

A Brief History of Life Care Planning

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Introduction

The goal of this article is to summarize some of the important events and milestones in the early years of life care planning as well as to recognize the visionaries who helped provide the creation of concepts, processes and methodology foundations.

The 1970s

In the 1970s, Dr. Fred Raffa, a Florida economist and faculty member at what is now the University of Central Florida, was often retained to opine about economic damages in personal injury lawsuits and wrongful death cases (F. Raffa, personal communication, April, 26, 2019). On one of these occasions, the attorney had also retained the services of a vocational expert, Mr. Paul Deutsch (Note: Dr. Deutsch received his Ph.D. in January 1983). Raffa was asked to meet the attorney at Deutsch's office for a deposition. Raffa reported that he and "Paul hit it off right away" and several mutual cases lead to discussions regarding the process of evaluation of damages in litigation (personal communication, April, 26, 2019). In the late 1970s, Raffa mentioned that he been referred a case to determine future medical needs and associated costs and Deutsch was asked to assist by compiling needed future medical services and products. Raffa provided the structure for economic projections and a reporting format was developed that was initially titled *Catastrophic Summary Profile Sheet* (J. Kitchen, personal communication, April 27 & 28, 2019). The categories and interview worksheets were designed to capture the required data for an economist to comprehensively assess future care needs and associated costs in litigated matters (P. Deutsch, personal communication, April 22, 2019). In an effort to streamline the process, a revised format was soon developed and that format became known as the *Life Care Plan* (J. Kitchen, personal communication, April 28, 2019).

Reportedly while Deutsch was expanding his private practice and working towards a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology/Counselor Education with a primary emphasis in Rehabilitation at the University of Florida, he advertised for someone who could assist him with vocational rehabilitation and job placement services (J. Kitchen, personal communication, April 27, 2019). Julie Kitchen became that person and she began her nearly four decades long association with Deutsch in May of 1979.

The 1980s

An opportunity to author a textbook and educate attorneys about life care planning was presented when publisher Matthew Bender agreed to a contract regarding economic damages in litigation (P. Deutsch, personal communication, April 22, 2019). Deutsch and Raffa committed to an extensive treatise on the topic that appeared in volumes eight and nine of the legal publication, *Damages in Tort Actions* (Deutsch & Raffa, 1982), which established the guidelines for determining damages in civil litigation cases (Note: the publication was often apparently erroneously cited as 1981). The publication has been continuously updated since that time and has expanded to three volumes, although following Dr. Deutsch's retirement, he no longer actively contributes (P. Deutsch, April 22, 2019; F. Raffa, personal communication, April 26, 2019).

In the fall of 1983, the newly minted Ph.D., Dr. Paul Deutsch, was speaking to a class of students in the rehabilitation counseling program at the University of Florida where he met Dr. Horace Sawyer, the chair of the department (H. Sawyer, personal communication, May 1, 2019). They enjoyed a lunch together and an association began which would lay the foundation for introducing the concept life care planning to the discipline of rehabilitation consulting. Deutsch urged Sawyer to join him as co-author of a new Matthew Bender publication titled the *Guide to Rehabilitation* (Deutsch & Sawyer, 1985). Although reluctant at first, Sawyer agreed to join Deutsch in promoting life care planning concepts as a co-author of the *Guide* and facilitator of conference presentations (H. Sawyer, personal communication, May 1, 2019). During 1984, he and Deutsch, along with Julie Kitchen (who was also a driving force; H. Sawyer, personal communication, May 1, 2019) created the seminal text on life care planning, which was updated yearly until the company that bought the rights to the publication (Ahab Press) went out of business.

With the 1985 publication of the *Guide*, Sawyer, as an academic leader in the rehabilitation profession, was instrumental in adding Deutsch to the agendas of state rehabilitation conferences, university rehabilitation counselor training programs, established health professional groups, national rehabilitation conferences, and others (author's note: I met Deutsch at one of the conferences in 1985 and was immediately attracted to the concept, thus beginning a long relationship with Deutsch). According to Sawyer,

Paul was always ready to go anyplace at any time that I was scheduling for us. In the early days, it was exciting

to introduce life care planning to so many different state and national groups with the pretense of national exposure to life care planning and the 'promotion of *The Guide to Rehabilitation*' (personal communication, May 1, 2019).

