

# Are you prepared?

Children and grandchildren need to get ready for their roles as inheritors.



**Wealth Creators**

Passing down the knowledge and tools necessary for a successful **wealth transition** is imperative



**Inheritors**



## Here's 4 things that can make it challenging

### Sense of entitlement

Parents may want to parse out inheritance tying payments to milestones. Inheritors may feel that no strings should be attached.

### Heirs' differing needs

Parents may treat inheritors differently based on needs. Inheritors may feel unequal treatment is unfair.

### Grandchildren

Wealth creators may want to give equally to their grandchildren. Children may find this unfair if they have less children, therefore less grandchildren.

### Lump sum or extended distribution

Parents may worry about leaving lump sum payments directly to their children in order to protect them and instead they provide to them through a trust. Inheritors may find this too restrictive.

Open, early and ongoing communication, where parents share their intentions and their path to success, allows inheritors to appreciate the efforts in creating the wealth and affords them time and opportunity to learn what's needed to successfully carry on this legacy.

## Stories = Communication



Ask parents about their story and legacy.

Be empathetic and respectful

Ask about challenges and successes

Listen more than you talk

Family tree



Family values and mission statement

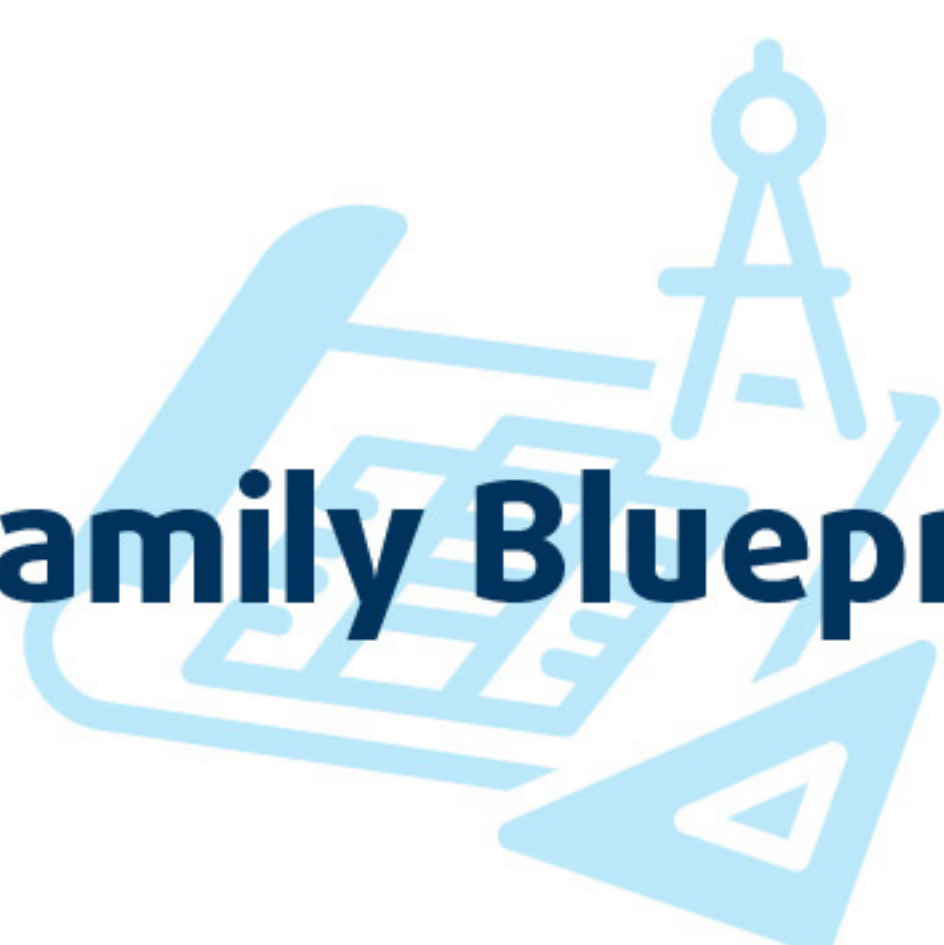


Family financials



Estate disposition

= **Family Blueprint**



Take your family blueprint to **The Family Meeting**



Create an agenda and arrange for a time, place and frequency that allows for open communication

Gather information and work together to resolve potential problems

Assign roles to different members based on interests and skills

## Family Roles



**beneficiary**



**trustee**



**steward**



**shareholder**

Inheritors can play a more active role to help prepare wealth creators and inheritors alike.

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