

Cornerstone Planning Group Reports Surge in Advisors Seeking Supported Independence

FAIRFIELD, NJ, UNITED STATES, April 1, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As the financial advisory landscape continues to evolve, Cornerstone Planning Group (CPG) is drawing attention to a clear industry shift: more advisors are exploring independence but seeking the structure and stability of an established support platform to guide the transition.

This trend coincides with the recent launch of Cornerstone Planning Group's new website, designed to better support advisors researching independence and provide clearer insight into the firm's [practice management](#) infrastructure and transition model.

Across the industry, Independent Registered Investment Advisors are prioritizing business ownership, operational autonomy, and long-term scalability. However, many cite the complexities of compliance, technology integration, and day-to-day operations as barriers to going independent entirely on their own. This has led to rising interest in supported independence models, where advisors retain freedom while leveraging experienced infrastructure.

A growing number of financial professionals have identified practice management as a critical need during transitions, particularly when navigating regulatory requirements or laying the groundwork for sustainable growth.

Data and advisor sentiment point to several key drivers behind the shift:

- Increased desire for control over client service models and business direction
- Rising operational demands are making solo transitions more difficult
- Greater interest in long-term equity ownership and succession pathways
- A preference for collaborative planning communities that guide without restricting independence

These trends reflect broader changes within the financial services sector, where advisors are gravitating toward models that allow professional freedom with structural support.

"Advisors want independence, but they don't want to feel alone," said Carmine Corino (ChFC®, AIF®, CFP®), Founder & CEO of Cornerstone Planning Group. "The firms that will thrive in the next decade are the ones built on alignment, transparency, and a strong operational backbone. Supported independence gives advisors the freedom to build the practice they envision while

relying on proven systems that eliminate unnecessary friction.”

Corino added, “When advisors have access to solid infrastructure and reliable practice management resources, they transition faster, serve clients better, and ultimately build more sustainable businesses.”

Corino founded Cornerstone Planning Group after two decades in the financial services industry, developing a client-first advisory practice built on trust, consistency, and conflict-free planning. As his firm expanded, he recognized the need to bring on like-minded advisors who shared his holistic philosophy and commitment to long-term client relationships.

This real-world experience informs CPG’s support model, which delivers operational guidance, compliance assistance, technology enablement, and business coaching designed to strengthen Practice Management for Financial Advisors at every stage of growth.

The newly launched website reflects this approach, offering a more streamlined user experience and dedicated resources for advisors evaluating the transition to independence, including insights into CPG’s onboarding process, support structure, and long-term growth framework.

As the independent advisory space continues to expand, Cornerstone Planning Group remains focused on equipping advisors with the support, structure, and resources needed to make independence both attainable and sustainable. With more professionals reassessing how they want to build and grow their practices, CPG’s model offers a clear path forward for those seeking the freedom of independence without sacrificing operational stability.

About Cornerstone Planning Group

Cornerstone Planning Group (CPG) is an independent advisory firm based in Fairfield, NJ, offering nationwide support to financial advisors who want to build and grow independent practices. CPG provides operational infrastructure, technology support, compliance resources, and practice development coaching tailored to the evolving needs of today’s advisor. The firm is registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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