

PLANNING A CHILDREN'S TRUST

FUNDS TO RAISE THE KIDS



Directing the use of your money for the benefit of your children

In your Last Will & Testament, you can decide how the money from your estate will be used to benefit your children. This is typically done through a Children's Trust. The Children's Trust sets out who may serve as the trustee, the purpose or goals for using the trust assets, and a plan for distributing funds to the children.

The Trustee

The trustee is the individual that controls the money according to the direction you give in your Children's Trust. The trustee can be the same person serving as guardian or an entirely different person. It is suggested that the trustee be financially savvy and organized.

Distributions

You can direct how the trust assets will be used and distributed. Typically, the assets will first be used to raise your children, such as paying for food, clothing, educational expenses and/or extracurricular activities. With what remains, you can direct how and when the assets shall be distributed to your children. For example, you can distribute assets when a child reaches a certain age and/or you can distribute for major life events of the child, such as graduating from college or buying a house.

Distributions to Consider

AGE DISTRIBUTION

Most Common Ages: 23, 25, 27, or 30
You can split into more than one age distribution and/or combine with life event distributions.

LIFE EVENT DISTRIBUTION

First Car, Higher Education, Graduation Gift, First Home, Starting or Acquiring a Business, Wedding, or Raising Children. You can get creative with distributions too; maybe a vacation or a Super Bowl party if the Vikings make it.