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# Aging Life Care Professionals® and the Guardianship Process

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# Creating a profession

**1983**

“Long-Distance Care of Elderly Relatives a Growing Problem”  
– *New York Times*

**1985**

First informal conference held in New York with about 50 attendees

**1996**

National Academy of Certified Care Managers formed  
(CMC)

**2012**

NAPGCM becomes self-managed with more than 2,000 members

**2015**

NAPGCM rebrands as the Aging Life Care Association (ALCA)

**2020**

ALCA celebrates 35 years leading the Aging Life Care Profession

# An Aging Life Care Professional® is...



**Credentialed, experienced professionals skilled in providing personalized decision-making and support with a long view perspective for elders and persons with disability**



**Follows a strict Code of Ethics & Standards of Practice**



**Knowledgeable: specialized training, experience in the field, familiar with community resources**

# ALCA

# 8

knowledge areas



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# Why Aging Life Care Professionals® are in demand?

## Changing Demographics

- By 2030, one in five Americans will be ≥ 65 years old

## A Changing Health Care System

- Cultural shift to person-centered care

## Growing Sandwich Generation

- Meet the needs of families being pulled in two directions, often from long distances

# How an Aging Life Care Professional® can help prior to guardianship appointment



# During the hearing

- Provide expert testimony
- Act as court evaluator



# After a Guardianship Hearing an Aging Life Care Professional® Can Provide:

Ongoing care management

Transitioning out of nursing home to community

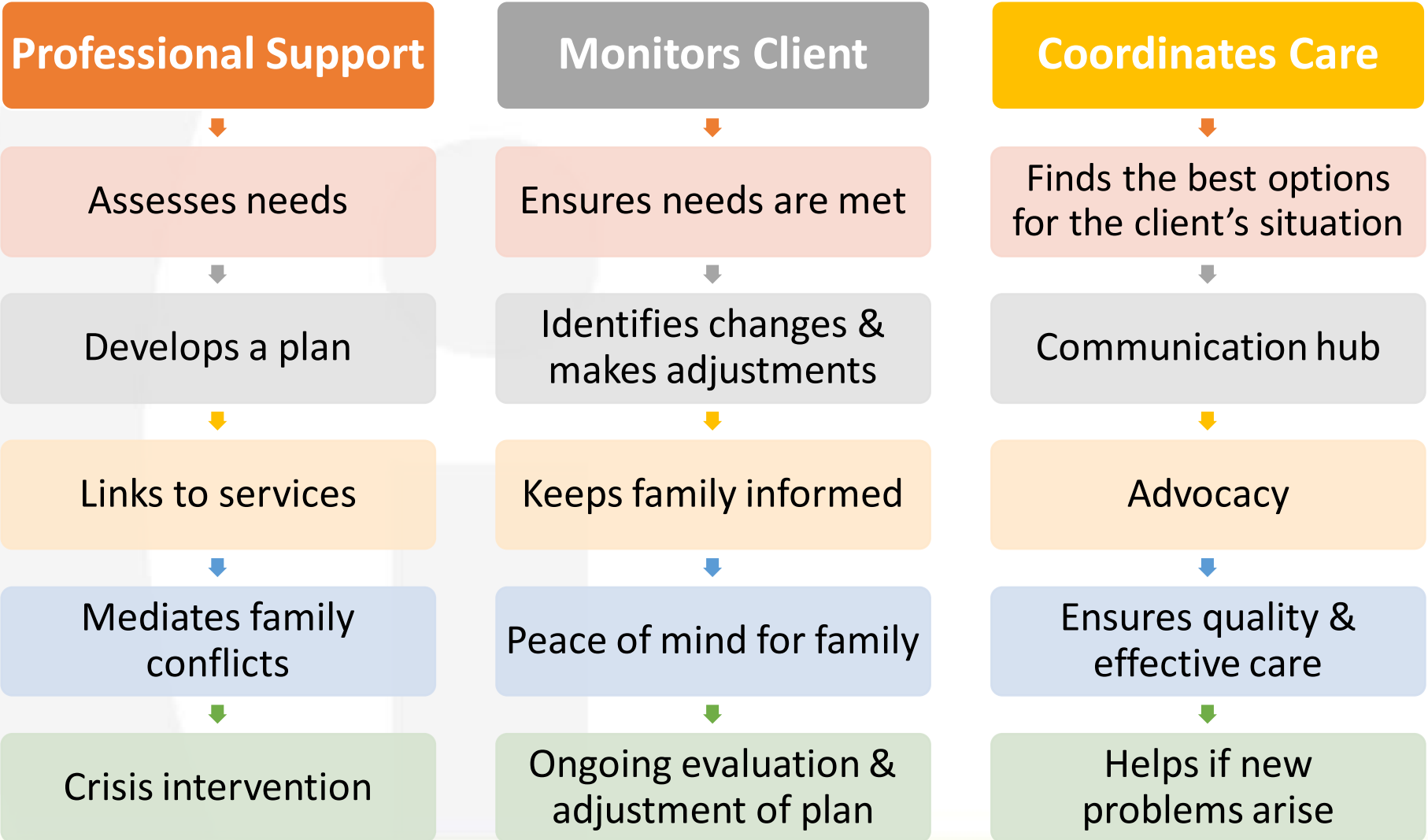
Out-of-state moves

Coordinate medical care

Provide reports to guardians for required court filings

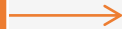


# How an Aging Life Care Professional® helps



# When should YOU refer to an Aging Life Care Professional® ...

**Abusive situation**



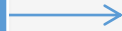
**Contested guardianship**



**Disagreement where AIP should live**



**Subtle or sudden changes in your ward**



**Transitions**



**You're too busy**

# How to refer to an expert in Aging Life Care™



Build partnerships with Aging Life Care Professionals in each area that you serve before you need an ALCP!



Set up an initial meeting to educate each other on the services that each provides, share values and set expectations.



Understand ways in which you each work with families and set expectations for communication.



Partnerships lead to strong caregiving teams with positive outcomes for the client and their family.

# Case Studies



# How to Find an Aging Life Care Professional®

Go to: **aginglifecare.org**



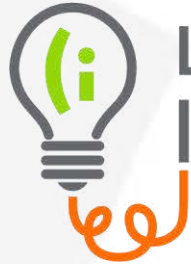
**FIND AN AGING LIFE CARE EXPERT**

Search our database of professionals:

- Zip code
- City
- State

# Questions and Answers





# Leading through INNOVATION

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