



MARYLAND CONTINUING CARE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Voice for CCRC Residents

◆ **What is MaCCRA**

The Maryland Continuing Care Residents Association (MaCCRA) is a not-for-profit organization representing approximately 11,000 residents. The purpose of MaCCRA is to protect and enhance the rights and financial security of current and future continuing care retirement community (CCRC) residents while maintaining the viability of the providers whose interests are frequently the same as their residents.

◆ **MaCCRA SUPPORTS EFFORTS to:**

Preserve existing protections in law and regulation for current and future CCRC residents statewide.

◆ **HISTORY**

MaCCRA was started in 1993 by Robert Sparks PhD, an economist, retired from State of Maryland. Bob was a Quaker member of the Stony Run Meeting House in Baltimore and became a resident at Broadmead in Cockeysville, Maryland. Other CCRC residents joined in to establish the organization that devoted its efforts exclusively to the interests of CCRC residents.

◆ **PURPOSE**

MaCCRA is designed to keep residents informed on what is happening in the Department of Aging, the General Assembly, and in the CCRC industry. MaCCRA is the resident's voice in the Legislature when necessary. MaCCRA promotes positive collaboration and engagement with management and tries to coordinate its activities with providers whenever possible.

◆ **CHAPTERS**

There are seventeen active chapters (with twenty or more members) in Maryland as well as many individual members from non-chapter CCRCs. Each CCRC chapter has one vote at meetings of the State Council which guides MaCCRA's efforts.

◆ **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

MaCCRA has supported efforts to establish a body of law and regulation that protects residents in all CCRCs. The General Assembly has passed laws that cover resident protections, transparency and financial stability.

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