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With help, seniors and people with special needs can keep some of their assets in the family rather than lose their entire life savings to the costs of long term care. They can use these protected assets to enhance their quality of life beyond what long term care alone will provide.

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## I want to Stay in my Home Aging Parent Moving In with Adult Child

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stay home. Today's installment will discuss the aging parent moving into an adult child's home.

When an adult child sees Mom or Dad start to have trouble functioning with everyday activities, the adult child might consider moving Mom or Dad into the adult child's house. Frequently, the parent and adult child have talked about this possibility in the past, usually at a time when the parent didn't show any signs of ever needing help with routine activities. Even more frequently it seems, the parent has always assumed that he or she would move into the adult child's house but has not discussed that assumption with the child.

Of course, the adult child must get agreement from his or her spouse (if married) before bringing an aging parent into the household. In addition, if the adult child has any children at home, their buy-in is certainly preferable if not absolutely necessary.

The adult child must consider the home's physical layout before bringing an aging parent into the household. For example, if the aging parent cannot go up and down stairs, the house must have a place to sleep and a full bathroom on the main floor and may also need a ramp at one of the outer doors. As another example, if the aging adult needs a wheelchair or walker, an older home with narrow doorways and hallways may not be acceptable.

In addition, the adult child must consider his or her nuclear family's lifestyle before bringing an aging parent into the household. If the adult child and his or her spouse work, will the aging parent be able to receive the supervision necessary to stay in the home? If the adult child and spouse are not "homebodies," will either of them be willing to spend significant amounts of time at home with the aging parent (or in-law?) The care needs of the aging parent will put a strain on family relationships. How will the family deal with the strain?

Moving an aging parent into the adult child's home sounds like it would solve most the the care issues for the aging adult. The devil is in the details, however. It is a much tougher situation than most people realize.

## **Suggest a Newsletter Topic**

I try to write something new (and useful) in my newsletter every week. So, I know that I will sometimes have writer's block. I'd like your help, please.

If you have a topic for my newsletter that you'd kindly suggest, I promise to consider it. (I don't promise to pursue it. I just promise to consider it.) I try

to write about issues concerning seniors, health care, long term care, special needs, Veterans Pension (aka Aid and Attendance) benefits, and Veterans Compensation benefits. Please keep your suggestions within or near to those topics.

Please submit your suggestion [here](#). If I use your topic suggestion, I'll put the content in both my blog and newsletter.

Thank you for your help.

## Social Media Posts since the last newsletter

03-24-2016 Tips for #SleepTraining a #SpecialNeeds child <http://ow.ly/Z7XB8>

03-23-2016 Struggles of a #FamilyCaregiver for an #AgingParent with #Alzheimer'sDisease <http://ow.ly/Z8fOE>

03-22-2016 The need for #LongTermCareInsurance <http://ow.ly/Z7RtP>

03-21-2016 #Hospice care and #PalliativeCare explained <http://ow.ly/Z7KoQ>

03-20-2016 #Vietnam era #Sailors and #AgentOrange exposure <http://ow.ly/Z8hlw>

03-19-2016 Spotting an #IRS #Phone #Scam <http://ow.ly/Z7Y4p>

03-18-2016 When an #AgingParent wants to stay #Home, #SupportServices can make a difference <http://wp.me/p47F09-ic>

Older social media posts can be found in the [social media post archive](#) on the firm's website, [ProtectingSeniors.com](http://ProtectingSeniors.com).

## The Koewler Law Firm News

3-26-2016 The Koewler Law Firm will have a table display at the Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce Community Expo at the Natatorium and Fitness Center in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

3-30-2016 Jim Koewler will discuss ABLE Accounts for people with special

needs at a meeting of the Special Needs Network at the Cuyahoga County Library branch in Brecksville, Ohio.

3-30-2016 Jim Koewler will discuss Legal Issues when someone has Dementia at Marymount Hospital in Garfield Heights, Ohio. Continuing education credit is available for social workers, counselors, and nurses.

4-14-2016 Jim Koewler will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the Senior Citizen Prom sponsored by the Soprema Wadsworth Senior Center at the high school in Wadsworth, Ohio.

4-27-2016 The Koewler Law Firm will have a table display at the Spring Fling organized by the University Hospitals Bedford Medical Center's Senior Net at the Hilton Garden Inn in Twinsburg, Ohio.

4-28-2016 Jim Koewler will discuss Ethical Issues in Case Management and Discharge Planning at The Merriman in Akron, Ohio. Continuing education credit is available for social workers, counselors, and nurses.

