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From the CEO:

I was recently invited to participate in a webinar hosted by the International Federation on Ageing as part of their “COVID-19 and Older People Virtual Town Hall Series.” I invite you to take a look at the diverse and interesting topics that capture many of the challenges our Activity Professionals face due to the ongoing COVID Crisis. Essential topics such as ageism, elder abuse, the role of volunteers, and the restrictions on the delivery of life-enriching, therapeutic activities are presented from experts around the world.

While these resources demonstrate that the impacts of this pandemic are global, the reality is that we have to deal with our own specific challenges each day in our communities. And, we know that these challenges are not put aside at the end of the workday like our PPE!
Rather, the stress, anxiety, and exhaustion associated with dealing with this crisis often follow us home.

Thus, we again emphasize the need for self-care. Please take the time to care for you!

Sincerely,

Peter Illig, NCCAP CEO

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**Helpful Tips for Remote Testing for the National Exam...**

For those who have selected the remote proctored exam option, here are some helpful hints.

- Be sure to schedule far enough in advance so you get a date and time slot you want.
- Be sure to check the time you reserve to make sure it’s the morning or evening depending on what you want.
- Try to use a laptop with a camera, as you have to show the online proctor the room you are sitting in by turning the computer around and you cannot do this with a desktop computer.
- If you have to use a desktop computer instead of a laptop, you will need to use mirrors to show the proctor the room you are sitting in.
- Be sure to log in to take the exam with enough time in advance in case you run into technical problems.
- Note that some facilities have firewalls on their computer system that might prevent you from accessing the online exam system.
- Note that some individuals have difficulty when using a MAC computer.

Candidates are still able to visit a local testing center to take the exam if they choose. For more information or assistance in deciding if this option is right for you, please contact [mepap@nccap.org](mailto:mepap@nccap.org)

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**National Assisted Living Week: 'Caring is EssentiAL'**

**Sunday, September 13 - Saturday, September 19, 2020**

Established by the National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) in 1995, National Assisted Living Week® provides a unique opportunity for residents, their loved ones, staff, volunteers, and the surrounding communities to recognize the role of assisted living in caring for America’s seniors and individuals with disabilities. The annual
observance encourages assisted living communities around the country to offer a variety of events and activities to celebrate the individuals they serve, as well as to help educate members of the public about this distinctive aspect of long-term care.

Renewing 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.

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

Apply for the Activity Professional Certification Today!

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**Support Our Professional Association...**

NAAP provides education, resources, and a voice in unison with NCCAP! NAAP membership is $75 USD/year. Membership runs from the anniversary date for one year. Check out the membership form [here](#).

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