In 1986, the first issue of the *Journal of Private Sector Rehabilitation*, the peer-reviewed journal of the National Association of Rehabilitation Professionals in the Private Sector (now known as the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals), included a description and process pertaining to life care planning (Deutsch, Sawyer, Jenkins, & Kitchen, 1986).

Deutsch's tireless efforts to educate rehabilitation professionals, combined with the enthusiasm of attendees for life care planning, led to what some believe to be the turning point in the development of the practice of life care planning. This event consisted of a two-day nationwide rehabilitation professional training program that was organized by Deutsch, Kitchen and Sawyer and held in Hilton Head, South Carolina on September 16–17, 1988 (Weed & Berens, 2019). Although the list of attendees is lost, this author remembers that more than 100 rehabilitation professionals from throughout the United States were assembled. In these two days of training, rehabilitation professionals were introduced to the overall concepts of life care planning and the format that was published in the *Guide to Rehabilitation*. It also became evident that many people were practicing what they labeled as life care planning in a variety of ways, some of which appeared to be contrary to the intended goals and purposes of ethical rehabilitation practice. In addition, as previously mentioned, many people were using the term life care planning as it became more popular, but had little or no awareness of the *Guide* nor appropriate uses or practices associated with this emerging specialty practice.

The 1990s

In the fall of 1992, five rehabilitation professionals, Richard (Rick) Bonfiglio, MD; Paul Deutsch, PhD; Julie Kitchen, CCM, CDMS; Susan Riddick, BS, RN, CCM; and Roger Weed, PhD, met to discuss the apparent problems associated with some life care planning practices. Concerned that fragmentation and poor standardization would result in the overall decline of the specialty practice, they decided to develop a concentrated training program consisting of eight modules, each two and a half days in length, to provide standardized training on the various aspects of life care planning.

On February 18, 1993 the founders of the comprehensive training mentioned above met and outlined eight modules (aka tracks) with assignments of speakers.

Module I, assigned to Julie Kitchen, provided a basic overview of life care planning process methods, standards, and formats.

Module II, led by Roger Weed, was designed to include

the vocational aspects of clients/evaluatees whose life care plans appropriately included work-related opinions.

Module III, headed by Susan Grisham, addressed effective case management strategies within the complex medical environment.

Module IV, delegated to Paul Deutsch, outlined the various forensic rehabilitation issues to which many rehabilitation professionals, willingly or unwillingly, are subjected.

Module V, shared by Paul Deutsch, Rick Bonfiglio and Julie Kitchen, focused specifically on spinal cord injury issues.

Module VI, shared by Rick Bonfiglio and Susan Grisham, focused on brain injury issues.

Module VII, shared by Rick Bonfiglio and Roger Weed, was an overview of the long-term care issues for other physical and emotional disabilities as well as some disease processes.

Following this process, a management company (Rehabilitation Training Institute) was contracted to set up training programs throughout the United States. Before the flyers were fully distributed, the first of the organized modules (scheduled for November 1993) was filled. Two introductory courses were developed: one on the West Coast and the other on the East Coast. It became obvious that there were a number of rehabilitation professionals who were interested in pursuing continuing education related to life care planning, and several participants requested official recognition for their educational efforts. Dr. Horace Sawyer of the University of Florida, and co-author/editor of the *Guide* was approached, and he agreed to pursue an official certificate of completion through the University of Florida's Continuing Education Department, which was approved in November 1993.

In an effort to better manage training, a private-public partnership between the Rehabilitation Training Institute and the University of Florida was formed in 1997 and named Intelicus (the University of Florida controlled the curriculum). The five founders donated the program content to Intelicus effective January, 1994, which was purchased by Medipro Seminars in 2003. However, Medipro has since ceased operations. Most of the founders continue to donate time and services in support of online training through the University of Florida and the annual life care planning symposium. Life care planning symposia were first offered in 1996 and have continued annually to date with the goal of providing life care planning-specific training and education (McCollom & Weed, 2002).

