



National Center for Montessori and Aging

January 30, 2024

NC Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Health Service Regulation
Office of the Director
2701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2701

Subject: Inclusion of the National Center for Montessori and Aging (NCMA) in “10A NCAC 13F .0404 Qualifications of Activity Director.”

Dear NC DHHS,

The National Center for Montessori and Aging (NCMA) respectfully asks that our organization be added to the list of part (2) of 10A NCAC 13F .0404.

Specifically, we request that the following language, or similar be added as point (e): *“be certified as a Life Enrichment Director by the National Center for Montessori and Aging.”*

The basis for our request is our formal partnership with the Coalition of Resident Councils (The CORC) that delivers an 85-hour education, training and practicum that is accepted by NCDHHS as meeting the qualifications of an Activity Director in Adult Care Homes in North Carolina.

Accordingly, individuals who receive certification from NCMA as a Life Enrichment Director do so based upon completing the existing requirements for the knowledge and skills to work and function as an Activity Director in Adult Care Homes in your state.

The NCMA was founded in 2017 as a program of Crossway Community, a 501.c.3 nonprofit founded in 1990 to provide local, regional, and national resources to enhance quality of life and the physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of older adults,

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Illig
Executive Director

Attachments:

1. NCMA and CORC Partnership Agreement
2. Crossway Community/NCMA legal standing



National Center for Montessori and Aging



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Between the National Center for Montessori and Aging and the Coalition of Resident Councils

May 2023

Whereas, the National Center for Montessori and Aging (NCMA) was created in 2017 as a program of Crossway Community, a Maryland 501.c.3 that was founded in 1990 to provide local, regional and national resources to enhance human potential and quality of life across the lifespan, and in particular to enhance the physical, mental and psychosocial well-being of older adults;

Whereas, the Coalition of Resident Councils (CORC) was created in 2008 to increase public awareness of Resident Councils within nursing homes and assisted living communities on the National level, and, among other things, educate and establish Resident Council organizational standards;

Whereas, the CORC has been offering an approximately 85-hour education, training, and practicum course for the knowledge and skills to meet the NC DHHS requirements to qualify as an Activity Director in Adult Care Homes;

Therefore, the NCMA and the CORC seek to enter into this Partnership Agreement for the purpose of the NCMA to offer a national Life Enrichment Certification for individuals who successfully complete the CORC education, training, and practicum course.

Heretofore, the NCMA and CORC commit to collaborate on promoting and disseminating education, training and practicum courses for the certification of the competency of individuals responsible for the activity and life enrichment departments and programs of long-term care organizations.

For NCMA: Peter J. Illig, Executive Director

For CORC: Kathy Wright Moore

Signature:

Date: 1/30/2024

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Kathy Wright Moore

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS The Maryland Solicitations Act (Business Regulation Article, Title 6 of the Annotated Code of Maryland) requires certain parties to register in this state;

WHEREAS has submitted an application and the proper forms for registration; and

WHEREAS said application has been reviewed and found to be complete and acceptable for registration under Title 6 of the Business Regulation Article of the laws of Maryland,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that:

Crossway Community, Inc.

3015 Upton Drive

Kensington, Maryland 20895

is hereby registered with the Secretary of State of Maryland as a Charitable Organization.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Secretary of State at Annapolis, Maryland on May 25, 2023

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan C. Lee".

Susan C. Lee

Secretary of State