreatCall** <https://www.greatcall.com/devices/lively-wearable-urgent-response-device>

**What it is and How it works:** It has six sensors that can be placed on pillboxes, the refrigerator, the microwave, the bathroom door and even on a key chain. Log onto a website to check activity, and info is captured via cellular connection, it remotely monitors medication compliance. The company can alert family by text, email, Web or phone if something is out of the ordinary.

**6. GrandPad Tablet** <https://www.grandpad.net/>

**What it is and How it works:** GrandPad is a computer tablet designed with seniors in mind – it comes with features that allow for easy connecting with loved ones. The large buttons and intuitive interface make it simple for seniors to start video chatting and sharing memories with family and friends. The charging cradle eliminates the hassle of wires from the charging process. The durable stylus makes interacting with the tablet a breeze. All of the user's preferences and contacts come preloaded in the tablet so it's ready-to-use right out of the box. Month-to-month contract. Features include calling, camera, music, games, email, photos, toolbox, etc.

### ***Aging In Place ~ Things To Consider***

1. Consider living in your own home if you have a **relatively small one-story** home, or if you can move downstairs (*See page 16 for 'Smart Technology'*)
2. **Install safety equipment** such as grab bars, handrails, ramps, extra lighting, a security system, obtain a personal emergency response system if necessary, etc. (*See pages 33, 40-41, 49*)
3. **Remove clutter** (paper, boxes, old mail, catalogs, etc.) from closets, counters, etc. (*See Page 40*)
4. Remove minimally used / unnecessary items (i.e., books, clothing / shoes, old equipment, cookware, furniture, etc.) ~ if you haven't used it in a year ~ **TOSS IT!** (*See Page 40*)
5. Make sure items that are on shelves, drawers or cupboards are within **easy reaching distance** ~ avoid reaching more than 2-6 inches over head
6. Identify reliable low-cost and convenient **transportation options** (*Pg 53-54*)
7. Research the **distance** frequently used services (grocery store, drug store, doctors' offices, shopping mall, etc.) are from your home ~ close is better!
8. **Consider financial issues** ~ mortgage, medical costs, food, caregiver, etc.
9. Make sure all of your **legal tools** are current and in place (Trust / Will, Advance Directive, Power of Attorney's, etc.) (*Pages 4-9*)
10. How far is it to close friends and family members ~ **avoid isolation!**

### **Assisted Living / Memory Care – Options in Long-Term Care**

When older adults can no longer live independently, family and caregivers are faced with the difficult decision of what type of care to select — because not all long-term care options are created equal. Two of the fastest-growing types of residential senior care are **assisted living** and **memory care**. But what are the **differences between the two**, and what are the most important factors?

According to the Assisted Living Federation of America, assisted living is defined as “a long-term care option that combines housing, support services and health care, as needed.” Personal care services in assisted living often include transportation, light housekeeping, meals, medication management, and care is available around the clock. Seniors in assisted living usually have the option of a private room or shared space in an apartment, depending on their preferences and budget. As older adults age, they may simply need a little extra help with everyday tasks, or they may require more specialized nursing care if they have age-related issues with mobility, or conditions such as dementia. Assisted living facilities vary in terms of what services they offer, but some of them do provide memory care services, usually in a dementia special care unit. Among other things, memory care units are typically locked to prevent wandering and often have a higher staff/patient ratio. Assisted living facilities are not federally regulated, but they should be licensed by the state they are located in.

### **What To Look For In An Assisted Living / Memory Care Facility**

1. Bigger is not always better. Some residents with cognitive impairment may become over-stimulated in a large environment and may prefer a calmer, homelike setting such as a **6-Bed Residential Care Home**.
2. **Shared or Private Room?** Studies show that a shared room / restroom is not only less expensive, but can be better for residents with dementia as some become more anxious when alone. Socialization and engagement should be a priority since that may help to enhance memory and avoid depression.
3. Observe **the staff** to see how they interact with residents (speak to residents by name, make good eye contact, walk with or gently touch residents, etc.). Observe other residents to see if you think they would be compatible with your loved one. A place that is perfect for one person may be completely wrong for someone else.
4. Don't be distracted by the décor. Fancy amenities are nice to look at but don't have a **heart**. Without competent, compassionate and experienced staff, none of that matters.
5. **Expect an adjustment period**. It takes time for a resident to get used to a new environment and it takes time for the staff to get to know their likes and dislikes as well.
6. Visit at different times of the day to get a better picture of care and the attentiveness of the staff. **Observe** meals, activities (variety, interaction and purpose for the activity).
7. Do your research or **enlist the help of a professional** who knows the history and reputation of care facilities in your area. At the same time, trust your own gut feelings. Nobody knows your loved one like you and your family.
8. For information on a **placement specialist** in your area please *see pgs 26-27*.

### **Step 3: Community Resources and Information**

#### **Community Resources, Housing, and Nutritional Needs**

1. Take a crash course in community resources:
  - a. Find out about senior centers (*see page 52-53*) and adult day health services (*see page 26*) in the senior's living area ~ what kind of care do they offer, transportation (*see pages 53-54*), etc.
  - b. What are the some of the best in-home care agencies around? (*See page 13-15 and 43 for suggestions.*) What meal delivery (*see page 44*) and Friendly Visitor (*see page 36*) support options are available? Are they a Veteran (*see pages 54-56*)?
  - c. Assess the senior's balance and mobility gaps and skills (*pages 33-34*) and determine needs/resources

2. Even if this is an acute crisis that is likely to pass, **start gathering information** about assisted living facilities and other long-term care options. You will want to be able to offer the senior a range of options to choose from.
3. If your loved one lives in an assisted living facility at some distance from you, one of your concerns will be replenishing your loved one's health care supplies at a reasonable price. While you can hire a personal shopper, it may be less expensive and just as reliable for you to shop online and have the supplies delivered to your loved one.
4. Consider hiring a **Geriatric Care Manager** or using a **Placement Specialist**
  - a. These professionals are trained to quickly assess the overall situation, make recommendations about needed services and, if necessary, coordinate community resources (*see pages 26-27, and 28-29*) for more information / suggestions
5. Other Community Resources to consider are brain and mental health help (*pages 45-48*), or social media like **FaceBook** or **Iris OC** (<https://iris-oc.com/>) that provide information on local events, activities connecting people to options

### Talk To And Consult With . . .

1. **Consult with** and
  - a. Talk to trusted friends, neighbors, acquaintances ~ anyone with experience in caring for an elder
  - b. Assemble a mosaic of information about how to proceed and what to expect down the line. You will learn that others have been there before and found their way through ~ though sometimes with great difficulty and sadness. You can learn from them.
2. **Talk with** the older adult in your family and
  - a. Allow them as much independence as circumstances permit
  - b. Remember that the caregiver's role is to help them maintain as much control over their lives as feasible, not to take it away
  - c. Allow them to make their own decisions unless the decisions become harmful to them. The more you consult with your loved one, consider their desires and truly respect them, the better the outcomes and the smoother the transition in your relationship is
  - d. Make sure that everyone on the caregiving team ~ whether they are family members, friends or professionals ~ has the information they need to perform their responsibilities
  - e. Make a list of emergency numbers, family contact numbers and other items and distribute it to those who might need it
  - f. Family members should know how to locate legal, financial and medical documents like durable powers of attorney, trusts / wills
  - g. Investment account statements and health insurance policies and where they're located
3. If the senior is still living at home, make sure you and others in their

inner circle have **keys to the residence** in case of emergency

4. **Keep good notes**

- a. Whenever you talk to a doctor, lawyer, insurance company, service agency, government office or advocacy organization, write down the date and the name of the person you spoke with, contact information and the substance of the conversation
- b. Keep separate files for different areas of concern ~ financial topics, medical affairs, real estate, vehicles, insurance, etc.

Even though this may sound unnecessarily pessimistic, never assume that the professional and medical personnel who are helping you with your loved one will do what they promise. If you don't actively follow-up, you may set yourself up for disappointment. These professionals are extremely busy and have other people to care for in addition to your loved one. Bottom Line ~ *stay involved for maximum benefit.*

5. **Help the older adult in your life become more comfortable** with technology in general. Reduce the stigma and anxiety that they may feel. **Check out the Technology websites** that are listed throughout this Resource Guide (see *pages 11, 16, 21, 31, 39 and 51*) and the inside back cover of the Resource Guide for more technology suggestions. You can make both their life and your own life easier if you do!

6. **Acknowledge your own feelings** of loss, anger, shock and confusion. Perhaps you realized this moment was coming, perhaps not. In any event, you are likely to find unsettling emotions bubbling through the surface. Allow yourself time to experience those feelings. *Take care of yourself!*

## Disaster Preparedness

Older adults need to feel empowered to take some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including natural disasters and outages. Simple steps to take and review twice a year include:

### **5 Disaster Preparedness Steps to Take**

1. **Keep** emergency medication, contact numbers and ID handy at all times
2. **Store** 3 days supply of food, water, first aid kit, flashlight, battery operated radio, whistle, wind-up clock and extra cash (not credit cards)
3. **Have** garbage bags and ties, and moist towelettes for personal sanitation
4. **Test** smoke alarms bi-annually (i.e., June 1<sup>st</sup> / December 1<sup>st</sup>)
5. **In an emergency**, take cover, stay indoors and know your evacuation plan

## Elder Abuse In The Age of Electronics and Technology

### Protect Your Electronics and Your Online Identity

1. Here's how to protect the hardware on your computer:
  - If your files are not encrypted someone can access them. **Windows** and **Apple** offer **automatic encryption** that needs to simply be turned on. Below are the links that will walk you through how to turn it on:
  - Apple: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204837>
  - Windows: <https://www.howtogeek.com/192894/how-to-set-up-bitlocker-encryption-on-windows/>
2. Password Protection
  - Create strong passwords and never use the same password on different sites – it's pretty easy if you use a Password Manager
  - **Password Managers** encrypt your passwords to make sure your passwords are not known to others by inserting passwords for you automatically which helps to keep you from writing down passwords or using the same one repeatedly. Here are a two you can try for a small monthly fee:
    - 1Password <https://1password.com/>
    - Last Pass <https://www.lastpass.com/>
3. Protect your email and other accounts with **two-factor authentication**
  - When you or anyone tries to sign-in to an account, they will go through a second layer of security: a code that will be received via text or email
4. Review your accounts regularly
  - Check your bank and credit card statements carefully. If you notice any suspicious activity, call your bank right away – *particularly small charges that you may not initially recognize!*
  - Set up fraud alerts that notify you with suspicious purchases
  - **Keep an eye out for data breaches** of banks, retailers, credit agencies, etc., so you can act quickly to protect your information
5. Check your credit report
  - Take a free look at your **credit report** once a year from each national credit bureau (Equifax, Experian, TransUnion)
6. Consider identity theft protection
  - **Identity theft protection** helps you get back on track if you have been a victim of identity theft. This kind of insurance can help you financially recover while receiving support contacting the appropriate entities.

Elder Abuse is the fastest growing and least reported form of abuse in Orange County. Remember that the most common forms of abuse are financial, which includes cyber scams. Other types of abuse include: *emotional abuse, neglect / self-neglect, physical abuse and sexual abuse.* To report Elder Abuse or Scams:

**Adult Protective Services (APS)**.....**800-451-5155**  
**The Federal Trade Commission** [www.FTCComplainAssistant.gov](http://www.FTCComplainAssistant.gov) .....**877-382-4357**

## Emergency Phone Calls

### **10 Tips on How to Make an Effective 9-1-1 Call**

Since **9-1-1** is for emergencies only, it helps to understand when to call and when not to call. An emergency is any serious situation where a law enforcement officer, fire fighter, or emergency medical help is needed right away. If you have to make such a call, please consider these tips:

1. **Try to remain calm.** *Breathe.* This helps both you and the dispatcher.
2. **Is someone hurt or in danger? Which do you need - fire department, police or ambulance?** Identify yourself and the individual who needs **9-1-1**. Give descriptions like age, gender, height/weight, and medical condition.
3. **Know your location.** *State your name and address clearly.*
4. **Be aware of your surroundings** so you can describe where things are at.
5. **Don't hang up.** *Stay on the line ~ the dispatcher needs to keep in contact.*
6. **Let the 9-1-1 dispatcher guide the conversation, be patient and follow all directions.** *You're in good hands ~ ask for clarification if you need it.*
7. **Have a list of medications prepared.** Consider including other documents such as an Advance Directive, POLST, emergency contacts, or allergies.
8. **Help emergency responders locate and gain access to your residence:**
  - ✓ Consider a "hide-a-key" or a lock box with a key inside. Contact your local fire department so they can enter the code into their database to transmit to paramedics if they're unable to unlock the door.
  - ✓ Ensure proper lighting on the exterior of your home. Make sure your address has large numbers visible from the street.
  - ✓ Remove any barriers or hazards that would prevent safe access while carrying equipment or stretcher.
9. **What to expect when help arrives:**

Paramedics will ask questions while assessing the patient's vital signs to understand the patient's current condition and the patient's mental status.

