

Conservatorship Resources

Conservatorship is a legal process managed by the courts. A judge must determine whether an adult has the mental capacity to care for their finances, living and personal needs, and health. If a judge determines that a person cannot manage these duties, the court may appoint a representative (known as a “conservator”) to make decisions on their behalf. Conservatorship is not necessary for all adults with disabilities. If you have questions or want to begin the process of applying for conservatorship, there are several community resources who can help.

LEGAL RESOURCES

SOUTH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

- Santa Barbara County Superior Court/McMahon Law Library, 2nd floor - (805) 568-3303

NORTH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

(Santa Maria, Lompoc, Santa Ynez, Buellton)

This probate office has grant funding to help North County residents complete the documentation.

- Santa Barbara Superior Court Cook Division, Building E (Santa Maria)
For English: (805) 614-6622
For Spanish: (805) 614-6413

VENTURA COUNTY

- Ventura Courthouse, Room 106 - (805) 289-8724
- Oxnard Juvenile and Probate Courthouse, Room 206 - (805) 289-8724

EDUCATIONAL/SUPPORT RESOURCES

TRI COUNTIES REGIONAL CENTER

For TCRC clients only – TCRC assess their client’s abilities, and then provides a report to the court.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

- Santa Barbara - (805) 962-7881
- Santa Maria - (805) 922-4640

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

- Atascadero - (805) 461-7402
- San Luis Obispo - (805) 543-2833

VENTURA COUNTY

- Oxnard - (805) 485-3177
- Simi Valley - (805) 522-8030

Alpha Resource - (805) 618-5409

Public Guardian’s Office

- For English: Chris Donati - (805) 568-2799
- For Spanish: Gilbert Silva - (805) 568-2796

Some families choose to navigate this process with the support of a family law or probate attorney who specializes in conservatorship.

