

# Our Mission & Values

The County of Monterey Public Administrator/Public Guardian/Conservator Bureau, provides excellence in public service through our uncompromising belief in respect for life and dignity in death.

We are dedicated as a team to provide the highest level of service to our client populations, whether they are alive or deceased; to provide protection of their property and finances and to assist and empower our client's families as they cope with matters often out of their control.

We believe that each person we serve has a basic right to quality in all stages of their life and in their death.



**Please contact us directly for general questions or to obtain more information on the referral process and how to gather referral forms.**

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*“One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn’t as individuals.”*



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**County of Monterey  
Public Administrator  
Public Conservator  
Public Guardian**



*Proudly serving the  
community since 1850*

## Public Administrator Services

The County of Monterey Public Administrator's Office must take possession of property of a person who dies in Monterey County if all the following are true:

-  Valuable property is at risk of being lost or stolen.
-  There are no persons, such as immediate or extended family of the deceased person, who are willing and able to serve as executor or administrator of the estate.



In limited circumstances, the Court can order the Public Administrator to act and serve as a personal representative, as a last resort, if the currently appointed personal representative is failing to carry out their fiduciary duties to the estate.








## Public Conservator Services

### **LPS Conservatorship:**






(Lanterman-Petris-Short) The LPS Conservator arranges for appropriate placement and mental health treatment/services for Monterey County residents deemed by a Court to be "gravely disabled." "Gravely disabled" means that the person has been diagnosed with:

-  A serious mental health disorder (such as schizophrenia); and/or
-  A severe substance use disorder and due to this diagnosed condition, they are unable to provide for:

-  Basic Food;
-  Basic Clothing;
-  Basic Shelter;
-  Personal safety; or
-  Necessary medical care




### **Probate Conservatorship:**

The Probate Conservator provides for frail, elderly, dependent and cognitively impaired adults who are:

-  Unable to manage personal affairs
-  Unable to manage finances
-  Victims of financial abuse
-  At risk of exploitation
-  Unable to resist undue influence

## Representative Payee Services

The Public Guardian can act as a Representative Payee, including applying to, and managing Social Security benefits for qualified Monterey County residents who are incapable of managing their:

-  Social Security Income (SSA)
-  Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
-  Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

## Legal Criteria

### **Conservatorship of the Person:**

- Inability to properly provide for physical needs for personal health, food, clothing, and shelter.

### **Conservatorship of the Estate:**

- Substantially unable to manage financial resources or resist fraud or undue influence.