  - ✓ Paramedics are trained to know what each hospital does best. They may go to a hospital that specializes in the patient's condition, rather than the nearest hospital. Be receptive and trust their judgment.
  - ✓ Depending upon the local department, you may be allowed to ride inside the ambulance with the patient.
  - ✓ Being transported by ambulance is no guarantee you will be seen faster, you may stay in the emergency waiting room. Patients are seen by need.
10. **Did you know:**
  - ✓ The fire department can conduct a 'Back-to-Bed' call to help someone who has fallen down and needs help getting up. Let **9-1-1** know your need.
  - ✓ Some local community fire departments have a program that allows you 'Back-to-Bed' calls for a designated number of times and a nominal annual fee. Check with your local fire department for more information.
  - ✓ *If you need a ride to the hospital and it is not life threatening, call an ambulance company and request a non-emergency ride to the hospital.*



## General Sources of Information and Services for Seniors

### **2-1-1 Orange County** .....**2-1-1**

A free 24-hr, 3-digit telephone number that will enable callers to access comprehensive info and referrals to health and human services. Provides links to services including food, shelter, domestic violence, counseling, etc.

### **Adult Protective Services ~ Orange County** .....**800-451-5155**

Report either voluntarily (confidentially) or as a mandated reporter suspected concerns regarding a dependent adult / elder abuse situation that may be perpetrated by *others* (physical, neglect, financial, abandonment, isolation, abduction, etc.) or *self-neglect* (physical care, medical care, health & safety hazards, malnutrition / dehydration, other). 24 Hour Confidential Hotline  
<http://ssa.ocgov.com/abuse/elder/making>

### **Age Well Senior Services**..... **949-855-8033**

Provides multiple resources to Orange County's older adults to support independence and promote health and wellbeing through nutrition programs, like Meals on Wheels and Congregate, transportation, Adult Day Care Classes and Case Management program. <https://agewellseniorservices.org/>

### **Alzheimer's Association** .....**800-272-3900**

In addition to Alzheimer's research information, on-line classes, and the 24-hour phone line, they also offer a monthly telephone caregiver support group facilitated by trained staff. Their online social networking community *ALZConnected*® provides a safe place for people to connect with others in similar situations. <https://www.alz.org/oc/>

### **Alzheimer's Family Services Center** .....**714-593-9630**

As Orange County's first day care program exclusively devoted to treating people with dementia help Alzheimer's patients and their families successfully cope with the many challenges of memory loss. Adult Day Health Care programs for dementia patients also provide much-needed respite, support and resources for family caregivers. <https://afscenter.org/contact-us/>

### **Alzheimer's Orange County** .....**949-955-9000**

Alzheimer's Orange County provide multiple direct patient and family services and classes to aid present and future victims and caregivers of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, they work to increase public awareness and research cause and cure. For more information see: [www.alzoc.org/](http://www.alzoc.org/)

### **Braille Institute (Orange County) Regional Sight Center**.....**714-821-5000**

Braille Institute offers a wide array of free services designed to help people with vision loss to lead enriched and fulfilling lives. Free services include low vision rehabilitation consultations, library services, support groups, campus and outreach classes. Website provides user-friendly information.

[www.brailleinstitute.org/orangecounty](http://www.brailleinstitute.org/orangecounty)

**CalOptima / OneCare (for CalOptima Direct members).....714-246-8400**

CalOptima is a public health plan which provides health care coverage for Orange County residents who are eligible for Medi-Cal, some Medicare patients may qualify for both plans. [www.caloptima.org](http://www.caloptima.org)

**City Governments**

Contact local city halls for grant and senior assistance information or visit their websites. They also offer information on classes and services.

**Council on Aging – Southern California .....714-479-0107**

Provides no cost direct services to older adults and persons with disabilities through six programs: Long-Term Care Residential Ombudsman, Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP), Friendly Visitors / Reconnect Early Intervention Services for Older Adults (EISOA) Program, Senior Protection Program, and New: Concierge Care Navigators / RN Geriatric Care Management – call for additional information. [www.coasc.org](http://www.coasc.org)

**Dayle McIntosh Center/Disability Resources and Advocacy...714-621-3300**

The Dayle McIntosh Center is an independent living center (ILC) providing disability resources and advocacy to residents of Orange County with a disability. DMC offers a range of services such as Aging with Vision Loss, Benefits Advocacy, Mobility Management Program (i.e. travel training), and Community Transition Services. [www.daylemc.org](http://www.daylemc.org)

**Family Caregiver Resource Center of Orange County .....714-446-5030**

Assists families coping with the physical, emotional and financial responsibilities of caregiving for an adult over age 60. Services include family consultation, assessment and care planning, support counseling, psycho-educational seminars, guest speakers bureau, respite planning and community education. [www.caregiveroc.org](http://www.caregiveroc.org)

**Meals on Wheels OC (Formerly SeniorServ).....714-220-0224**

Meals on Wheels is a non-profit organization providing Meals on Wheels and other nutrition services, Case Management, Adult Day Services, Care Coordination and Friendly Visitor programs to at-risk older adults in central and north Orange County. <https://www.mealsonwheelsoc.org/>

**Orange County Office on Aging .....800-510-2020**

The Office on Aging provides information, classes and referrals for transportation, mental health, adult day care, financial assistance, housing, legal aid, nutrition, health care and more. As of 2016, there are 431,964 adults ages 65 years or older who live in Orange County. This represents 13.5% of Orange County's population, which is expected to double in the next twenty years (US Census 2000). [www.officeonaging.ocgov.com](http://www.officeonaging.ocgov.com)

**Orange County Vital Aging Program .....949-764-6288**

Community program that promotes long-term brain health through education, risk factor management and early intervention against medical conditions that impair memory. [www.OCVitalAging.org](http://www.OCVitalAging.org)

**OSHER / OLLI ~ Osher Lifelong Learning Institute .....657-278-2446**

Seeks to enhance the quality of life for mature adults by promoting intellectual growth in a center for senior learning. Call for course and class information. [www.Olli.Fullerton.edu/](http://www.Olli.Fullerton.edu/)

**PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) .....714-468-1100**

The Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) creatively coordinates the care of each participant enrolled in the program based on his or her individual needs with the goal of enabling older individuals to remain living in their community. [www.caloptima.org](http://www.caloptima.org)

**St. Jude Medical Center / Senior Services .....714-446-7035**

Provides health and service related resources to seniors in North Orange County including a Caring Neighbors home visitation program, medical transportation for low-income seniors, fall risk assessment program, weekly grief recovery support group, Medicare insurance planning, Advance Care Planning classes and assistance, Alzheimer's classes, multiple healthy living and community outreach trainings, classes for seniors and caregivers, in-home depression counseling, depression support groups, and Stroke Support Group. [www.stjudemedicalcenter.org](http://www.stjudemedicalcenter.org)

**UC Irvine Health Senior Health Center .....714-456-7007**

Located at UC Irvine Medical Center, the Senior Health Center is designed expressly for older patients ~ health assessment, primary care, geriatric consultation, and memory / neurological assessment. [www.ucirvinehealth.org/medical-services/senior-health/](http://www.ucirvinehealth.org/medical-services/senior-health/)

## SERVICES With Seniors In Mind

### Adult Day Care / Adult Day Health Care (ADHC)



**Adult day care centers** and **adult day health care centers** (also known as Community Based Adult Services – CBAS) take care of older adults' needs for social activities, meals, recreation, and some health-related services. Some adult day care centers offer rehab after hospital discharge and offer services in other languages as well. These centers are a good choice if you need a break from caring for your loved one. Adult Day Health Care centers cost about \$77 per day, many are open 10 to 12 hours a day and provide transportation.

#### Anaheim

- **Sultan ADHC (Persian/English) ..... 714-778-9000**
- **SeniorServ ADHC (Spanish/Tagalog/English) ..... 714-220-2114**
- **Westview Centers of Southern California (Span/Eng) ... 714-517-6606**

#### Brea

- **Easter Seals Senior Day Services (Span/Tagalog/Viet) . 714-672-0343**

#### Buena Park

- **Buena Park Senior Day Care Program ..... 714-826-3163**
- **Commonwealth ADHC (Korean) ..... 714-522-4960**

#### Fullerton

- **RIO Rehab Center - ADHC (Spanish/English) ..... 714-680-6060**

#### Garden Grove

- **Acacia ADHC (Korean/Vietnamese/Tagalog/Spanish)... 714-530-1566**

#### Huntington Beach

- **Alzheimer's Family Center (Multi-Language) ..... 714-593-9630**

### Assisted Living / Board and Care ~ Placement Specialists Ø\$

**Consider enlisting a professional when researching senior housing.** If you go online, read the site's Privacy Policy before you enter any information. Many sites will sell and/or share your information with others. You may want a site that will keep your information private. Reliable local **Placement Specialists** will help you find the best care setting for your loved one. Choose from independent living, assisted living, continuing care retirement communities (CCRC's), memory care, or licensed residential care homes. They'll work with you to find housing that best meets your needs, location and budget. Some **senior placement / housing specialists** are members of a National Placement and Referral Alliance (NPRA) which sets standards of professional conduct and

accountability, and offers a Certified Placement and Referral Specialist (CPRS) certification exam.

**Here are some agencies that offer help with housing placement.** Their services are free to families because they are usually compensated by the housing properties.

- **About Senior Living** / Heather Shelly..... **949-922-4305**  
[www.AboutSeniorLiving.com](http://www.AboutSeniorLiving.com)
- **Alliance Eldercare** / Derek Mannion .....**866-936-4241**  
[www.AllianceEldercare.com](http://www.AllianceEldercare.com)
- **American Senior Homefinders** / Donna Rybacki, CPRS..**949-278-0155**  
[donna@americanseniorhomefinders.com](mailto:donna@americanseniorhomefinders.com)
- **Clear Choice Senior Services** / Linda Armas, CPRS..... **714-404-8210**  
[www.Linda4Seniors@yahoo.com](mailto:www.Linda4Seniors@yahoo.com)
- **Senior Solutions** / Pauline Hampton.....**714-318-0835**  
[seniorsolutions03@gmail.com](mailto:seniorsolutions03@gmail.com)
- **Trusted Senior Placement, Inc.** / Teresa Jepson..... **714-533-4015**  
[www.TrustedSeniorPlacement.com](http://www.TrustedSeniorPlacement.com)

## Attorney ~ Elder Law

**Attorneys** have a duty of loyalty to their clients and to respect client decisions. Many seniors invite the assistance of people such as family members. It is important to choose those who have proven themselves trustworthy. Your estate plan documents will name people to help you manage in the future if your health declines. So choose wisely. Your estate plan documents are a blueprint for your future and include a trust, power of attorney, advance health care directive and related documents. Visit the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys for even more listings: [www.NAELA.org](http://www.NAELA.org)

### Anaheim

- **Patrick McNally**..... **714-988-6370**  
10231 S. Brookhurst Street, Ste #C, Anaheim  
<http://www.pmcnallylaw.com>

### Fullerton

- **Marty Burbank** ..... **714-525-4600**  
619 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton <https://www.ocelderlaw.com/>
- **Daniel R. York**..... **714-738-3400**  
1953 E. Chapman Ave., Fullerton Learn more at [www.DanYorkLaw.com](http://www.DanYorkLaw.com)

## Garden Grove

- **Michelle West** ..... 714-703-1500  
12431 Lewis St., Suite 102, Garden Grove

## Santa Ana

- **Elder Law and Disability Rights (ELDR) Center** ..... 714-617-5353  
1535 E. 17th St., Suite 104, Santa Ana [www.ELDRCenter.org/Fees.html](http://www.ELDRCenter.org/Fees.html)  
The ELDR Center uses a sliding-fee scale. Visit to learn more.
- **Legal Aid Society of Orange County** ..... 800-834-5001  
2101 N. Tustin Ave., Santa Ana  
The Legal Aid Society has *free* services for low-income adults and Orange County residents age 60 and above. You can get free advice and representation on benefits, health, housing, and more. They don't help with wills, trusts, suing for money, or criminal cases. Learn more at: [www.communitylegalsocal.org](http://www.communitylegalsocal.org)
- **Public Law Center** ..... 714-541-1010  
601 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana [www.PublicLawCenter.org/Services](http://www.PublicLawCenter.org/Services)  
You can get *free* legal help from the Public Law Center. They can help with health care, housing, Veterans benefits, wills, trusts and more.

