MISSION STATEMENT

We, of the Monterey County Public Administrator/Public Guardian Bureau, provide 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.

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The Monterey County Public Guardian - Conservator manages probate conservatorships and mental health (LPS also known as Lanterman-Petris-Short) conservatorships for Monterey County residents who have been adjudicated by the Superior Court to either lack capacity to manage finances and/or health care.

The Probate Conservatorship acts as court appointed conservator for frail, elderly, dependent, and cognitively impaired adults substantially unable to manage personal or financial affairs or who are victims of financial abuse or exploitation and who are unable to protect themselves.

The LPS Conservatorships (also known as Lanterman-Petris-Short and Mental Health Conservatorship) ensures that individuals who are diagnosed with a mental illness or chronic alcoholism and are gravely disabled are afforded legal due process when involuntarily hospitalized in a mental health facility.

The Monterey County Public Guardian can also act as a Representative Payee for Monterey County Residents who are incapable of managing their public entitlement benefits on their own behalf.

Public Representative Payee services manage and/or apply for any Public Entitlement Benefits for disabled Monterey County residents, with no available family or third party assistance, and who are unable to manage or apply for benefits on their own behalf. We assure access to any health care and social services available.