



***From the desk of our Program Coordinator..... Let's talk!***

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## Why Choose the CRITICAL Conditions<sup>SM</sup> Program

From the initial conversation to the execution of the legal document, the CRITICAL Conditions<sup>SM</sup> program has the resources to fulfill your advance care planning needs.

### Program advantages

- A library of proven documentation
- An array of educational and community outreach materials
- A Planning Guide, personal Work Sheet, legal document and wallet cards all rolled into one
- Motivating brochures and brochure stands
- Posters providing food for thought
- Informational DVD
- Telephone, email and Website support

With the CRITICAL Conditions<sup>SM</sup> program, we're not just doing it..... *We're doing it better!*

For questions regarding putting our program to work in YOUR facility/business/community, please email me at [kernaghanL@cox.net](mailto:kernaghanL@cox.net) or call 478-474-0095

## Interesting email from CA woman ordering a copy of the Planning Guide

*"Hi, I live in California but will retire in Georgia. My daughter is a nurse and sent me the critical conditions planning guide...but I misplaced it. It is a really wonderful tool. Is there any way I could get a copy of it?"*

*"I felt the questions on the one from Georgia were clearer to the average person, at least they were for me personally. Also I felt that the one from Georgia had a more "compassionate" feel. The "worksheet" was organized and was quite helpful when I looked through it. One particular question about giving pain meds at the end of life and the explanation that they can make someone less responsive was very good I thought. I know that was important to me as I have lost 2 children and my father in recent years. Being able to say goodbye is so important to the family and the fact that this small fact about the effect on pain meds in the Georgia "worksheet" helped me think it through and realize although I'd love to be 100% pain free, I want to be able to tell my loved ones good-bye as it will help them in the road to healing. My daughter is a nurse, an amazing woman and I am putting her on as my health agent - we have talked it all through, so I feel confident she would be able to explain that to a doctor/nursing staff of a hospice/hospital, etc. as far as the amounts of pain meds, etc.*

*Anyway, I hope that I live to 100 and die in my sleep so my kids never have to use this, but I want to do all I can to eliminate the emotional trauma that those difficult questions bring with them if at all possible. I wish this was mandatory for every adult. It sure would help make the "end of life" easier on families."*

*"Thanks so much, Lynne. I do wish you all success in your endeavors - it is an important job."*