## Care Management / Advocates

A **geriatric care manager** is a professional that can help you figure out the best kind of care for disabled and older adults. They can help you make a Care Plan, and make sure that the plan is followed. Geriatric care managers are certified professional caseworkers who specialize in geriatric care and advocacy for older adults. They work with a wide range of professionals to optimize a client's health and well-being. They are knowledgeable in health, housing, local resources, crisis intervention and some do medication management.

**Here are some geriatric care managers or advocates in Orange County:**

- **Deborah Beatty, RN** ..... 714-602-9910  
For more information, go to: [www.ProfessionalNursePartners.com](http://www.ProfessionalNursePartners.com)
- **Rosemary DeCuir (Advocate)** ..... 714-393-7192  
Learn more at: [www.alliancefamilyadvocates.com](http://www.alliancefamilyadvocates.com)
- **Lee-Anne Godfrey, BSN, RN, CMC** ..... 949-939-8439  
[www.RNhealthManagement.com](http://www.RNhealthManagement.com)
- **Darlene Mann, MSW** ..... 714-374-1854  
Contact her at: [DJMannMSW@gmail.com](mailto:DJMannMSW@gmail.com)
- **Concierge Care Navigators** ..... 714-619-2129  
Learn more at Council on Aging - Southern California [www.coasc.org](http://www.coasc.org)

**Your loved one may be able to get free care management if they qualify financially. Check these resources for more information:**



- **Council on Aging – Southern California** ..... **714-479-0107**  
 Council on Aging helps older adults stay healthy, connected and protected. They offer no-cost programs about Medicare health insurance, protection from financial abuse, as well as advocacy and patient rights in long term care facilities. They also have programs to help older adults stay connected with others. Learn more at [www.coasc.org](http://www.coasc.org)
- **Family Caregiver Resource Center of Orange County** ... **714-446-5030**  
 The Family Caregiver Resource Center helps families and caregivers cope with caring for an older adult. They have classes, counseling, support groups, and much more. Learn more at: [www.CaregiverOC.org](http://www.CaregiverOC.org)
- **Meals-on-Wheels OC Care Coordination**... ..... **714-220-0224**  
 Meals-on-Wheels Care Coordination program will deliver meals 5 days a week and set up daily visits from a care manager. The care manager will help your loved one get things like health care, therapy, and legal assistance. Visit: [www.mealsonwheelsoc.org](http://www.mealsonwheelsoc.org) to learn more.
- **OC Social Services – In-Home Support Services** ..... **714-825-3000**  
 In-Home Support Services (IHSS) are for older adults and people that are disabled or frail and have a low income. IHSS helps with house cleaning, shopping, cooking, laundry and personal care. If your income is high than allowed, you may have to pay for part of the services.  
[ssa.ocgov.com/elder/ihss](http://ssa.ocgov.com/elder/ihss)
- **Orange County Social Services Agency** ..... **800-281-9799**  
 Call to sign up for CalFresh (food stamps), Medi-Cal or IHSS.
- **PACE** (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) ..... **714-468-1100**  
 PACE is a Medicare and Medi-Cal program for older adults. They work with seniors to come up with a care plan that meets their needs so they can still live independently. To learn more, go to: [www.CalOptima.org](http://www.CalOptima.org)
- **Social Security Administration** ..... **800-772-1213**  
 Call to learn about SSI, social security, and where you can find a Social Security office near you. Call anytime for recorded information. If you would like to speak with a person, call Monday to Friday/7 am - 7 pm.
- **St. Jude Medical Center – Caring Neighbors** ..... **714-446-7064**  
 This free program supports low income seniors with friendly home visits and phone calls. The friendly visitor helps with errands, light housekeeping, and exercise. Visit [www.StJudeMedicalCenter.org](http://www.StJudeMedicalCenter.org) and search for “Senior Services” for more information.

## Disability Resources



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**Ability Tools** .....**800-390-2699** or (TTY) **800-900-0706**

Ability Tools connects Californians with disabilities to assistive technology devices, tools, and services. Learn more at [www.AbilityTools.org](http://www.AbilityTools.org)

**Adapt 2 It** ..... **949-457-1600**

Affordable quality adaptive solutions and assistive devices.

<https://www.adapt2it.com/index.htm>

**Aging and Disability Resource Connection of Orange County (ADRC)**

[www.adrcoc.org](http://www.adrcoc.org) .....**800-510-2020**

**Balance and Mobility Classes** go hand-in-hand with fall risk prevention, improved strength and muscle tone, and good overall health and vitality. Please check your local / city **Senior Center** for class days / times as well as the following additional class options:

**Center for Successful Aging / Cal State Fullerton** .....**657-278-7012**

**Office on Aging Resource Line**.....**714-480-6450**

**St. Jude Wellness Center** .....**714-578-8770**

**YMCA Family Center / Fullerton** ..... **714-879-9622**

**Braille Institute – Anaheim Center** .....**714-821-5000**

Braille Institute offers many free services for people with vision loss. They can help with low vision rehab consultations, library services, support groups, classes, and more. Learn more at [www.BrailleInstitute.org/Anaheim](http://www.BrailleInstitute.org/Anaheim)

**California Assistive Technology Network**.....**800-390-2699**

**TTY 800-900-0706**

CAT Network maintains a database of AT resources and providers in California, and can help locate sources of AT for specific disabilities. Referrals are made to groups that provide guidance about AT and to potential AT funding sources.

The AT Network can assist you with an Assistive Technology Loan Guarantee Program (low interest loan) to purchase AT devices. This program offers loans up to a maximum of \$20,000. Learn more at: [www.atnet.org](http://www.atnet.org)

**Dayle McIntosh Center** .....**714-621-3300** or **657-233-8140** (video phone)

Dayle McIntosh Center has 5 kinds of services: support services, skills training, transition assistance, services for the deaf, and community services.

Learn more by visiting: [www.DayleMC.org](http://www.DayleMC.org)

**Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program** ..... **800-806-1191** (TTY)

You may be able to get a free phone that makes it easier to hear, dial, and call. They have phones with big buttons, captions, picture dialing, and more. Go to:

[www.DDTP.org](http://www.DDTP.org) for more information.



**Disability Rights California**..... **800-776-5746** or **800-719-5798** (TTY)  
 Disability Rights California works with people who have disabilities to protect their legal rights. They can give you legal advice or representation, education, and support. Learn more at: [www.DisabilityRightsCA.org](http://www.DisabilityRightsCA.org)

**OC Aging and Disability Resource Connection** (ADRC) .. **715-839-4735** (TTY)  
 The ADRC helps people understand their options and connects them with the services and supports they need. Learn more at: [www.ADRCO.org](http://www.ADRCO.org)

**St. Jude Brain Injury Network** ..... **714-446-5626**  
 The Brain Injury Network helps people with traumatic brain injuries. They offer therapy, day health care, education, housing, and more. Visit: [www.TBIOC.org](http://www.TBIOC.org)  
 Technology is virtually bursting with exciting new tools for people with all types of disabilities. Contact California Assistive Technology Network for more information at: [www.atnet.org](http://www.atnet.org) and consider these interesting options as well:

### ***Life Changing Innovations and Technology For Disabilities***

1. **Active Protective** – aims to reduce seniors’ chances of fracturing their hips as a result of falling. **Airbag worn on a waist belt**, weighing less than 2 lbs., fitted with sensor and deploying during a fall to protect and prevent harm - alerting and caregivers as well. [www.activeprotective.com](http://www.activeprotective.com)
2. **EatWell** – Red, yellow and blue innovative flatware, cups, bowls and a tray **stimulates appetite** in Alzheimer’s patients and assists people with limited movement in their limbs eat independently. [www.eatwellset.com](http://www.eatwellset.com)
3. **eSight** – Goggles that **enable low vision or vision loss individuals to see**, be mobile and engage in virtually all activities of daily living. Promotes independence which may reduce depression. [www.esight.com](http://www.esight.com)
4. **Liftware** – A **stabilizing eating utensil** for those with Parkinson’s, Multiple Sclerosis or anyone else who may have hand tremors. Eat and not spill – molded to fit easily in the hand, motion sensors signal micro-processors how to compensate for a shaking hand. [www.eatwellset.com](http://www.eatwellset.com)
5. **Moby** - is **like bike-sharing for wheelchairs** consisting of "wheel-on" semi-autonomous electric devices that are located in urban hubs. It aims to make traveling around cities easier for people with lightweight wheelchairs. <https://mobilityunlimited.org/people/italdesign>
6. **NuEyes** – ‘Smart Glasses’ **enable those with macular degeneration to be mobile** or stationary vs. other technologies which require people to only be stationary. Encourages independence. [www.nueyes.com](http://www.nueyes.com)
7. **WHILL** – Wheelchair that comes at the touch of a button and drives itself, relying on front and back cameras. **Lightweight personal mobility**. Useful in malls, airports and city streets. <https://whill.us/>

### **Driver’s Education**

**AARP Smart Driver Class (Online)** ..... **800-424-3410**

Refresh your driving skills and stay safe on the road. Review rules of the road, new car technology, and more. Cost is \$25, or \$20 for AARP members. Learn more at [www.AARPDriverSafety.org](http://www.AARPDriverSafety.org)

**Mature Driver Class**..... **714-808-4909**

This free 1-day class will help you brush up on traffic laws and safe driving. You may be able to get a discount on your car insurance too. Mature driver classes are often held at Senior Centers. Call your local Senior Center for class days and times. (Go to [page 52-53](#) for Senior Centers in North Orange County)

**St. Jude Driver Assessment Program** ..... **714-578-8720 - ext. #3587**

The Driver Assessment Program is for seniors with driving concerns such as vision, reaction time, and more. It takes about 3 to 4 hours, and you'll need a doctor's referral. After, you'll get written recommendations and resources for safe driving. Go to [www.StJudeMedicalCenter.org](http://www.StJudeMedicalCenter.org) and search "driver safety."

