

# LONG-TERM CARE AND LIFE PLANNING PREFERENCES FOR OLDER GAYS AND LESBIANS

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*This study explored the needs and preferences of older gay and lesbian adults regarding their care in later life. Using a phenomenological case study approach, 15 participants were interviewed regarding their anticipated practical needs, including housing and finances, and their psychological needs, such as support and quality of life. Fearing prejudice from providers in later life, participants expressed a preference for personal care by friends and family and residence in a gay-affirmative care environment. However, few had developed a long-term financial plan for their older adulthood. Recommendations include improving guidance to older gays and lesbians regarding their long-term care preparations, nurturance of social networks in later life, and the need for more gay-affirmative residential care facilities.*