Although the certificate of completion from such

programs as the University of Florida and Kaplan University underscored the value of obtaining education specific to this specialized profession, it did not provide the assurance of ethical practice or the professional identity that was desired by people who had invested thousands of dollars and much of their time in the training process. Several certification boards were contacted, with three indicating an interest in leading the way to certification. Eventually, with facilitation by Dr. Sawyer, the Commission on Disability Examiner Certification (now known as the International Commission on Health Care Certification, or ICHCC) based in Midlothian, Virginia, and owned by V. Robert May, Rh.D. assumed the responsibility, and the first certifications in life care planning were offered in the spring of 1996 (first CLCP certificates issued in July 1996). With regard to certification, although the ICHCC also certifies nurses, some nurses wished to affiliate with an organization that only certifies nurses, and the American Association of Nurse Life Care Planners was formed in the 1997.

Another significant development, in October 1996, was the formation of the American Academy of Nurse Life Care Planners (Source: P. McCollom vitae, 2006). After discussions with leaders of the life care planning movement, McCollom, with support of her all nurse advisory board, agreed to change the name to the International Academy of Life Care Planners, opening the membership to all professional life care planners in December of 1997 (K. Preston, personal communication, May 6, 2019). (Note: Due in part to McCollom's health, the association was transferred to the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals as a special interest section effective August 1, 2005) (Berens, 2006).

As life care planning interest spread throughout the United States and beyond, encompassing an ever-widening group of professions and professionals, it became evident that the definition offered by Deutsch and Raffa in *Damages in Tort Action* needed to be revised. This author was privileged to take the lead in this task at a 1998 national conference consisting of a large group of primarily rehabilitation consultants and nurses engaged in life care planning. The goal was to reach consensus on the definition of life care planning from a diverse group of professionals. These consensus events were expanded and came to be known as Life Care Planning Summits (see below and the article elsewhere in this journal) and the result of these efforts are *Consensus and Majority Statements* that continue to be refined and utilized in life care planning to this day (Weed & Berens, 2019, p. 5). Through this consensus activity, the definition of the term 'life care plan' is as follows (and continues to the present time):

A Life Care Plan is a dynamic document based upon published standards of practice, comprehensive assessment, data analysis, and research, which provides an organized concise plan for current and future needs with associated costs, for individuals who have

experienced catastrophic injury or have chronic health care needs. [Combined definition of the University of Florida and Intelicus annual life care planning conference and the American Academy of Nurse Life Care Planners (now known as the International Academy of Life Care Planners) presented at the Forensic Section meeting, NARPPS annual conference, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and agreed upon April 3, 1998].

Starting in 1994, regular life care planning conferences have been offered to educate attendees on current and future life care planning trends. Details on the next event offered in fall 2019 can be found on the website for the International Academy of Life Care Planners (<https://connect.rehabpro.org/lcp/home>).

Life Care Planning- from 2000s to the Present (and miscellaneous)

Historically, it is important to understand that the field of life care planning exists today due to the tireless efforts of those in the field who have engaged in professional development. As a result of over three decades of effort, life care planning has in existence:

- 2000 to Present: Life Care Planning Summits beginning in 2000, conducted *approximately* every two years, which were designed to arrive mostly at a consensus on critical life care planning topics. These Summits typically are limited to about 100 active professionals with representatives from significant life care planning related organizations. (Summit dates: 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011 in Canada, 2012, 2015, 2017 with the next Summit tentatively scheduled for April 2020.) (Note: for more details regarding Summits, please see the Summits article elsewhere in this Journal).

The first Summit was (mostly) attended by a select group of experienced life care planners, as well as several significant life care planning organizations, which resulted in a seminal publication of numerous life care planning consensus statements (Weed & Berens, 2000).