**The Driving Center ~ Debbie Ricker, OTR** ..... **562-760-1400**

Program offers clinical driving evaluation, in-vehicle driving evaluation, clinical driving training, in-vehicle driver training, and mobility training for alternative transportation for 65+ and disabled persons. Specializing in cognitive impairment /dementia evaluation. Contact her at: [dbrckr@aol.com](mailto:dbrckr@aol.com)

**For Driver and DMV Advocacy, contact:**

**Teresa Thompson** ..... **310-615-3552**

Senior Driver Ombudsman-Driver Safety Manager / Southern California Region

***DRIVING DO'S AND DON'TS***

***Know When To Adjust Your Driving Decisions***

You may need to make modifications to improve your driving skills and abilities if you experience any of the issues listed below:

- a. Bad judgement when making left-hand turns
- b. Braking and accelerating at the same time
- c. Confusing the gas and brake pedal
- d. Confusion at exits
- e. Decreased confidence when making decisions
- f. Depending on a "co-pilot" for driving decisions
- g. Difficulty looking over your shoulder or turning your head
- h. Failure to stop at a Stop sign or red light
- i. Getting lost in familiar places
- j. Hitting curbs
- k. Increased agitation or irritation while driving
- l. Moving into the wrong lane or driving in the middle of the lane
- m. Near misses with other vehicles or pedestrians
- n. Not signaling, leaving turn signal on, or incorrect signaling
- o. Scrapes or dents on the car, mailbox or garage ~ car crashes

**Fall Risk Reduction**

Please utilize the Check List on the next page to help ensure the safety of someone you care about.

<b>Fall Reduction / Home Safety Check List</b>		
<b>ENTRANCES</b>	OK	Fix
Steps ~ is there a railing and is it secure? Is there a ramp or need for a ramp? <i>(See Page 40)</i>		
Are walks and driveways free of breaks and uneven surfaces?		
Do you have lighting to provide safe walking at night?		
<b>LIVING ROOM AND BEDROOMS</b>		
Can you turn on lights upon entrance into room?		
Are you able to turn on light, radio, TV, or call from bed / chair?		
Are phone / extension cords away from all areas where you walk?		
Are floors clear of clutter, shoes and pet toys?		
Do throw rugs have non-skid strips or rug tape applied to them?		
Do you wear a device to obtain emergency help? <i>(See Page 49)</i>		
Widen or clear pathways by re-arranging furniture.		
<b>KITCHEN</b>		
Is floor clear of clutter? <i>(See Pages 40 and 43)</i>		
Are items / cupboards within easy reach (upper and lower)?		
<b>BATHROOM</b>		
Is there a nightlight in the bathroom?		
Does shower or tub have non-skid surfaces (mat, decal or strips)?		
Does the tub or shower have sturdy grab bars?		
Are floors kept dry and do they have a non-slip surface?		
Do bathroom rugs have non-skid backing?		
Are you able to get off and on the toilet easily?		
Are there grab bars to make getting up easier? <i>(See Page 40)</i>		
<b>STAIRWAYS AND HALLWAYS</b>		
Can stairway be lighted from top and bottom of steps?		
Is there a handrail and is it solid and sturdy?		
Are steps in good repair?		
<b>HEAT / VENTILATION / SECURITY / FIRE</b>		
Are there smoke/CO detectors and a fire extinguisher? <i>(Page 20)</i>		
Are thermostat displays easily readable / accessible?		

**Are you worried that a friend or family member may fall and get hurt? You can help them prevent falls. Here are 3 easy steps you can take:**

1. **Get a fall risk assessment for their home.** Many agencies will do in-home fall risk assessments for free. St. Joseph and St. Jude Medical Center will come to your loved one's home to do a fall risk assessment. Just call:
  - **St. Joseph Hospital Rehabilitation Services** ..... **714-771-8222**
  - **St. Jude Medical Center – Senior Services** ..... **714-446-7064**

2. **Sign them up for older adult balance and exercise classes.** Check your local senior center for class days and times. *Page 52-53* for a list of senior centers in North Orange County. You can also find exercise and mobility classes at:
- **CSUF Center for Successful Aging** ..... **657-278-7012**
  - **OC Office on Aging** ..... **714-480-6450**
  - **St. Jude Center for Rehabilitation and Wellness** ..... **714-578-8770**
  - **Fullerton Family YMCA** ..... **714-879-9622**
3. **Learn what else you can do to help prevent falls** by going to these websites:
- **Centers for Disease Control** ..... [www.CDC.gov/Steady/Patient.html](http://www.CDC.gov/Steady/Patient.html)
  - **Fall Prevention Center of Excellence** ..... [www.StopFalls.org](http://www.StopFalls.org)
  - **OC Down With Falls Coalition** ..... [www.DownWithFalls.org](http://www.DownWithFalls.org)

## Fiduciaries

A **fiduciary** (fih-doo-she-air-ree) is someone that promises to act in your loved one's best interest. They can represent and carry out your loved one's wishes now, or when they can't make their own choices, or after they pass away. They can help your loved one take care of their banking, daily care needs, and more. Who needs a Professional Fiduciary?

- Those who don't want to burden or want to avoid conflict with family or friends
- Those who don't have family or friends capable of serving
- Those who want to ensure their wishes are carried out
- Those who have cognitive or physical limitations
- Those who are vulnerable to abuse, neglect or financial exploitations

A Licensed Professional Fiduciary can serve as your agent to represent and carry out your wishes now or when you become incapacitated (under a Power of Attorney for Finance and/or Healthcare or as your Trustee) or after you have passed away (as a Successor Trustee and/or Executor of a Will). For more information on hiring a fiduciary and what they can do go to:

- The California Professional Fiduciaries Bureau: [www.fiduciary.ca.gov](http://www.fiduciary.ca.gov)
- The Professional Fiduciary Association of California: [www.pfac-pro.org](http://www.pfac-pro.org)
- The National Guardianship Association: [www.guardianship.org](http://www.guardianship.org)

Learn more about fiduciaries on California's Professional Fiduciary Association website. Check if a fiduciary is licensed by going to: [www.Fiduciary.CA.gov](http://www.Fiduciary.CA.gov)

**If you choose to hire a fiduciary, you'll want someone that is licensed. Here are some licensed professional fiduciaries in Orange County:**

- **Golden State Fiduciary Solutions, Rob Saslow** ..... **949-335-7085**
- **OC Probate and Trust Services, Becky Cote** ..... **714-662-3000**

- **Secure Fiduciary Services, Mark McKibbin..... 714-293-2416**

### **5 Easy Tips To Boost Your Retirement Savings At Any Age**

1. **Stash extra funds** – if you get a raise share it with your savings account
2. Take advantage of **catch-up contributions** if you are age 50 or older
3. Automate your savings – Make your **savings automatic** each month
4. Open an **IRA** (Individual Retirement Account) and **keep adding to it**
5. **Consider delaying** Social Security as you get closer to retirement

## **Financial Advisors / Planners**

**Look for someone that's fee-only, not fee-based.** Ask how your advisor will be paid and whether the advisor will be in a fiduciary relationship with you.

**Here are some fee-only financial advisors in North Orange County:**

- **Eclectic Associates .....** **714-738-0220**  
1021 W. Bastanchury Rd., Suite 120, Fullerton  
To learn more, go to [www.EclecticAssociates.com](http://www.EclecticAssociates.com)
- **Garrett Planning Network..... 913-268-1500**  
Find a local planner at [www.GarrettPlanningNetwork.com](http://www.GarrettPlanningNetwork.com)
- **KNR Consulting Group, Inc. ....949-218-3900**  
2802 Cabot Road, Ste. #800, Laguna Nigel  
[www.knrconsultinggroup.com](http://www.knrconsultinggroup.com)

**For more help choosing a financial advisor, read...**

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- **Investing / Financial Professionals** - California Attorney General  
For guidance in choosing financial professionals, go to:  
<https://oag.ca.gov/consumers/general/investing-financial-professionals>
- **Healthcare and Elder Law Programs (HELP) ... 310-533-1996** Low cost and free services for seniors and their families. Download the "Ask First!" screening sheet from <http://www.help4srs.org/seniors-beware-ask-first/>
- To answer your legal questions about financial planning, elder care, and more go to [www.Help4Srs.org](http://www.Help4Srs.org)

## **Food Resources – Park-It-Markets For Seniors**

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**Comprehensive Emergency Food Resources Guide .....** **211 or 888-600-4357**  
Emergency Groceries and Prepared Food in Orange County (OC 211 Services)

**Second Harvest Food Bank .....** **949-653-2900**  
Go to: [www.FeedOC.org](http://www.FeedOC.org) for a list of places that you can get free food.

**COVID-19** has changed the food distribution services and each location does things a bit differently now. **Check with your local Senior Center** for more information. Second Harvest Food Bank previously worked with local senior centers to offer the very successful and popular **Park-It Market** program. It

provides grocery shopping once a week for seniors and consists of a partially refrigerated truck that parks at Senior Centers on designated mornings. Food items include fresh meat, eggs, dairy items, vegetables, fruit, canned goods, bread and more. Shopping limited to one bag per person - bring your own bag. **Be sure and check each city's senior center website** for more information.

### Fullerton

- **Fullerton Senior Center** ..... **714-738-6575**  
340 W Commonwealth Ave, Fullerton, CA 92832 – Check for days/times  
<https://fullertoncommunitycenter.com/senior-services-programs/>

### Garden Grove

- **Orange County Food Bank / Sr. Food Box** ..... **714-897-6670**  
11870 Monarch St., Garden Grove Monday-Friday [www.OCFoodBank.org](http://www.OCFoodBank.org)

### La Habra

- **Park-It-Market** ..... **562-383-4200**  
101 W La Habra Blvd, La Habra, CA 90631 / Check for days / times  
<https://www.lahabracity.com/486/Social-Senior-Services>

### Placentia

- **Senior Center / Park-It-Market** ..... **714-986-2333**  
143 S Bradford Avenue Placentia, CA 92870 / Check for days / times  
<https://www.placentia.org/339/Senior-Center>

### Yorba Linda

- **Park-It-Market / Food Distribution** ..... **714-961-7181**  
4501 Casa Loma Ave, Yorba Linda, CA 92886 / Check for days / times  
<https://www.yorbalindaca.gov/388/Older-Adult-Programs>

**Surplus Food Distribution at many Senior Centers ~ (see pages 52-53)**

## Friendly Visitor Programs

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**Friendly Visitors** are background checked, trained, compassionate and helpful volunteers who may offer in-home visits, telephone calls, help around the house or shopping and who will lend a hand with the “little things” that come up in life. *Loneliness prevention and isolation reduction are part of their goal.* Programs differ in scope and services so call for more information. See inside back cover of the Senior Resource Guide for more information and suggestions.

- **Council on Aging – Southern California** ..... **714-479-0107**
- **Independence At Home** ..... **866-563-7380**
- **MECCA (Multi-Language / Multi-Cultural)** ..... **714-202-4750**
- **Meals-On-Wheels OC** ..... **714-229-3349**
- **Project L.I.F.E.** ..... **714-612-0306**

- **St. Jude Medical Center / Senior Services .....714-446-7064**

## Funeral Services

### Anaheim

- **Anaheim Cemetery and Scatter Gardens ..... 714-535-4928**  
1400 E. Sycamore St., Anaheim

### Brea

- **Memory Garden Memorial Park..... 714-529-3961**  
455 W. Central Ave., Brea

### Costa Mesa

- **Neptune Society of OC** /Pre-arrangement .....**714-730-1450**  
7589 W. 19<sup>th</sup> St., Costa Mesa / Immediate Need .....**800-225-1601**

### Cypress

- **Forest Lawn..... 714-828-3131**  
4471 Lincoln Ave., Cypress

### Fullerton

- **Accu-Care Cremation and Funerals..... 844-550-7897**  
1410 S. Acacia Ave., Suite D, Fullerton
- **Loma Vista Memorial Park ..... 714-525-1575**  
701 E. Bastanchury Rd., Fullerton
- **McAulay and Wallace Mortuary ..... 714-525-4721**  
902 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton

### Orange

- **Catholic Cemeteries ..... 714-532-6551**  
7845 E. Santiago Canyon Rd., Orange

### Santa Ana

- **Fairhaven Memorial Park and Mortuary ..... 714-633-1442**  
1702 Fairhaven Ave., Santa Ana

### Body and Organ Donations

Visit [www.som.uci.edu/WilledBody](http://www.som.uci.edu/WilledBody), [www.ScienceCare.com](http://www.ScienceCare.com), or the National Disease Research Interchange at [www.NDRResource.org](http://www.NDRResource.org) to learn more about donating your body after death.

## Geriatricians *(Doctors who specialize in treating older adults - page 11)*

St. Jude Medical Group and UCI have geriatricians.

