

Family Meeting

After learning about the previous areas, those who desired to age in place may have only confirmed their desire to stay away from retirement communities. Others will take a look at CCRCs and decide that it isn't as bad as they imagined and could see themselves living in those types of communities.

Whatever decision you are leaning toward, do not act without first seriously analyzing your options, desires, and life situations. We advise that you set up a formal meeting with your family to discuss your housing options and decisions before you move forward with your decision.

After having seriously analyzed your options, it is time to have a formal family meeting. Section Five, Family Planning, discusses best practices for how to prepare and hold family meetings.

We at AgingOptions recognize that this is a very lengthy and emotional process. After having carefully analyzed all of your options, taken a detailed look into what you want, and after having your family meeting, you are now prepared to make your final decision about housing.

We would like to remind you that housing can be boiled down to two decisions:

1. Private Residence

2. Retirement Community

Upon looking into both options, their pros and cons, and deciding which one will help you best achieve the goal of a forever home, then you've discovered the choice that is best for your personal housing plan.

Again, housing is your most important decision when it comes to retirement planning. Unlike the Health pillar where some decision choices are made daily, the housing decision is designed to happen just once.

The most critical question to consider as you finalize this choice is this: Can you confidently envision receiving any type of care you may eventually need in this home—wherever that is. If not, then you have not finalized this decision yet. This is a big one, so take your time.