



### ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH PERSON CENTERED ENGAGEMENT

*National Certification Council for Activity Professionals*



### From the CEO

Dear Activity Professionals,

The rhythm of the seasons is upon us as we pass from summer to autumn. Interestingly, there are a number of themes observed during the month of October. These include Breast Cancer, Emotional Intelligence, Global Diversity, Health Literacy and LGBT History. Another important theme observed in October is Long-Term Care Planning, which focuses on the need to prepare for the high costs of care and services. We know that many of our Certified Activity Professionals are considering retirement after decades of selfless service. Long-term care planning should be a consideration. It is essential that self-care include such planning for those who have dedicated their careers to the physical, mental and psychosocial well-being of others.

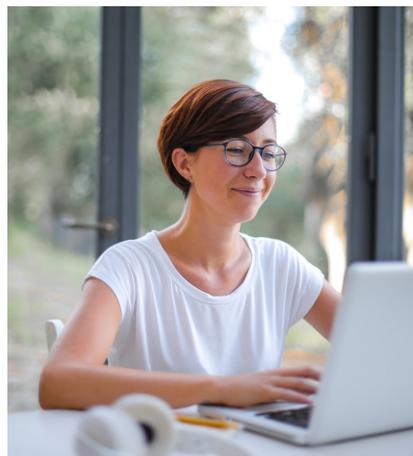
In closing, we all share some optimism in light of the recent assertion by President Biden that the pandemic is over. However, many of us continue to deal with high infection rates and negative outcomes disproportionately impacting the vulnerable population we serve. At NCCAP we continue to track, update and adjust our national credential to meet the highest standards in health care. The knowledge, education and training verified through NCCAP Certification ensures the life-enriching activity programming you deliver improves the quality of life of our residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Illig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" being more prominent than the last name "Illig".

Peter Illig

## National Exam Update



NCCAP will be transferring the national exam to a new testing company called Proctor Free, beginning October 1st. There are no changes to the test, just the testing company. With the advancement of virtual proctors, NCCAP is choosing a company that is streamlining the testing process. If you have already taken the national exam, this does not affect you. Anyone who has applied to take the national exam and is waiting for an invitation, you will hear from the NCCAP office soon. All national exam tests will be administered in the privacy of your home and test candidates will no longer have to go to a testing center. If you have any questions about the National Exam, please email [bryan.rife@nccap.org](mailto:bryan.rife@nccap.org).

## National Hispanic Heritage Month



National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated September 15 through October 15. It is a great time to learn more about the diversity of Hispanic and Latina/e/o/x experiences and cultures. Activity Professionals are busy highlighting important achievements and contributions made by Americans of Hispanic ancestry that enriches us as a nation. The dates chosen to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month when it was enacted into law in 1988 are meaningful. September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua countries. Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence on September 16 and September 18, respectively; and Indigenous Peoples Day is on October 12. This year's theme is Unity, "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation."



### **Pioneer Network's "Listen, Learn, Explore"**

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We welcome you to connect to the podcast [here](#).



## Engagement Certification

NCCAP's Memory Care Validation Certification Course is now available! Enroll now by going to

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### NCCAP Certification

In 1986 the National Association of Activity Professionals (NAAP) created NCCAP as the official credential of the Activity Profession. Based on CMS F658, NAAP establishes Professional Standards of Practice and requiring the Modular Education Program for Activity Professionals (MEPAP) for NCCAP Certification. For over 30 years, NCCAP Certification has been the Gold Standard for life-enriching activities and is the only certification that meets the credentialing standards of ICE and NCCA. NCCAP offers the following [Professional Certifications](#) to meet Federal and State requirements.



## How to Renew your NCCAP Certification

Want to learn more about how to renew? Check out the 'How to Renew Your Certification' Video.

It's important to make sure that your correct email is on file so that you receive an email link beginning 4 months before your certification expiration date. If you don't receive this email, please contact the NCCAP office to update your email. You will then be able to renew through the link sent to you from NCCAP via email.

NCCAP is now following an audit process for continuing education.

You will not need to upload your certificates of proof of continuing education clock hours to your online profile on the NCCAP website or mail to the office. If you are chosen for an audit, you will be sent an email within days of your renewal submission and at that time you will be instructed on how to send in your certificates.

**Please Note: When submitting CEs for renewal they must be within the 2 years of expiration date. For example, if expired on 12/1/2022, the CEs must be between 12/2020-12/2022.**

When your application for re-certification has been reviewed and approved you will receive your NCCAP certificate as a PDF via email. Contact the office if you wish to have a hard copy of your certificate for a nominal fee at [info@nccap.org](mailto:info@nccap.org)

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NAAP provides education, resources, and a voice in unison with NCCAP! NAAP annual membership is \$75 USD/year.

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