### Diamond Bar

- **David Rhodes, MD ..... 909-860-1144**  
1514 S, Valley Vista Dr, Diamond

### Fullerton

- **Fouzia Asif, MD** ..... 714-449-6900  
2720 N. Harbor Blvd., #100, Fullerton
  - **Bruce Mutter, MD** ..... 714-449-6900  
2720 N. Harbor Blvd., #100, Fullerton
  - **Kiho Woo, MD** ..... 714-447-5027  
241 E. Imperial Hwy., #350, Fullerton
- Yorba Linda**
- **Ana I. Ivanova, MD**..... 714-577-6656  
4300 Rose Dr., Suite R, Yorba Linda

**UC Irvine Health SeniorHealth Center** .....714-456-7007  
101 The City Dr. South Orange  
[www.ucirvinehealth.org/medical-services/senior-health/](http://www.ucirvinehealth.org/medical-services/senior-health/)

**UC Irvine SeniorHealth HAPS** .....714-456-7007

UC Irvine Health Assessment Program for Seniors is a comprehensive medical assessment designed to assist older adults with complex medical, psychological and social challenges. It involves a thorough evaluation by a geriatrician, neuropsychologist, pharmacist, nutritionist, social worker and occupational therapist. Health and medical services are available in multiple languages ~ ask for what you need.

- **Lisa Gibbs, MD** — Division Chief, Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology

## Grief Support Groups

### Brea

- **St. Angela Merici Catholic Church** ..... 714-529-6776  
2 Thursdays each month, 7 pm to 9 pm

### Fullerton

- **First Evangelical Free Church** ..... 714-529-5544  
Tuesdays, 7:30 pm to 9 pm
- **Fullerton Senior Center** ..... 714-738-6305  
Mondays, 12:30 pm to 2 pm / Wednesdays, 1 pm to 2:30 pm
- **St. Jude Medical Center – Healing Hearts After Loss** .... 877-459-3627  
Every Thursday, 1:30 pm to 3 pm

### Santa Ana

- **Funeraria Familiar / Family Mortuary**..... 714-953-9045  
Spanish ONLY 3rd Thursdays / 5 – 6:30 p.m.

### Yorba Linda

- **St. Martin de Porres Church**..... 714-970-2771



1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9 am to 10:30 a.m.

- **Yorba Linda Friends Church**..... **714-777-2875**  
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7 pm to 9 pm

### **Hearing Aid Technology Makes A BIG Difference**

The right hearing aids can totally change your life! Hearing aids have four basic parts: 1) **Microphone**; 2) **Processor**; 3) **Receiver**; and 4) **Power Source** (battery) and can be considered either basic or advanced based on the sophistication of the processor. Even today's basic digital hearing aids offer far more benefit than the best hearing aids of previous generations. *Speak to an insurance agent/broker to see how it can be a covered benefit! (Pages 43-44).*

#### **Basic Hearing Aid Technology Can Include:**

- Data logging – stores data for your listening preferences, volume, etc.
- Digital Noise Reduction
- Directional Microphone Systems
- Feedback Management Systems
- FM Compatibility improves the frequency to noise ratio
- Impulse Noise Reduction
- Telecoil – eliminates the potential for feedback
- Wind Noise Reduction

#### **Advanced Hearing Aid Technology Can Include:**

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) learns your hearing likings for volume, etc.
- Binaural Processing mimics the brain's ability to process information
- Bluetooth helps to improve the signal-to-noise ratio and end feedback
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Tinnitus Masking Features
- Top of the line sound processing and frequency response coming from both ears and helps reduce manual adjustments

## **Hearing Centers**

Visit a **hearing center** to get your ears tested, fitted for a hearing aid, or treated for ringing in the ears. They can even make you special ear plugs to protect your ears from loud sounds. An **Audiologist** will test your hearing level.

### **Anaheim**

- **Anaheim Hearing Center** ..... **714-408-2209**  
200 N. Harbor Blvd., #110, Anaheim, CA 92805  
Learn more at [www.AnaheimHearing.com](http://www.AnaheimHearing.com)

### **Brea**

- **Brea Hearing Center** ..... **714-255-8395**  
385 W. Central Ave., Unit A, Brea, CA 92821

Visit [www.AnaheimHearing.com](http://www.AnaheimHearing.com) to learn more.

## Fullerton

- **Beltone Southern California** ..... **714-672-9445**  
1020 E. Bastanchury Rd., Fullerton, CA 92835  
For more information, go to [www.BeltoneSC.com](http://www.BeltoneSC.com)
- **Fullerton Hearing Center** ..... **714-871-0632**  
1843 N. Euclid St., Fullerton, CA 92835  
Learn more at [www.FullertonHearing.com](http://www.FullertonHearing.com)

## Orange

- **House Providence Hearing Health Center** ..... **714-516-9570**  
1046 W. Town and County Rd., Building G, Orange CA 92868  
Visit [www.HouseProvidence.org](http://www.HouseProvidence.org) for more information.
- **Word and Brown Hearing Center** ..... **714-602-2797**  
1310 Stewart Dr., Orange, CA 92868  
Learn more at [www.WBHearingCenter.com](http://www.WBHearingCenter.com)

## Hoarding / Cluttering Clean-up

**AAA Hoarding and Biohazard Removal** ..... **800-818-6493**  
Call anytime for help with hoarding clean up. They do everything from sorting to deep cleaning. Learn more at [www.AAAHoardingBiohazard.com](http://www.AAAHoardingBiohazard.com)

**Maid in California** ..... **714-505-0900**  
Maid in California does everything from light cleaning to hoarding clean up. They can also help with pest control, laundry, and home repair. Go to [www.MaidInCalifornia.com](http://www.MaidInCalifornia.com) to learn more.

**Steri-Clean, LLC** ..... **714-899-4225**  
Steri-Clean has many hoarding clean up options, from complete clean out to organizing and recovering items of importance. Visit [www.Steri-Clean.com](http://www.Steri-Clean.com) for more information.

## Home Improvement and Repair

**Adray's VP Handyman and Construction Services** ..... **714-921-9616**  
249 E. Emerson Ave., Suite B, Orange                      Go to: [www.VPHandyman.com](http://www.VPHandyman.com)

**Arturo Daniel / Just-What-You-Need-Handyman** ..... **562-481-9927**

**All Pro Builders, Inc.** ..... **714-255-0131**  
1400 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton                      Go to: [www.AllProBuildersInc.com](http://www.AllProBuildersInc.com)

**Amramp** ..... **310-530-1570**  
Sell and install ramps, stair lifts, roll-in showers, etc. [www.AmRamp.com/LAOC](http://www.AmRamp.com/LAOC)

**AtHome Living Solutions** ..... **949-348-0188**

Help people with disabilities get around easier. Go to: [www.AtHome4.com](http://www.AtHome4.com)

**Dennis Botto ~ Lic. #562844 / Construction and Repair .....714-747-3939**

**H and H Bath and Safety..... 626-344-9779**

Install grab bars, shower seats, walk-in tubs, etc. [www.HHBathAndSafety.com](http://www.HHBathAndSafety.com)

**Mobile Home Repair/Prof. Mobile Remodeling, Inc. ....714-738-7036**

**Scotty's Family Plumbing .....562-290-3614**

**Veterans Home Repair *See Page 52***

## **Home Services (That Come To You!)**

Does your loved one have trouble leaving the house? If so, think about hiring someone that can come to their home. From haircuts to speech therapy, many services will come to you.

### **Barber / Hairdresser**

- **Color Masters Hair ~ I Travel To You! Colleen Botto....714-633-5240**
- **Erika's Mobile Hair Salon ~ I Come To You! .....714-737-2416**
- **Mobile Hair by Jon-Paul..... 949-415-4247**  
Visit [www.MobileHairByJonPaul.com](http://www.MobileHairByJonPaul.com) to learn more

### **Computer Assistance (Mobile)**

- **The Computer Guys (will travel to clients).....626-205-4004**  
<https://www.thecomputerguysonline.com/>

### **Dental**

- **Ann Bui, RDHAP, B.S., Mobile Dental Hygienist ..... 562-281-5628**
- **Jessica L. Woods, RDHAP..... 714-292-3291**  
Learn more at [www.DentalHygieneDirect.com](http://www.DentalHygieneDirect.com)
- **HomeCare Dentists ..... 949-429-7100**  
For more information, go to [www.HomeCareDentists.com](http://www.HomeCareDentists.com)

### **Doctors**

- **Lynda Adrig, MD ..... 949-855-7255**  
Check [www.OCHousecalls.com](http://www.OCHousecalls.com) for a list of services.
- **John M. Geiss, DO ..... 714-577-2271**  
For more information, go to [www.GeissMed.com](http://www.GeissMed.com)
- **HouseCall Doctors ..... 800-964-4364**  
Learn more at [www.HouseCallDoctorsMedicalGroup.com](http://www.HouseCallDoctorsMedicalGroup.com)

### **Manicurist**

- **Mobile Couture Nails / Carolyn Reyes .....712-651-0055**
- **Soonie Mobile Nails / "I'll Come To You!" .....512-905-4568**

### **Massage Therapy**

- **JayaCare Mobile Wellness – Yoana Georgiev, LMT** ..... 949-302-2545

## Medical Supplies

- **Apria Healthcare** ..... 888-492-7742  
Find more information at [www.Apria.com](http://www.Apria.com)
- **At Home Medical** ..... 714-556-4663  
Learn more at [www.idamed.com](http://www.idamed.com)
- **Emporium Medical Equipment** ..... 714-224-7474  
<https://www.healthcare6.com> › Medicare Supplier › California › Fullerton
- **Horizon Oxygen and Medical Equipment, Inc.** ..... 714-575-8901  
Visit [www.HorizonOxygen.com](http://www.HorizonOxygen.com) for more information.
- **Night and Day LLC** ..... 714-558-7746
- **Med2U Healthcare** ..... 844-886-3328  
Learn more at [www.Med2U.com](http://www.Med2U.com)

## Mobile Notary

- **Aaron Davila, Mobile Notary** ..... 714-595-7769

## Nurses

- **Home Care Providers** [www.homecareproviders.com](http://www.homecareproviders.com) ..... 714-671-6877
- **Visiting Nurses Association of Orange County** ..... 949-263-4700  
Learn more at [www.vnahhs.com](http://www.vnahhs.com)
- **St. Joseph Home Care Services – Nurse Next Door** ..... 714-712-9500  
Go to [www.StJosephHomeHealth.org](http://www.StJosephHomeHealth.org) and search for “Nurse Next Door”

## Occupational Therapy

- **Rehab Without Walls** ..... 866-734-2296  
Visit [www.RehabWithoutWalls.com](http://www.RehabWithoutWalls.com) for more information

## Physical Therapy

- **Lifetime Physical Therapy and Fitness** ..... 714-337-4511  
Learn more at [www.LifetimePT.com](http://www.LifetimePT.com)
- **Rehab Without Walls** ..... 866-734-2296

## Podiatry (Foot Care)

- **Virgil Hernandez, DPM, AME** ..... 714-265-5824
- **James C. Lee, DPM** ..... 714-777-0750  
Learn more at [www.OCFootSurgery.com](http://www.OCFootSurgery.com)
- **Paul Yoon, DPM** ..... 714-535-3668  
To learn more, go to [www.YoonPodiatry.com](http://www.YoonPodiatry.com)

## Speech Therapy

- **Rehab Without Walls** ..... 866-734-2296  
Visit [www.RehabWithoutWalls.com](http://www.RehabWithoutWalls.com) for more information

## Housekeeping / Cleaning Services

**These cleaning services are licensed, insured, and bonded.** Bonding is a kind of insurance. It will pay if your cleaner steals from you or breaks something you own, or unemployment if they get hurt at your house

- **The Maids** ..... 714-838-2255
- **Maid in California** ..... 714-505-0900
- **White Glove** ..... 714-775-7392

## Housing Help and Information

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**Fair Housing Council of Orange County** ..... 714-569-0823

The Fair Housing Council has free and low-cost counseling for people that want to learn about their housing rights and responsibilities. Learn more at [www.FairHousingOC.org](http://www.FairHousingOC.org)

**Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** ..... 714-796-5577

Visit the HUD website at [www.HUD.gov](http://www.HUD.gov) to find affordable rentals and housing.

