

## June 2026 Newsletter

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# NCCAP

## NATIONAL CERTIFICATION COUNCIL FOR ACTIVITY PROFESSIONALS

### Enriching Lives Through Person-Centered Engagemen

At NCCAP, we remain committed to advancing excellence in aging services through education, certification, and advocacy. Each month we celebrate the professionals, organizations, and innovations that strengthen person-centered care and improve quality of life for older adults and vulnerable populations.

In this edition, we are highlighting professional development opportunities, organizational updates, and ways our community continues to lead with compassion, creativity, and purpose.

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#### Message from NCCAP President, Debbie Hommel, ACC/MC/EDU, CTRS



As President of NCCAP, I am thrilled to share exciting news about the continued growth and advancement of our profession. One of

most meaningful ways we strengthen the activity profession is by creating accessible pathways for new leaders to enter and excel in field.

That is why I am especially excited to highlight the Professional Bridge Pathway course to ADC certification. This innovative opportunity is designed to support professionals who have completed a state-approved activity course that is not the approved MEPAP/ADC course. Upon completion of the Professional Bridge Pathway course, participants will be eligible to take the national exam and achieve national certification as an Activity Director. Register now and use code **Shimmer** and receive \$100 discount before June 30, 2026. Also, I would like to mention that if you register for the On Demand Bridge Course by June 30, 2026, NCCAP is offering a free renewal valued at \$

As our profession continues to evolve, NCCAP remains committed to supporting education, leadership, and excellence. Together, we are building the future of the activity profession — one dedicated professional at a time.

Thank you for your continued dedication and for being an essential part of the NCCAP community. The future is bright, and we're building it together.

Debbie Hommel, ACC/MC/EDU, CTRS  
NCCAP President

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**NCCAP'S STANDARDIZED  
ON DEMAND BRIDGE TO ADC  
NATIONAL CERTIFICATION  
COURSE**

1 YEAR TO COMPLETE AT YOUR OWN  
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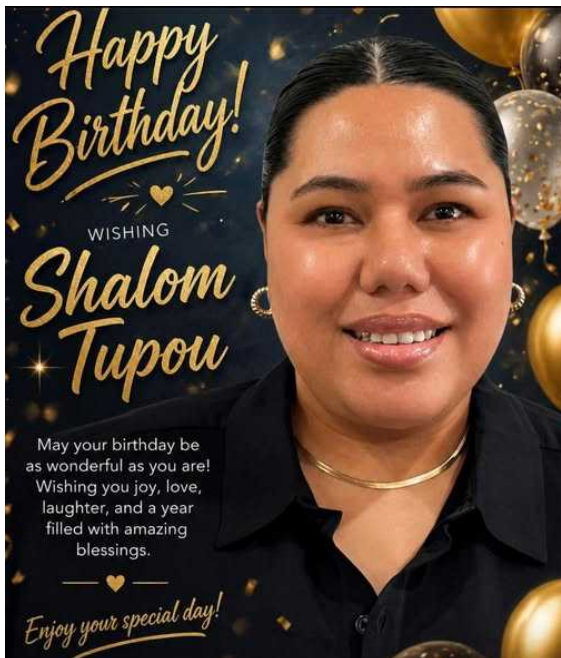
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If you've ever called NCCAP, you've likely spoken with Shalome!

Please join us in wishing Shalome a very happy birthday! As one of the first points of contact for many of our professionals, Shalome often the friendly voice and helpful support they connect with first.

We are so grateful for all that she does for NCCAP each day. Wishing you a wonderful birthday and year ahead!

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### **Advancing Excellence in Long-Term Care Collaborative Kara Riser, ACC, NCCAP's Vice President**



In recent years, NCCAP has strengthened its partnerships across the field, including its current involvement in member meetings with Advancing Excellence in Long-Term Care Collaborative. AELTCC.

We're grateful for this collaborative community dedicated to strengthening post-acute and long-term care.

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### PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT



#### **NCCAP Celebrates Julie Reginek on Her Retirement!**

After 35 years of dedicated service at Ridgewater College, Julie Reginek leaves behind an extraordinary legacy of leadership, mentorship, and passion for the Activity Profession. Through her guidance and commitment to education, Julie has positively impacted countless Activity Professionals and enriched the lives of so many across the country.

On behalf of NCCAP, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for the years of inspiration, advocacy, and care you have shared with our profession. Your influence will continue to be felt for generations to come.

Want to be featured or have a professional featured in an upcoming newsletter? Share your success story, team achievement, or program innovation with us. Submissions are due by the 25th of each month to be considered.

[Submit](#)



This section highlights practical tools, creative ideas, and trusted supports designed to help activity professionals and care providers deliver meaningful, person-centered engagement.

From evidence-based programming guides and adaptable activity plans to training opportunities and wellness resources, you'll find content that enhances both resident outcomes and staff confidence.

Whether you're looking for fresh inspiration, regulatory guidance, or ways to prevent burnout, these curated resources are here to support your success and elevate the quality of care you provide every day.

Here are a few focus areas for this month:

[Teamwork in the Activity Department](#)

[Evident-Based Programming](#)



**NAAP provides LIVE webinars that you can receive CE credit for your certification renewal with NCCAP!**

Webinars will be available on-demand for all NAAP members. You can view past education sessions directly from our website by accessing the "HUB Resource" area of the website. You will need to log in as a NAAP member.

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**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

The NCCAP Special Projects Committee is a strategic, action-oriented group dedicated to advancing innovative initiatives that support NCCAP's mission, growth, and impact. This committee focuses on developing, testing, and implementing projects that fall outside the scope of standing committees but are critical to addressing emerging needs, opportunities, and priorities within the organization and activity profession.

Over the next several months, NCCAP will be introducing the committee members.



**Committee Member**

Steve Vozzella

Steve is a Certified Activity Consultant through the National Certification Council for Activity Professionals (NCCAP) and brings more than 30 years of experience leading activity and volunteer programs in senior care, including 20 years focused exclusively on memory care. In his current role as an Activity Specialist with Fundamental Clinical and Operational Services, he provides consultation and support to Activity Professionals across seven states.

A respected speaker and educator, Steve has presented at local, state, and national conferences throughout his career and has contributed to research initiatives in senior care. In 2024, he became a licensed NCCAP Instructor, and in 2025, he was recognized with the NAAP Award of Distinguished Service for his outstanding contributions to the profession.

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### **Bryan Rife, ADC/EDU, NCCAP's Director of Education and Outreach: Leading with Authenticity Across the Nation**



In the ever-evolving world of healthcare education and professional development, few leaders embody passion, purpose, and authenticity quite like Bryan Rife. As the Director of Education and Outreach, Bryan has become a recognizable and respected figure across the country, representing both NCCAP (National Certification Council for Activity Professionals) and NAAP (National Association of Activity Professionals) at healthcare conferences, industry expos, and leadership events nationwide.

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