

The Public Administrator serves vulnerable adults in Ventura County by ensuring the fair dissolution of their estates.

For more information about the County of Ventura Public Administrator, please call 805-654-7675.



The County of Ventura Human Services Agency provides public services that offer support, hope and opportunity for improved well-being. Our programs help ensure the protection of children, the elderly, and dependent adults, and provide a safety net for individuals and families who need assistance with basic necessities, such as food, housing and health care. Additionally, we help people secure employment through education, training, job search skills and job placement.



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in your community



COUNTY of VENTURA
Human Services Agency

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Public Administrator



**Program for
Special Populations**



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A helping hand

Pursuant to California statutes and under authority of the California Superior Court, the Ventura County Public Administrator's office administers estates for Ventura County decedents when no one else is willing or able to act on their behalf.



Public Administrator

Decedent Estates

The Public Administrator investigates and administers the estates for deceased Ventura County residents when no one else is willing or able to act on their behalf. The Public Administrator secures property and assets, locates family members, oversees final disposition arrangements, and assists eligible families in making final arrangements.



Services include completion of the probate process for decedent estates, and distribution of assets to heirs.

The Superior Court may appoint the Public Administrator when:

- No executor or administrator has been appointed.
- The estate is being wasted, uncared for or lost.
- The will names the Public Administrator as the estate administrator.
- An heir wishes to have the Public Administrator oversee the estate.

Referrals to the Public Administrator are made by hospitals, nursing homes, mortuaries, and the Medical Examiner's office. Fees for services are paid from the decedent's estate per the California Probate Code.

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V E N T U R A C O U N T Y

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

A Department of Ventura County Health Care Agency

Public Guardian

Conservatorship Services for Those Who Need Protection

Public Guardian, managed by Ventura County Health Care Agency's Behavioral Health Department, oversees the care of people, including the elderly and those gravely disabled due to mental illness, who are unable to care for themselves. The Public Guardian functions as the legally-appointed guardian or conservator of persons found by the Superior Court to be unable to properly care for themselves or their finances.

Representative Payee Program for Social Security Benefits

The Representative Payee Program provides bill-paying support to Ventura County Behavioral Health clients who receive Social Security and other public benefits. Services include management of the client's income and expenses, and preparation of periodic accounting reports to the Social Security Administration. This program ensures that client benefits are used for basic needs such as housing, food, medical care, clothing and personal necessities.

For more information, call 805-654-3141 or visit: VCBH.org/public-guardian