## In-Home Care

**In-home care** is for older adults that need help with day-to-day activities. The in-home care agencies listed in this guide are licensed by the State of California and are screened, bonded, and background checked. Learn about in-home care, how to choose a caregiver and how much it costs on [pages 13-15](#).

- **24 Hour Home Care** ..... 714-881-4245
- **A-1 Home Care Services** ..... 562-929-8400
- **Accredited Home Care** ..... 714-973-1234
- **All Ways Caring HomeCare** ..... 714-669-1148
- **Attentive Home Care** ..... 714-516-9200
- **Comfort Keepers** ..... 714-202-0197
- **Home Care Assistance** ..... 949-200-3939
- **Home Care Providers** ..... 714-671-6877
- **Home Instead Senior Care** ..... 714-871-4274
- **Horizon Senior Services, Inc.** ..... 714-696-7230
- **Nurse Next Door - St. Joseph Home Care Services** ..... 714-712-7100
- **Right At Home Care For Seniors** ..... 714-730-2647
- **Senior Helpers** ..... 714-694-0992

## Insurance

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Insurance can be confusing. Many people have a hard time understanding it. Call one of these insurance agents, they can tell you about Medicare plans.

- **Martha T. Collins, RHU @ Martin & Associates** .....714-879-9880  
Independent Agent, License #0788313
- **Barbara Gamboa ~ Health Insurance Agent** .....714-446-7154  
Independent Agent, License #0713821 /Auth. Insurance ~ St. Jude Medical Center

### **5 BIG Mistakes in Medicare Enrollment**

- Mistake 1:** Signing up too early or too late for Medicare and its different parts
- Mistake 2:** Not understanding the difference between a Medicare Supplement and a Medicare Advantage plan
- Mistake 3:** Guessing vs. researching when picking specific plans
- Mistake 4:** Not applying for extra financial help
- Mistake 5:** Not re-evaluating your coverage every year

- **Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program ... 800-434-0222**  
For free, unbiased, personalized assistance and counseling regarding Medicare coverage options, benefits, enrollment, or any other Medicare related topic, please contact the Council on Aging's HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program). Understand your Medicare benefits. *No insurance sales – only counseling.* Learn more at [www.COASC.org](http://www.COASC.org) .....714-560-0424

### **Meal Delivery Options (At Home)**



Get breakfast, lunch, dinner and more delivered from your favorite restaurants to your doorstep with one easy click. Order, pay and schedule delivery online. Usually 30-40 minutes delivery time. *Easy to order for loved ones too!*

**Door Dash**...<https://www.doordash.com/food-delivery/orange-ca-restaurants/>  
**Postmates**.....<https://postmates.com/delivery/orange-county>  
**Uber Eats**.....<https://www.ubereats.com/category/orange-county/fast-food>

**Fullerton Meals-On-Wheels** ..... **714-871-2200**  
Volunteer delivered meals through the Assistance League of Fullerton

**LifeSpring Home Nutrition**..... **800-798-5767**  
Choose from frozen, diabetic friendly meals that are lower in salt, cholesterol, and saturated fat. Learn more at [www.LifeSpringMeals.com](http://www.LifeSpringMeals.com)

**Meals-on-Wheels OC** ..... **714-220-0224**  
Meals-on-Wheels is a low-cost program that delivers 3 daily meals Monday – Friday homebound seniors, Monday to Friday. Their meals are low in salt, cholesterol, and saturated fat. Learn more at [www.CommunitySeniorServ.org](http://www.CommunitySeniorServ.org)

**Mom's Meals** ..... **877-508-6667**  
Refrigerated meals/spec. diets/gluten free/heart healthy [www.MomsMeals.com](http://www.MomsMeals.com)

**Senior Centers** can also help with meals and food for older adults-*pages 52-53*

### **3 Ways Hearing Loss Impacts Memory Loss**

Most people view ailments like hearing loss, failing memory and dementia as normal consequences of aging. There is a growing body of research that shows hearing loss can lead to conditions like dementia. **Hearing aids can help protect brain health** and ward off cognitive decline. Don't let your hearing loss affect your memory! (*see pages 39-40 for Hearing Aid information*)  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jgs.13649/full>

1. **Stress** – When you strain to hear your brain experiences cognitive overload. The more severe your hearing loss, the more resources your brain has to divert from other tasks to help you understand - and that creates stress.
2. **Isolation** – When you have to work extra hard to hear, you tend to start isolating yourself. You get tired of asking, “What?” Prolonged social isolation leads to depression and changes in the brain and memory loss.
3. **Too much quiet time** – When you isolate yourself your brain goes from having to work really hard to not working very much at all. As areas of your brain go unused, they shrink or get taken over for other duties.

## **Memory and Brain Health**



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**Alzheimer's Association** ..... **800-272-3900**

You can call the Alzheimer's Association Helpline any time or day. Or visit their website at [www.alz.org/OC](http://www.alz.org/OC) to take online classes or join a support group.

**Alzheimer's Orange County** ..... **844-435-7259**

Alzheimer's Orange County has *free* programs, services and resources. They help you and your loved one adjust to and cope with dementia. [www.alzoc.org](http://www.alzoc.org)

**Cognitive Care Solutions** ..... **714-545-3390**

This agency helps with mental wellness therapy and tests for older adults with or without mild dementia. Learn more at [www.CognitiveCareSolutions.com](http://www.CognitiveCareSolutions.com)

**Neurology Center of North Orange County** ..... **714-879-7200**

As the largest neurologist group in North Orange County, board certified neurologists participate in clinical trials sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, etc., which give our patients the option to pursue cutting edge therapies. Dr. Ciabarra, Dr. Moon, and Dr. Bath are on the medical staff at St. Jude Medical Center and serve as co-medical directors of the Stroke Service.  
<http://www.neurologyoc.com/>

**Orange County Vital Brain Aging Program** ..... **949-764-6288**

Come in for a \$45 memory test, or go online for memory tests you can do on your own. Learn how to keep your brain healthy and more at [www.OCBrain.org](http://www.OCBrain.org)

**Pharmacology Research Institute (PRI)..... 714-827-3672**

Join a specialized research study for *free* brain health check-ups and other memory tests. Transportation may be provided. Visit: [www.priresearch.com](http://www.priresearch.com)

**UC Irvine Health – Memory Assessment Clinic..... 714-456-7007**

Are you worried that your memory is getting worse? Call to make an appointment for a memory screening. Go to [www.UCIrvineHealth.org](http://www.UCIrvineHealth.org)

**UCI MIND .....949-824-2382**

Institute for Memory Impairments and Neurological Disorders. A state and federally sponsored program providing specialized assessment for patients with Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders. Go to: [www.alz.uci.edu/ucimind](http://www.alz.uci.edu/ucimind)

### ***Memory Assessment ~ What’s ‘Normal’?***

Have you ever misplaced your keys, forgotten a phone number or drawn a blank when trying to recall someone’s name? For some people, this type of forgetfulness is a normal part of aging and generally not a cause for concern. When memory loss becomes disabling or interferes with daily living, it may be a warning sign of something more.

#### ***Recognizing the Early Signs of Memory Loss Problems***

A memory assessment should be sought if you notice an older adult:

1. Displays confusion with time or place
2. Exhibits challenges in planning or problem solving
3. Experiencing memory changes that disrupt daily life
4. Has difficulty completing familiar tasks (i.e. gets lost driving to a local store)
5. Has trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
6. Hides memory loss to create an acceptable social image
7. Loses the ability to join in or actively contribute to conversations
8. Loses the ability to learn / retain new information or perform new tasks
9. Misplaces things and loses the ability to retrace steps
10. Withdraws from work or isolates from social activities

#### ***When to Call a Doctor***

There are many possible causes for memory loss. It’s important to identify and address the underlying cause. Symptoms of memory loss can be caused by a condition such as Alzheimer’s disease, or by other conditions such as undetected small strokes. Other things that can contribute to memory loss include depression, anxiety, medication interactions, thyroid disorders, sleep problems, dehydration, and vitamin deficiencies.

Each type of dementia or medical condition requires its own treatment approach. Please contact your physician if you have concerns or schedule an appointment at any one of the Memory Assessment programs in Orange County ~ learn more. *Page 45*



### **For Mental Health Emergencies, Call...**

**Centralized Assessment Team (CAT) Orange County..... 866-830-6011**

You can learn more about CAT at:

[www.OCHHealthInfo.com/CATPERT](http://www.OCHHealthInfo.com/CATPERT)

### **Suicide Among Older Adults**

Notably, suicide is particularly high among older, white males. In fact, the rate of suicide in the oldest group of white males (ages 85+) is over **four times higher** than the nation's overall rate of suicide and women commit suicide too.

#### **Identifying Warning Signs For Suicide**

A person who may be thinking about suicide likely does not want to die, but is in search of some way to make pain or suffering go away. Older people who attempt suicide are often more isolated, more likely to have a plan, and more determined than younger adults. Suicide attempts are more likely to end in death for older adults than younger adults, especially when attempted by men. Women typically use less lethal methods, but their depression is just as real. Use the checklist below if someone you know may be showing warning signs.

#### **Risk Factors And Warning Signs**

Suicidal warning signs in older adults may be linked to important risk factors:

- Access to lethal means (i.e. firearms, other weapons, etc.)
- Alcohol or medication misuse or abuse
- Daring or risk-taking behavior
- Depression
- Family discord or losses (i.e., recent death of a loved one)
- Feeling a loss of independence or a loss of sense of purpose
- Giving away prized possessions
- Impulsivity due to cognitive impairment
- Inflexible personality or marked difficulty adapting to change
- Marked feelings of hopelessness; lack of interest in future plans
- Medical conditions that significantly limit functioning or life expectancy
- Prior suicide attempts
- Social isolation
- Sudden personality changes
- Verbal suicide threats such as, "You'd be better off without me" or "Maybe I won't be around long."

#### **Preventing Suicide**

It is crucial that friends and family of older adults identify signs of suicidal thoughts and take appropriate follow-up actions to prevent them from acting on these thoughts. *Suicidal thoughts are often a symptom of depression and should always be taken seriously.* Keep in touch and keep following up.

1. **Speak Up If You're Worried** – Start a conversation – "Are you OK? I've been worried lately". **Listen** but DON'T argue, minimize or criticize.
2. **Act Quickly In A Crisis** - If someone you know has a suicide plan *with*

*intent to act*, you should not leave them alone – call **9-1-1** or a mental health professional and make sure to stay with them until emergency services are in place. *See pages 46 – 48 for more information*

3. **Offer Help and Support** – “You’re not alone – let’s work together on this.”

### **Direct Mental Health Services / Agencies / Classes / Hot and Warm Lines:**

**Brea Resource Center, Counseling Services** ..... 714-990-7150  
**Didi Hirsch Crisis Hot Line** ..... 877-727-4747  
**Gary Center, Counseling Svcs. (La Habra)** ..... 562-264-6000  
**Mental Health Association (MHA)** ..... 714-547-7559  
**NAMI OC Warm Line**..... 714-991-6412  
**OC Wellness Center / Central (Tustin)** .....714-361-4860  
**OC Wellness Center / West (Garden Grove)** .....657-667-6455  
**Orange County Older Adult Services** ..... 714-972-3700

**Cognitive Care Solutions** ..... 714-545-3390  
 1526 Brookhollow Dr., Suite 73, Santa Ana, CA 92705  
 Cognitive Care helps with mental wellness in-home therapy for older adults with or without mild dementia. They can help you and your loved one adjust to and cope with dementia. Learn more at [www.CognitiveCareSolutions.com](http://www.CognitiveCareSolutions.com)

**Independence At Home** .....866-563-7380  
 Independence at Home’s Insights program provides seniors with friendly, trained therapists to support clients and help caregivers and care recipients to cope with their feelings, which can help improve their physical wellbeing and help them feel happier and healthier so they can stay in their own homes.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness OC (NAMI OC)** ..... 714-544-8488  
 NAMI has free help with mental health, substance abuse, loneliness, free classes, community resources, meetings and support groups on mental health. Learn more about them at [www.NAMIOC.org](http://www.NAMIOC.org)

**St. Jude Medical Center – Senior Services** ..... 714-446-7064  
 Call for more information on St. Jude’s weekly free Senior Depression Support Group and 6-8 weeks of free in-home therapy with a trained clinician.