5-10-2016 The Koewler Law Firm will have a table display at the Senior Celebration organized by the Portage County Senior Services Network at the Northeast Ohio Medical University in Rootstown, Ohio.

5-10-2016 The Koewler Law Firm will have a table display at Senior Day organized by the Stark County Senior Services Network in Canton, Ohio.

06-06-2016 The Koewler Law Firm will provide snacks for Senior Movie Day Out for Soprema Senior Center in Wadsworth, Ohio.

10-6-2016 Jim Koewler will discuss Veterans Benefits that Help with Long Term Care at Fairview Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. Continuing education credit is available for social workers, counselors, and nurses and will be available for Certified Case Managers.

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### **Jim's available presentations**

- Ethical Issues in Case Management and Discharge Planning (Continuing Education credit and Ethics credit available for social workers, counselors, nurses, and Certified Case Managers)
- Overcoming Seniors' Resistance to Long Term Care (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)

- Preventing Senior Fraud (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- My Care Ohio and Medicare/Medicaid “Dual Eligibles” (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Navigating Medicaid, Medicare, and the Affordable Care Act (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- What people "Know" about Long Term Care that is Wrong (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Government Benefits that can help Pay for Long Term Care (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Legal Issues for People with Dementia (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Veterans Benefits that Help with Long Term Care (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Advance Directives – Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, etc. (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Buying Long Term Care Insurance Wisely (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Planning Ahead to Protect against Long Term Care Costs (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Organizing for Long Term Care (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Pre-planning your Final Arrangements (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Elder Law: A Primer (Continuing Legal Education credit available)
- Protecting your Money when you need Long Term Care and Essential Estate Planning Considerations (with free living wills for up to 20 audience members)
- Health Insurance for Families: The Affordable Care Act ("ObamaCare,") Medicaid, and Medicare
- Myths about Long Term Care Costs
- How to help your Parents Manage their Affairs
- Legal Lessons for Life

## **Upcoming meetings**

03-25-2016 Eldercare Professionals of Ohio, Hamlet Village, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, 9:00 a.m. CANCELLED

03-26-2016 Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce, Community Expo, Natatorium, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 9:00 a.m.

03-30-2016 Special Needs Net, Public Library, Brecksville, Ohio, 9:00 a.m.

03-31-2016 The Association of Specialists in Aging, Mentor Senior Center, Mentor, Ohio 8:30 a.m.

04-05-2016 Montrose SeniorCare Networking Group, Panera Montrose, Bath, Ohio 8:30 a.m.

04-05-2016 Stow ElderCare Networking Group, Corner Cup Coffee House, Stow, Ohio, 9:00 a.m.

04-06-2016 Canton Senior Expo, Canton, Ohio, 8:00 a.m.

04-06-2016 Stark Senior Services Network, Myers Lake Ballroom, Canton, Ohio, 9:00 a.m.

04-06-2016 Richfield Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Richfield Days Inn and Suites, 11:45 a.m.

04-06-2016 Medina County Senior Services Network's Client Services Committee, Sully's, Medina, Ohio, 3:00 p.m.

04-08-2016 Eldercare Professionals of Ohio, O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood, Ohio, 9:00 a.m.

04-08-2016 Professional Networking Group of Cleveland, Chagrin Fall Senior Center Health Fair, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, 9:30 a.m.

04-13-2016 Medina County Senior Services Network, Elmcroft Senior Living, Medina, Ohio, 8:00 a.m.

04-13-2016 Summit Senior Sales, Administration and Marketing Association, Maplewood at Cuyahoga Falls, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 2:30 p.m.

04-14-2016 Lorain County Senior Services Network, Welcome Nursing Home, Oberlin, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

04-14-2016 Wadsworth Older Adults Foundation Senior Prom, Wadsworth High School, Wadsworth, Ohio, 6:00 p.m.

04-18-2016 Medina County Senior Services Network's Education Committee, Yours Truly, Medina, Ohio, 11:30 a.m.

04-20-2016 Professional Association Specializing in Seniors ("PASS"), The Weils of Bainbridge, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

04-20-2016 Aging Services Network East, University Hospitals Richmond Heights Medical Center Health Fair, 10:00 a.m.

04-22-2016 Eldercare Professionals of Ohio, The Greens of Lyndhurst, Lyndhurst, Ohio, 9:00 a.m.

## **Newsletter Archive**

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## Contact Jim Koewler

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