

Advance care planning resources

- AARP Idaho -

When you were born, your parents spent nine months preparing for your birth. This same kind of planning should be applied at the end-of-life. Thinking and talking about your death is hard, but planning for it can help you live-and-die the way you want.

PHONE - 1.866.295.7284 WEB - www.aarp.org/states/id

A Better Way Coalition, Inc. -

Non-profit organization dedicated to promoting compassionate care at the end of life. In-depth Web site on end-of-life issues in Idaho for family members and professionals engaged in care at the end of life. Speaker's Bureau and other resources.

WEB - www.abetterwaycoalition.org

- American Bar Association -

Consumer's Toolkit for Advance Health Care Planning. "Good advance planning for health care decisions is, in reality, a continuing conversation - about values, priorities, the meaning of one's life, and quality of life. To help you in this process, this tool kit contains a variety of self-help worksheets, suggestions, and resources."

WEB - www.abanet.org/aging/toolkit

Caring Connections -

Caring Connections urges everyone, regardless of age, to take the opportunity to discuss end-of-life wishes with family members and put them in writing with advance directives. Caring Connections provides free information and state-specific advance directives to assist you in advance care planning.

FREE HELP LINE - 1.800.658.8898 FREE SPANISH HELP LINE - 1.877.658.8896

WEB - www.caringinfo.org

- Five Wishes -

The Five Wishes document helps you express how you want to be treated if you are seriously ill and unable to speak for yourself. It looks at all of a person's needs: medical, personal, emotional and spiritual. Also available in Spanish. Aging with Dignity. For questions or to place a Five Wishes order:

PHONE - 1.888.594.7437 WEB - www.agingwithdignity.org

- Hard Choices for Loving People -

"CPR, Artificial Feeding, Comfort Care and the Patient with a Life-Threatening Illness," by Hank Dunn. Booklets in English and Spanish. A & A Publishers, Inc.

PHONE - 1.571.333.0169 WEB - www.hardchoices.com

- Idaho Health Care Association -

Helpful information about Idaho nursing homes and assisted living facilities and continuing education opportunities for health care providers.

PHONE - 1.208.343.9735 WEB - www.ihca-net.org

30544 Hwy 200. Suite 201. Ponderay, Idaho 83852. p. 208.265.8194 f. 208.265.4870

- Idaho Legal Aid -

A nonprofit Idaho law firm with offices throughout Idaho. Working to seek equal justice for the underprivileged and poor through legal representation, community outreach, and education.

PHONE - 1.208.345.0106 WEB - www.idaholegalaid.o rg/Home/PublicWeb

- Idaho Office of the Attorney General -

Information about Living Wills, the Idaho Natural Death Act, and POST.

PHONE - 1.208.334.2400 WEB - www2.state.id.us/ag/living_wills/index.htm

Idaho Office of the Secretary of State -

Information about registering your advance directive in the Health Care Directive Registry.

PHONE - 1.208.332.2814 WEB - www.sos.idaho.gov

- Idaho Pain Initiative -

Promoting healthcare professional education, patient advocacy and public awareness regarding the problem of pain in our society.

WEB - www.ldahopain.org

Idaho State Bar Association – Volunteer Lawyer Program

A legal resource for people who cannot afford a lawyer.

PHONE - 1.208.334.4500 WEB - www2.state.id.us/isb

Idaho State Hospice and Palliative Care Organization -

Information about hospice and end-of-life care in Idaho, including registry of member hospice organizations.

PHONE - 1.208.841.1862 WEB - www.hospiceidaho.org

- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys -

A nonprofit association that assists lawyers, bar organizations, and others who work with older clients and their families. Special section on resources for the public.

WEB - www.naela.org

- National Elder Law Foundation -

Information on lawyers who can help with estate planning and advanced care/long-term care planning. Office Hours 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Mountain Standard Time

PHONE - 1.520.881.1076 WEB - www.nelf.org

University of Idaho Extension -

Estate Planning Series: Secure Your Future.

PHONE - 1.208.377.2107 WEB - www.extension.uidaho.edu/impacts/Pdf_08/36-08bhealy-secure.pdf