Orange County offers mental health treatment and prevention for older adults. For more information go to: [www.OCHHealthInfo.com/BHS/About/AOABH](http://www.OCHHealthInfo.com/BHS/About/AOABH)

### **Moving**

**A Senior Sensitive Service / Golden West Moving, Inc.** .....888-899-8480  
 Specializing in move management, relocation and storage. Handling the stressful logistics and physical demands of planning, sorting, packing, estate disbursement, unpacking and home set up. [www.aseniorsensitiveservice.com](http://www.aseniorsensitiveservice.com)

**Blue Sky Estate Services** ..... 714-308-4892

Blue Sky can help you sell or rent out your home. They also help with moving. They will help you clean and organize your home so you can decide what to keep or donate. Learn more at [www.BlueSkyEstateServices.com](http://www.BlueSkyEstateServices.com)

**Gentle Transitions ..... 800-619-3049**

Gentle Transitions takes care of every detail of a move, from planning and packing to picture hanging and making the beds. For more info, go to [www.GentleTransitions.com](http://www.GentleTransitions.com)

**Helping Hands Relocation..... 949-338-7342**

Helping Hands is a premium moving service. They help with planning, packing, moving, unpacking, and more. Learn more at [www.HelpingHands-online.com](http://www.HelpingHands-online.com)

## Personal Emergency Response Systems

**Personal emergency response systems (PERS)** are worn around your wrist, waist, or neck. If your loved one falls or has a health issue or emergency, they can use the PERS to call for help. Here are just a few companies that you can choose from:

- **Great Call ..... 866-359-5606**  
Great Call has PERS that connect to your loved one's cell phone. With a push of the button, it will connect them with help and family members. Learn more at [www.GreatCall.com](http://www.GreatCall.com)
- **Life Alert ..... 800-360-0329**  
Life Alert has a couple protection services. Choose from wearable buttons or one that you can put in the shower. Learn more at [www.LifeAlert.com](http://www.LifeAlert.com)
- **Philips Lifeline ..... 866-435-2617**  
Philips Lifeline has PERS that work at home or on the go. Learn more at [www.lifeline.philips.com](http://www.lifeline.philips.com)

**There are many other options that help your loved one stay safe.** You can have a system installed in your loved one's home that lets you keep an eye on their day-to-day life. Here are a few companies that offer these systems:

- **Alarm.com ..... 949-768-7768**  
This system lets you keep an eye on your loved one's daily life. Make sure they're getting up and about or set up text alerts if they leave home unexpectedly. Go to: [www.alarm.com/ProductServices/Wellness.aspx](http://www.alarm.com/ProductServices/Wellness.aspx)
- **Health, Wellness, and Safety Monitoring Program ..... 714-744-3800**  
This program puts mini sensors around your loved one's home. They watch for changes and can contact you or emergency services if needed.
- **MedicAlert Foundation (ID Bracelets)..... 888-633-4298**  
[www.medicalert.org](http://www.medicalert.org)

- **Nest** ..... **855-888-8209**  
Home automation system with multiple integrations. Keep an eye on what's happening at home. Learn more at: [www.nest.com](http://www.nest.com)

## Pharmacies

Do you need a special dose of a medication? Or are you allergic to some drugs? Try a **compounding pharmacy**. They make medications to meet your needs. Here are a couple compounding pharmacies in North Orange County:

- **AUM Pharmacy** ..... **714-495-2779**  
710 N. Euclid St., Suite 103, Anaheim  
AUM Pharmacy organizes all your meds and packages them based on what time of day they are needed. Learn more at [www.AUMRx.com](http://www.AUMRx.com)
- **Central Drugs Compounding Pharmacy** .....  
1955 Sunnycrest Dr., #100, Fullerton, CA 92835 ..... **714-515-1530**  
520 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra, CA 90631 ..... **562-691-6754**  
"Simplify My Meds." is a free medication refill service where you can pick up all of your prescriptions at the same time every month. They'll also package them based on what time of day you need to take them. Learn more at [www.CentralDrugsRx.com](http://www.CentralDrugsRx.com)

### *Purchasing Drugs From an Online Pharmacy*

**Current laws in the U.S. DISALLOW the foreign purchase of drugs for "personal importation" or "reimportation." This includes driving over the border to Canada or Mexico to buy the same, exact drug legally approved and licensed here.**

Despite this legal barrier, many Americans are still willing to take the risk, particularly if it means not having to choose between the rent and getting the medications they may desperately need. To this end, here are **four things you should know** if you intend to buy a prescription drug from a foreign pharmacy.

1. Purchasing a drug from an online overseas pharmacy may save you money, but it can end up costing you more **if the provider is disreputable**. Having a good-looking website should never be considered a sign that a provider is either legitimate or trustworthy.
2. Even beyond the legitimacy of a provider, the FDA warns that certain brand names used abroad **are not the same used in the U.S.** In some cases, the non-active ingredients or even active ingredients may be completely different.
3. Whether purchasing online or in person, **always check the label closely** and never buy a product if the list of ingredients is not clearly displayed in a language you can fluently read.

4. Moreover, **double-check the currency conversion rates** before making a purchase to ensure you're actually saving money. This includes any shipping or handling charges the pharmacy might add.  
<https://www.verywellhealth.com/how-to-buy-drugs-from-foreign-pharmacies-2614905>

## Prescriptions ~ Low Cost Options



### **Benefits Check Up** .....

Benefits Check Up is an easy-to-use online tool. It asks basic questions to find programs that you can sign up for to get help paying for medications and healthcare. Try it out at [www.BenefitsCheckUp.org](http://www.BenefitsCheckUp.org)

**Blink Health** Order online prescriptions with low-cost negotiated prices on 15,000 medications that can be picked up at many major pharmacies and chain stores. Try it out at: [www.blinkhealth.com](http://www.blinkhealth.com)

### **GoodRx.com** .....

GoodRx lets you search pharmacies near you for the lowest price on your prescriptions. They also have free coupons so you can get an even bigger discount. Try it at [www.GoodRx.com](http://www.GoodRx.com)

### **Medicine Assistant Tools (MAT)** ..... **888-477-2669**

MAT is a free service that can help you get medicines for free or almost free depending on eligibility. Learn more and apply online at [www.MAT.org](http://www.MAT.org)

### **NeedyMeds**..... **800-503-6897**

The NeedyMeds website has a lot of information about ways to get help paying for medication and healthcare. Learn more at [www.NeedyMeds.com](http://www.NeedyMeds.com)

### **Rx Assist**..... **877-537-5537**

Find information about free or low cost medicine programs and other ways to manage drug costs on [www.RxAssist.org](http://www.RxAssist.org)

### **Rx Hope** .....

Rx Hope can help you sign up for patient assistance programs and get an answer in just minutes. Learn more at [www.RxHope.com](http://www.RxHope.com)

### **Walmart** .....

You can get a 30-day supply of some prescriptions for just \$4 at Walmart. Go to [www.walmart.com/cp/pharmacy/5431](http://www.walmart.com/cp/pharmacy/5431) and click "\$4 prescriptions."

**Veterans Prescription Assistance** *See page 56*

## **Medication Dispensing Equipment**

Medication dispensing equipment keeps your loved one's pills organized and reminds them when it's time to take their medication. Some of them can even call you if your loved one hasn't taken their pills. You may want to try:

<b>Medication Solutions</b> .....	<b>877-700-8600</b>
Learn more at: <a href="http://www.TabSafe.com">www.TabSafe.com</a>	
<b>MedMinder</b> .....	<b>866-435-2617</b>
Visit: <a href="http://MedMinder.com">MedMinder.com</a>	
<b>Philips Lifeline Medication dispensing service</b> .....	<b>949-273-6465</b>
Multiple options ~ learn more at: <a href="http://lifeline.com/business/medicationdispensing">lifeline.com/business/medicationdispensing</a>	

## Real Estate / Senior Real Estate Specialists (SRES)

**The Moisa Group Real Estate**, Ruth Moisa SRES, Brea.....**714-713-4442**  
Lic. #BRE#00868137 Contact at: [ruthmoisa@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthmoisa@yahoo.com)

**Reliance Real Estate Services**, Susan Hirzel / SRES, Brea .....**714-225-2014**  
Lic. #DRE 01904282 Contact at: [SusanAndAnnette@gmail.com](mailto:SusanAndAnnette@gmail.com)

**TNG Real Estate**, Maury Oglevie & Val Muir, GRI/SRES, Brea...**714-334-1432**  
Lic. #BRE#01239332 Learn more at: [www.tngrealestate.com](http://www.tngrealestate.com)

## Senior Centers



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**Senior Centers** are open Monday to Friday and have free or low cost programs for older adults. Many have classes, events, support groups, meals, and more. Some will even drive seniors to and from the center. Check your local city.

### Anaheim

- **Anaheim Senior Citizens Club**..... **714-765-4510**  
250 E. Center St., Anaheim, CA 92805
- **West Anaheim Senior Center**..... **714-765-8373**  
2271 W. Crescent Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801

### Brea

- **Brea Senior Center**..... **714-990-7750**  
500 Sievers Ave., Brea, CA 92821

### Buena Park

- **Buena Park Senior Center** ..... **714-236-3870**  
8150 Knott Ave., Buena Park, CA 90620

### Cypress

- **Cypress Senior Citizen Center** ..... **714-229-2005**  
9031 Gridley St., Cypress, CA 90630

### Fullerton

- **Fullerton Senior Citizens Club** ..... **714-738-6305**  
340 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton, CA 92832

### La Habra

- **La Habra Community Center** ..... **562-383-4200**  
101 E. La Habra Blvd., La Habra, CA 90631

### Orange

- **Orange Senior Center** ..... **714-538-9633**  
170 S. Olive St., Orange, CA 92866

### Placentia

- **Placentia Senior Center** ..... **714-986-2332**  
143 S. Bradford Ave., Placentia, CA 92708

### Santa Ana

- **Santa Ana Senior Services Center** ..... **714-647-6540**  
424 W. 3rd St., Santa Ana, CA 92701
- **Southwest Senior Center** ..... **714-647-5306**  
2201 W. McFadden Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92704
- **Vietnamese Catholic Center** ..... **714-554-4211**  
1538 Century Blvd., Santa Ana, CA 92703

### Yorba Linda

- **Yorba Linda Community Center** ..... **714-961-7181**  
4501 Casa Loma Ave., Yorba Linda, CA 92886

### Virtual Senior Center

- **Covia / Well Connected** is an award winning program that allows a senior to 'attend' a wide variety of fascinating classes and support groups with trained staff and volunteers at no cost ***all on their own phone!***  
Learn more about Covia at: [coviaconnections@covia.org](mailto:coviaconnections@covia.org) ... **877-797-7299**

## Transportation Options



### **Abrazar, Inc.** ..... **714-702-1433**

Abrazar has 5 senior transportation programs. They can help seniors get to and from medical appointments, church, family homes, shops, meal programs, Adult Day Health Care, and more. Visit: [www.AbrazarInc.com](http://www.AbrazarInc.com)

### **Go-Go Grandparent** ..... **855-464-6872**

Go-Go Grandparent lets adults use ride services like Lyft and Uber with a simple phone call. They can send you text alerts with updates about your loved one's rides. Learn more at: [www.GoGoGrandparent.com](http://www.GoGoGrandparent.com)

### **OC ACCESS** ..... **714-560-5956**

OC ACCESS is shared-ride service for people who are unable to use the regular

OC Bus service because of a disability. For more information, go to [www.octa.net](http://www.octa.net) and search for “OC Access.”