Speakers and organizations represented at the first Summit were:

- Rick Bonfiglio, MD, Education founder and trainer
- Patty Costantini, RN, MS, CLCP, American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants
- Paul M. Deutsch, Ph.D., CLCP, Founder and author
- Tyron Elliott, Esq., Plaintiff attorney
- Tim Field, Ph.D., Publisher of rehabilitation and related books, trainer and author
- Anne Llewellyn, RN, Case Management Society of America
- Ann Neulicht, Ph.D., CLCP, International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals
- V. Robert May, Ph.D., representing certification
- Patti McCollom, RN, MS, CLCP, International Academy Life Care Planners
- Fred Raffa, Ph.D., Founder & economist
- Horace Sawyer, Ph.D., University of Florida and LCP

Guide co-author

- Linda Shaw, Ph.D., Intelicus Curriculum Chair
- Roger Weed, Ph.D., CLCP, Georgia State University, training founder and author
- Terry Winkler, MD, CLCP, Trainer and author

Summit topics and issues were sorted into five focus areas which included:

1. Professional preparation:

Minimum qualifications

Education

Experience

Certifications

Other credentials

2. Basic tenets and procedures for completing life care plans:

Records review

Medical foundation

Expert witness v. consultant

Reports and content

Economic requirements

3. Ethics:

Relevancy of ethics from certifications or licenses not specific to life care planning

Maintaining files

Documenting contacts for life care plan entries

Staying within area of expertise

Confidentiality

Objectivity

4. Reliability and validity of the life care plan:

Based on adequate foundation

Opinions referenced in life care planning by credentialed professionals

Based on the industry requirements (e.g., personal injury, workers' comp, etc.)

Research data

5. Information dissemination:

How to make agreed upon standards and procedures readily available to public

Publications, association, and certification board web sites

Develop a reference list of life care planning and related publications

2002 to present: The premier peer-reviewed life care planning journal, *Journal of Life Care Planning*, was initially published quarterly with current research pertaining to life care planning. The vision for the Journal was shared by many, but bringing the publication to fruition was directly

from the efforts of Dr. Tim Field, founder (along with his wife Janet) of Elliott and Fitzpatrick, Inc., an experienced publisher, journal editor, author, and popular conference speaker. He provided funding as well as technical and publisher services to bring the *Journal* to the profession. He gifted the Journal to the national association (IALCP section of IARP) in late 2006 where it continues to thrive (Field, 2006).

Life care planning *Standards of Practice*, (directed by this author) which extensively solicited comments from practicing life care planners, was first published in 2000 (chaired by this author) and was updated in 2006 (chair Sharon Reavis, RN, MS, CRC, CCM) and 2015 (chair Karen Preston, PHN, CRRN, FIALCP).

2002 to Present: The Foundation for Life Care Planning Research was founded by Dr. Paul Deutsch in coordination with the University of Florida, Georgia State University and the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University to support life care planning-related research as well as bestow annual awards in several categories. (For more details please refer to the Foundation article located elsewhere in this Journal.)

2000 to Present: Since 2000, role and function studies have conducted to enhance the certification process (Turner, Taylor, Rubin, & May, 2000). Updated in 2010 by Pomeranz, Yu, & Reid and extensively described in the Special Issue of *Journal of Life Care Planning*. The most recent role and function study was conducted in 2018, to be published in an upcoming issue of the *Journal of Life Care Planning*. (International Commission for Health Care Certification, 2018)

2013 to Present: A group of physicians formed the American Academy of Physician Life Care Planners in 2013. As of 2019, pre-approved life care planning training is available through Capital Law School (<https://law.capital.edu/LifeCarePlannerProgram>), the Institute of Rehabilitation and Training (privately founded by University of Florida professors Dr. Jamie Pomeranz and Dr. Nami Yu, <http://www.iretprograms.com>), and FIG education, founded by Shelene Giles, R.N. (<https://www.figeducation.com>). Other organizations, such as IARP, IALCP also offer periodic continuing education for life care planners.

Early Life Care Planning Contributors

Occasionally, there are questions about which individuals did what first. The information below is intended to educate the reader about those who played critical roles in the early developmental stages of the field of life care planning. As noted above, life care planning grew out of the disciplines of economics and rehabilitation. With educational training components offered from nurses, physicians, and rehabilitation professionals, the field morphed into what is currently recognized as the specialty practice of life care planning.

