

Gabrielle Gelo is a former biology teacher with a bachelor's degree from Douglass College of Rutgers University. She lives in San Antonio with her husband of 34 years; they have two adult sons.

In 2006, at 46 years old, Gabrielle joined the 40% of folks under age 60 who require long term care, when a car accident left her disabled for 5 months. Her inability to care for herself and the families' needs together with the physical therapy copays, and the loss of her income, placed a severe burden on the family's savings.

Gabrielle experienced long term care again in the more traditional sense when her aging mom needed care in NJ and the burden of that care fell on the shoulders of her brother and his wife. When Gabrielle was ready to return to work fulltime she devoted herself to the long term care field and became a licensed, Long Term Care Specialist with ACSIA Partners, the nation's largest agency specializing in long term care planning.

Gabrielle is a member of The American Association for Long Term Care Insurance where she has been nationally recognized as a Top LTC Insurance Professional. In 2009 she served on the Austin LTC Guild and was invited to be a participant in the Texas Department of Health and Human Services "think tank" for rolling out the Partnership Program. Her clients can be seen telling their stories on the Texas State Partnership Program website (www.ownyourfuturetexas.org) .

She is a proud sponsor of the national non-profit, "3 in 4 Need More" and teaches seminars about planning for long term care for the Northside Independent School District, North East Independent School District, as well as for numerous national and local employer and association groups. She partners with Financial Advisors, Attorneys, Benefit Brokers, and other insurance agents to bring a long term care expertise to their practices.

Gabrielle is a full service advocate for her own clients, and has seen how invaluable a knowledgeable agent is to clients who go on claim. Claims can be stressful for individuals who no longer have an agent representing them; Gabrielle offers a fee-for-service long term care claims help for such orphaned clients. She also assists clients learn about and prepare for Medicare.