**OC Office on Aging** ..... **714-480-6450**

OC Office on Aging has Senior Non-Emergency Medical Transportation resources. Call for more information.

**Korean American Seniors Association** (Members Only).....**714-530-6705**

**St. Jude Senior Medical Transportation Program** ..... **714-446-7071**

Low-income older adults can get a ride to and from doctor’s appointments, classes and therapy sessions at St. Jude. Call for more information.

**Many cities also have programs that can take seniors anywhere they need to go in the city for a small fee.** Here are a few:

- **Anaheim Senior Wheels** ..... **714-765-4510**  
Senior Wheels is for Anaheim residents aged 60 years or above. Travel and shop within 10 miles of their home. Call for more information.
- **Brea Senior Shuttle** ..... **714-996-7754**  
You can get a free ride to and from the Brea Senior Center. Or \$1 rides to anywhere else in Brea. Hours are limited. Call for more information.
- **Fullerton Taxi Voucher Program** ..... **714-738-6305**  
Get \$50 worth of taxi vouchers for just \$12. Use them to go anywhere in Fullerton, or up to 5 miles outside Fullerton. Call for more information.
- **La Habra Shuttle** ..... **866-557-7433**  
La Habra residents aged 60+ may use the La Habra Shuttle for \$.50 each way. They’ll take you anywhere in La Habra, St. Jude Medical Center, Whittier Hospital, or to nearby doctors’ offices. [www.LaHabraCity.com](http://www.LaHabraCity.com)
- **Yorba Linda Parks and Recreation** ..... **714-528-7433**  
Yorba Linda Parks and Recreation provides transport for adults age 55+. Ride in Yorba Linda or 1 mile outside of the city for just \$1 each way.

## Transportation Home from the Hospital

Does your loved one need a ride home from the hospital? Many in-home care agencies have a **conciierge** (con-see-airj) service that can help with that. Some in-home care agencies offer transportation for COVID-19 patients with trained staff, PPE, etc. You will need to book rides ahead of time, so call for pricing and other details. Here are just a few that you may want to try:

- **Attentive Home Care** ..... **714-516-9200**
- **Home Care Providers** ..... **714-671-6877**
- **Nurse Next Door** ..... **714-712-7100**
- **Senior Helpers** ..... **714-694-0992**



## Veterans Benefits



By law, an individual must be accredited by the VA as an agent, attorney, or representative of a VA-recognized veteran's service organization to assist in the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of a claim for VA benefits. VA accreditation may not be used for marketing financial products or promoting a financial services business. You may be able to get benefits from the **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs** (also called the VA). Learn more about the kind of benefits you can get on the VA website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/>. The sources listed are accredited by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. A **Veterans Service Officer** can help you apply at no cost. Just make sure you *work with a service officer that's approved by the VA*, like one of these:

- **AMVETS** (American Veterans)..... **877-726-8387**  
AMVETS is the nation's largest veterans service organization. They have Veterans Service Officers in North Orange County. To find one near you, call, or email [amvets@amvets.org](mailto:amvets@amvets.org)
- **CalVet** (California Department of Veterans Affairs 2018)... **800-952-5626**  
Visit [www.CalVet.CA.gov](http://www.CalVet.CA.gov) for more information.
- **Orange County Veterans Service**..... **714-480-6555**  
Learn more at [www.Veterans.OCCGov.com/FAQ](http://www.Veterans.OCCGov.com/FAQ)
- **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs** ..... **800-827-1000**  
Apply for benefits online at [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov)
- **Veterans Legal Institute** (No Cost For Those Eligible)..... **714-852-3492**  
2100 N. Broadway, Suite 209, Santa Ana, CA 92706  
Visit [www.VetsLegal.com](http://www.VetsLegal.com) for more information.

## Veterans Health Care



### Goodwill of Orange County Tierney Center for Veteran Services (FREE)

One-stop resource serving veterans and their families for: .....**855-998-3837**  
healthcare and benefits; legal services; housing assistance; and more.

<http://www.ocgoodwill.org/changing-lives/tierney-center-veterans-program>

### OC Bar Association Veterans Legal Resources Page

[www.veterans.ocbar.org](http://www.veterans.ocbar.org)

**VA Anaheim Clinic**.....**714-780-5400**

2569 W. Woodland Drive, Anaheim

### VA Brea Benefits Counseling / Every other month by appointment

Brea Family Resource Center / 695 Madison Way, Brea.....**714-990-7150**

**VA Santa Ana Clinic**.....**714-434-4600**

1506 Brookhollow Drive, Santa Ana

## Veterans Housing and Homeless Assistance



**OC Battle Buddy Bridge (B3)** (non-profit) .....**714-795-3170, #2405**

Offers peer-to-peer support to veterans / active duty military. Helps with transportation, food, benefits, legal, mental health care, service animals, etc.

**Santa Ana VA Clinic** ..... **714-434-4600**

Veterans Housing and Homeless Assistance, 1506 Brookhollow Dr., Santa Ana

**Veterans First** (private non-profit) .....**714-547-0615**

1611 N Broadway, Santa Ana

Shared homes for veterans, managed by veterans. Rent includes TV / utilities.

## Veterans Home Repair



**Home Depot and Habitat for Humanity OC** .....**714-434-6200**

Safety and disability accommodations (low-income veterans home-repair project). Learn more at: <https://www.habitatoc.org/veteran->

## Veterans Prescription Benefits



The VA Medical Benefits Package is based on military service ....**877-222-8387**


and may include free prescription drug coverage if you were disabled in service [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/access/prescriptions.asp](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/access/prescriptions.asp)

**TRICARE Pharmacy Program**.....**877-363-1303**

TRICARE is a health care program for active duty and retired service members and their families. They offer a pharmacy program that makes prescriptions easy to fill and affordable. To learn more, go to [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil) and search for “pharmacy program.”

## Glossary of Common Terms / Acronyms

<b>ADL's:</b>	Activities of Daily Living
<b>APS:</b>	Adult Protective Services
<b>ADHC:</b>	Adult Day Health Care / Adult Day Programs
<b>AD:</b>	Advance Directive for Health Care / Advance Care Planning
<b>ADA:</b>	Americans with Disabilities Act
<b>ALC/ALF:</b>	Assisted Living Communities / Assisted Living Facility
<b>CCRC's:</b>	Continuing Care Retirement Community
<b>CDC:</b>	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<b>CMS:</b>	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (MediCal in California)
<b>COVID-19:</b>	Corona Virus Disease from 2019
<b>DNR:</b>	Do Not Resuscitate Order
<b>DME:</b>	Durable Medical Equipment
<b>DPA:</b>	Durable Power of Attorney (for Health Care or for Finances)
<b>FMLA:</b>	Family and Medical Leave Act
<b>HIPAA:</b>	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

<b>HMO:</b>	Health Maintenance Organization	
<b>IHSS:</b>	In-Home Supportive Services	
<b>LTC:</b>	Long-Term Care	
<b>MCI:</b>	Mild/Moderate Cognitive Impairment	
<b>NP:</b>	Nurse Practitioner (Practicing under the license of a Physician)	
<b>PA:</b>	Physician Assistant (Practicing under the license of a Physician)	
<b>POA:</b>	Power of Attorney	
<b>POLST:</b>	Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment	
<b>PPO:</b>	Preferred Provider Organization	
<b>SNF:</b>	Skilled Nursing Facility	

**SSI:** Supplemental Security Income

## FOOD FOR THE LONELY SOUL

### LONELINESS REDUCTION 'MENU'

Loneliness is approaching epidemic levels for many older adults, and loneliness among seniors is often a gateway for:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Elder Abuse</li> <li>✚ Increased Fall Risk</li> <li>✚ Greater Number of ER Visits</li> <li>✚ Forgetting to Take Medications</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Heart Disease</li> <li>✚ Anxiety and Depression</li> <li>✚ Dementia</li> <li>✚ Elder Suicides</li> </ul> |
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**Menu options to feed the lonely soul might include such things as:**

<b>Appetizers</b>	<b>Entrees</b>	<b>Desserts</b>
<p><b>1. <u>Digital Photo Frame</u></b> that family members use to fill a loved one's home with special pictures triggering both old and new memories. Try <b>Aura Frames</b> <a href="https://auraframes.com/">https://auraframes.com/</a></p> <p><b>2. <u>Social Robot Assistant</u></b> Comes in several 'flavors' such as "<b>Jibo</b>" – (see <a href="http://www.partnerships@jibo.com">www.partnerships@jibo.com</a> or "<b>ElliQ</b>" – see <a href="http://www.elliq.com/">www.elliq.com/</a>) these little guys initiate conversation to help older adults stay in</p>	<p><b>1. <u>Social Media Platforms for Seniors</u></b> such as <b>Iris OC</b> – Shared common interest groups, hosted learning topics, local events and activities, invitations, emails, photo sharing, member controlled private contacts, and so much more! Opportunity to connect with old friends and safely make new ones too. No cost – see: (<a href="https://iris-oc.com/wp/">https://iris-oc.com/wp/</a>)</p> <p><b>2. <u>Virtual Senior Center</u></b>– Award winning program, "<b>Well Connected</b>" promotes social engagement, allows</p>	<p><b>1. <u>Robotic Pets</u></b> like cats and pups with multiple sensors that allow them to interact with a human just as they would with a live pet - cat responds to touch, rolls over and utters 32 different types of purring sounds! Pups have similar social "abilities". Easy to carry, cuddle and care for – no clean up! Adorable! (<a href="http://www.joyforall.com/">www.joyforall.com/</a>)</p> <p><b>2. <u>Virtual Reality Experiences</u></b> such as <b>Rendever</b> (<a href="http://www.rendever.com">www.rendever.com</a>) or <b>MyndVR</b> (<a href="http://www.myndvr.com/about">www.myndvr.com/about</a>) put smiles on senior's faces through Virtual Reality</p>
<p>in healthy behaviors and stay connected with the outside world – robots may turn and face or 'follow' the voice of the older adult - system 'learns' preferences and new systems and aids can often be added to increase abilities and enhance the experience too!</p>	<p>Seniors to attend a wide variety of fascinating classes (i.e. 'Birds From My Kitchen Window', 'Spanish for Beginners', etc.) and support groups at <u>no cost</u> - all on their own phone in their own home! Cool! Call for more information: <a href="tel:877-797-7299">877-797-7299</a> <a href="mailto:www.coviaconnections@covia.org">www.coviaconnections@covia.org</a></p>	<p>experiences that enable seniors to relive meaningful memories (reminiscence therapy) or visit places they've always wanted to go to (Rocky Mountains, Paris, African Safari, museums, etc.) be entertained and feel adventurous while they're doing it! You're never too old to learn and have a little fun at the same time!</p>

# St. Joseph Health

## St. Jude Medical Center

A member of the St. Joseph Hoag Health alliance

### Senior Services Department

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- Friendly Visitors / Caring Neighbors Program (**714-446-7064**)
- Classes in dementia / Alzheimer's care, health and senior resources
- Bereavement, Parkinson's, Stroke, & Chronic Conditions support groups
- Medical transportation for needy older adults to St. Jude appointments
- Advance Care Planning classes, information and Notary services (**714-446-7017**)
- Depression Counseling and Senior Depression / Anxiety Support Groups
- Medicare Counseling with a licensed agent (**714-446-7154**)
- For more information call: **714-446-7035** or search for Senior Services at [www.stjudemedicalcenter.org/](http://www.stjudemedicalcenter.org/)



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(800) 543-8312

[www.caregiveroc.org](http://www.caregiveroc.org)

The Caregiver Resource Center of Orange County offers an array of services such as a free in-home Family Consultation and Care Planning, legal and educational workshops and the opportunity to speak directly with a Family Consultant regarding your caregiving situation and your self-care. We offer local Support Groups in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

*Caregiving includes caring for me.*

Ser cuidador incluye cuidarme a mi mismo.  
Chăm sóc kể cả chăm sóc cho chính mình.

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