Paul Deutsch, Ph.D. CLCP (CLCP certificate #1) - As noted previously, Dr. Paul Deutsch, in the mid-1980s, was the first rehabilitation professional to formally teach “life care planning” concepts, methodology, and such. He is considered the “founder” of the life care planning process and was the first one to publish on the topic in the rehabilitation literature (with Dr. Fred Raffa) in 1982 in the text, *Damages in Tort Action* followed by multiple volumes of the *Guide to Rehabilitation* (with Horace Sawyer) educating readers on the evolving practice of life care planning. He was also the founder and prime mover of the Foundation for Life Care Planning Research, which was formed on January 23, 2002 with Paul Deutsch, Ph.D., Roger Weed, Ph. D., Chris Reid, Ph.D., Susan Grisham, R.N. Patti McCollom, R.N., CRC, Terry Winkler, M.D. and Bernie Kleinman of Medipro/AHAB Press, comprising the initial Board of Directors. Also attending the first meeting was Sheri Kendal, Ph.D. who would become the Foundation’s statistics and publication consultant and Amy Sutton, Ph.D., RN, CLCP (who was a doctoral student at the time). For more information about the Foundation, see the article detailing the history in this journal by Debra Berens, Ph.D., CRC, CLCP.

Susan Riddick-Grisham, BA, RN, CCM, CLCP- Susan Riddick-Grisham was the first nurse to formally teach other nurses an organized series of life care planning classes. She was employed by Crawford & Company in March 1991 (Source, S. Grisham vitae, 2015) to educate their consultants nationwide. It may be obvious, but she underwent specific life care planning training prior to teaching the methodology to others. She was also the only nurse to participate in the development of the original nationwide training program curriculum launched by the Rehabilitation Training Institute (which later became Intelicus and, through the years, has been reformatted to be today’s life care planning certificate training program offered by the University of Florida). She is also the prime mover for the text *Pediatric Life Care Planning and Case Management Handbook* (2004 and 2011 2nd ed.).

Julie A. Kitchen, BS, CCM, CDMS, CLCP- Julie Kitchen worked with Paul Deutsch for nearly four decades and was instrumental in the dissemination of life care planning information from inception. She has been involved in life care planning research and preparation and was one of the five founders of the training modules. She was a popular instructor and known as the “go to” person for information about products, supplies and services often included in life care plans. Behind the scenes, Julie was influential as a person to organize and assure publication, training and life care plan completion. She has authored numerous book chapters, articles and monographs in professional journals.

Patricia “Patti” McCollom, MS, RN, CLCP, CRRN, CCM, CLCP- As noted above, Patti McCollom was the first nurse to start an organization specifically for nurse life care planners in October 1996, when she founded the American Academy of Nurse Life Care Planners (Source: P.

McCullom, Vitae, 2006). Under Patti’s direction and at the urging of others, the organization was expanded to include life care planners from disciplines including and outside of nursing (i.e., multidisciplinary) and this organization is now known as the International Academy of Life Care Planners (IALCP), a section of the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (IARP). In 2002, Patti was the founding editor of the *Journal of Life Care Planning*, the first peer-reviewed journal specifically dedicated to life care planning. Further, she was elected to several national leadership positions and was active in numerous organizations (e.g., the board of the Foundation of Life Care Planning Research). She contributed to the literature via peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and other publications until her untimely death. She was also an invited speaker at many conferences.

Roger Weed, Ph.D. CRC/R, CLCP (certificate #2), CCM/R, LPC/ret.- Dr. Weed participated in the advancement of life care planning as one of the five founders of training protocol (1993), development of CLCP exams (1996), a founding member of the board of the Foundation for Life Care Planning Research (2002), elected leader in multiple organizations, speaker and beginning in 1990, trainer throughout the United States and Canada, leader of Life Care Planning Summits (2000 and beyond), Associate Editor of the *Journal of Life Care Planning* (2002), as well as, more than 150 publications, of which 80 books, booklets, articles, and chapters are specific to life care planning. His 1999, textbook, *Life Care Planning and Case Management Handbook* now in its fourth edition (editions 3rd and 4th edited with Dr. Debbie Berens), is considered the seminal textbook in the specialty practice of life care planning. As a professor, life care planning concepts were taught in the masters in rehabilitation program at Georgia State University beginning in the 1980s.

