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Retirement Planning Process & Techniques

Six Step Process for Managing Retirement Income

We are half way through this series and hopefully building more financial confidence as we explore the six important steps for managing retirement income. The purpose of this series is to shed light on the things you need to think about and discuss with your advisor in advance of creating a retirement plan.

Step Four: Identifying Options for Addressing Gaps

Steps 1, 2 and 3 represent the data collection phase of creating a retirement income plan. At this fourth step of the process any income gaps will have become apparent. There are eight basic options you can use to fill essential and discretionary gaps to help extend the number of years your money will last.

- 1) Design your managed assets to help maximize potential returns
- 2) Create additional lifetime income
- 3) Spend less in retirement
- 4) Work full-time
- 5) Work part-time
- 6) Postpone or accelerate social security and pensions
- 7) Increase savings
- 8) Use home equity

Most retirees, with the exception of the extremely wealthy, will be focusing on option #1 for obvious reasons. From there, any income gaps would be handled by one or a combination of a few of the remaining seven options, based on whatever would be appropriate for your situation, meaning what you are willing to do and what you are able to do. An advisor can be extremely helpful in this phase of planning.

If you would like more information or assistance, contact us any time. www.multop.com

Stay tuned for Step Five: Converting Resources into Income.