Richard Bonfiglio, MD- Dr. Bonfiglio was one of the five founders of the training modules, as well as a workshop leader throughout the United States. Dr. Bonfiglio, a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician, was originally responsible for development of the medical foundation components of life care planning training. He is the author of several publications related to medical foundations for life care plans and was active in the national leadership of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Horace Sawyer, Ed.D., CRC, CCM, CLCP, CEDE II- Dr. Sawyer was instrumental in distributing life care planning information to the practice of rehabilitation first through co-authorship of the seminal 1985 text, *Guide to Rehabilitation*, as well as through his national network for conference presentations. As department chair of rehabilitation counseling within the University of Florida (U of FL), he successfully underscored credibility to professionals undertaking the education of eight modules by issuing a University of Florida certificate of completion in 1993. He

was also instrumental in negotiating and instituting the CLCP certification through Dr. Robert May's certification agency in 1996.

There are numerous other professionals who *early* in the process contributed to the advancement of life care planning, and at the risk of missing some, notables, most of whom were mentioned in this short article, include Tim Field, Ph.D., Terry Winkler M.D, Robert Meier, III, M.D., Karen Preston, PHN., Ann Neulicht, Ph.D., Mary-Barros Bailey, Ph.D., Tyron Elliot, J.D., and Debra Berens, Ph.D. Although not a life care planning professional, another person who deserves credit is Sheri Jasper (now deceased). For many years she was the first contact for prospective students as the support person to the program (including marketing, reservation control, and conference on-site "go to" person). Her positive spirit was infectious to "newbies," returning students and speakers alike and she was loved by many. For details, please see the tribute elsewhere in this journal written by Heidi Fawber.

Conclusion

In the early years, life care planning services were offered by only a few professionals. Between the years of 1986 and 2019, the field of life care planning has exploded into a major force of its own. Over the years, life care planning morphed from an almost entirely litigation-oriented tool to one used in a wide variety of venues. Current venues utilizing life care plans include, but are not limited to, workers compensation, medical malpractice, special needs trusts, family trusts, insurance reserve setting, wounded warrior support, elder care, discharge planning, and more. Additionally, life care planners extend beyond the borders of the United States.

Currently, life care planning tenets and methodologies are taught in accredited rehabilitation counseling programs (Marini, Isom & Reid, 2004), in addition to multiple organizations. An international certification (Canadian) is available to life care planners completing life care planning training and satisfying the requisite assessment (see <https://www.ichcc.org/canadian-certified-life-care-planner-cclcp.html>). While initially publications related to life care planning were few and far between, currently such literature can be found in thousands of professional books, chapters, and articles in professional disciplines of nursing, medicine, economics, neuropsychology, rehabilitation counseling, occupational/ speech/ physical therapy, veterans rehabilitation, law (damages texts, court decisions and appealed cases), insurance and more. The life care plan is well-established and likely to be a valuable tool for years to come. As Julie Kitchen mentioned, "you've come a long way baby" (personal communication April 27, 2019).

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Table 1, Life Care Planning Timeline of Selected Historical Events

Year	Event
1970s	Paul Deutsch meets economist Frederick (Fred) Raffa who was instrumental with designing the format to provide data needed for projecting future cost of needs
1979	Julie Kitchen joins Paul Deutsch in May; an association that will endure nearly 4 decades
1982	Life care planning concepts first appeared in the legal literature in <i>Damages in Tort Action</i> , Volumes 8 & 9 by Deutsch and Raffa. Damages texts continue to be updated yearly (as of 2019)
January 1983	Paul Deutsch awarded Ph.D of University of Florida
Fall 1983	Paul meets Horace Sawyer, Ph.D., chair of the rehabilitation counseling program at U. of FL., after speaking to rehab counseling class at the U of FI
1984 +	Horace was instrumental with introducing life care planning to rehabilitation professionals and students via arranging conferences for Paul nationwide.
1985 +	Life Care Planning introduced to the rehabilitation literature in the book <i>Guide to Rehabilitation</i> by Deutsch & Sawyer. This seminal text was updated yearly for decades until publisher ceases operation.
1988	Widely believed to be the “turning point” comprehensive conference held at Hilton Head Island, September 16 & 17. Organized by Paul Deutsch, Julie Kitchen and Horace Sawyer. First peer reviewed life care planning article appeared in rehabilitation literature in the <i>Journal of Private Sector Rehabilitation</i> , 1(1), 13-27 Life care planning in catastrophic case management by Deutsch, Paul M.; Sawyer, Horace W.; Jenkins, William M.; Kitchen, Julie A.
1989-1990 & 2007, 2018	Series of “step-by-step” booklets published for training. See end of table for list.
1992	Initial preparation for coordinated nationwide training initiated by five professionals representing physician, nursing and rehabilitation consulting. Founders were Paul Deutsch, Ph.D., Richard (Rick) Bonfiglio, MD, Susan Riddick-Grisham, RN, Julie Kitchen, BS and Roger Weed, Ph.D.
1993	February, the founders completed the first comprehensive curriculum consisting of 8 tracks, 2 ½ days each by. Instructors for each track identified. Training initiated fall 1993. University of Florida on November 14 th agrees to offer a certificate in Life Care Planning to professionals who successfully complete the eight track program from the Rehabilitation Training Institute*.
1994	University of Florida assumes responsibility for curriculum via public private partnership which is known as Intelicus.

1996	<p>The Commission on Disability Examiner Certification (led by V. Robert May, Ph.D.) administers the first certification exam in March leading to Certified Life Care Planner designation. Certificates first mailed in July 1996.</p> <p>First annual Life Care Planning symposium is held November in Atlanta.</p> <p>First association specific to life care planning formed - American Academy for Nurse Life Care Planners (not to be confused with the American Association of Nurse life Care Planners).</p> <p>Fellow designation (FIALCP) was first established through the International Academy of Life Care Planners (IALCP)</p>
1997	<p>The American <i>Academy</i> of Nurse Life Care Planners (led by Patti McCollom) evolved into the International Academy of Life Care Planners and professional membership expanded beyond nursing. Approved December 12 and announced to association members 1/28/98</p> <p>The American <i>Association</i> of Nurse Life Care Planners was formed.</p>
1998	<p>Life Care Planning definition agreed upon by University of Florida , International Academy of Life Care Planners, and NARPPS (now IARP) Forensic Section members Colorado Springs, CO, April 3, 1998.</p>
1999	<p><i>Life Care Planning and Case Management Handbook</i> by Roger Weed published, (first of 4 editions).</p>
2000	<p>First Life Care Planning Summit is held on April 12, Dallas, TX, Invited experts and affiliations consisted of Rick Bonfiglio (Medical), Patti Costantini (AALNC), Paul Deutsch (Founder), Tyron Elliott (Legal), Tim Field (Publications), Don Lawson (Legal), Anne Llewellyn (CMSA) , Bob May (CLCP), Patti McCollom (IALCP), Ann Neulicht (IARP), Fred Raffa (Economist), Horace Sawyer (Univ of FL), Linda Shaw (Intelicus), Roger Weed (Georgia State Univ.) The results were endorsed by all organizations invited.</p> <p>First, role and function study published [Turner, T., Taylor, D., Rubin, S., & May, V.R. (2000). Job functions associated with the development of life care plans. <i>Journal of Legal Nurse Consultants</i>, 11(3), 3-7]</p>
2000	<p>First life care planning Standards of Practice published</p>
2002	<p>Paul Deutsch forms the 501 (c) 3 Foundation for Life Care Planning Research Initial board members Paul Deutsch, Roger Weed, Patti McCollom, Susan Riddick Grisham, Chris Reid, Terry Winkler and Bernie Kleinman.</p> <p><i>Journal of Life Care Planning</i> is launched. Patti McCollom founding editor, Dr. Roger Weed, associate editor. Dr. Tim Field, through Elliott and Fitzpatrick publishing, underwrites the launch.</p> <p>Second Life Care Planning Summit May 19 (Summits occur approximately every two years)</p>
2004	<p><i>Pediatric Life Care Planning and Case Management Handbook</i> by Susan Grisham published (first of 2 editions)</p>
2005	<p>IALCP merges with IARP effective August 1</p>
2006	<p>Standards of Practice revised, 2nd ed.</p>
2007	<p>Patti McCollom, Founder of IALCP, loses battle with cancer October 6</p>

2010	Second Role and Function Study published. [Pomeranz, J., Yu, N., & Reid, C. (2010). Role and Function Study of Life Care Planners. <i>Journal of Life Care Planning</i> , 9(3), 57-106.]
2013	American Academy of Physician Life Care Planners formed
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