

The Advantages to *Continuum of Care* *in Senior Living*





What is Continuum of Care and why is it important?

Seniors today are healthier and more active than ever. However, over time, aging does impact one's lifestyle. The mission of a senior living community is to provide for those needs regardless of where one is in the aging process. This continuum of care is designed to provide the increasing level of care services you may need and the peace of mind knowing that everything is conveniently located in one community.

If you're considering the worry-free lifestyle that a senior living community can provide for you or a loved one, ask yourself these questions:

Is the community right for your current and future lifestyle?

Take a moment and write down all the things you love to do, want to do in the future but are unable to based on your current living situation, and all the things you do not want to do anymore, like home maintenance. Most senior living communities are designed to relieve the pressure so you can spend more time living your best life. Most communities include meal/dining options, housekeeping, transportation, and laundry services. The more inclusive senior living communities include planned events, fitness centers, movie theaters, and salons. These amenities provide a happy, healthy, and carefree life.

What level of care does the community provide?

A senior living community should provide a holistic approach, ensuring all needs are met to provide optimal living. If you or your loved one find yourself needing to transition from Independent Living to an Assisted Living lifestyle, the only thing that should change is living quarters and ensuring that there are staff on-site 24/7 to manage your care needs. One's quality of life should not change when a little help can make things easier. A true continuum of care also includes on-site Memory Care, providing compassionate care in a safe environment for those Alzheimer's and dementia care residents.

Is there a Respite and Transitional Care Program?

Respite Care can provide caregivers a much-needed break, help relieve stress, and promote balance in one's life. Transitional Care assists seniors after discharge from a hospital or a skilled nursing facility stay, allowing the family time to plan for what is next. Both care options should offer a fully furnished apartment with all the comforts of home, including a full nursing assessment to determine what additional care support is needed.

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When touring a senior living community, use our checklist to see if the community's services and amenities meet your current and future needs



CONTINUUM OF CARE CHECKLIST

A Continuum of Care provides increasing levels of care, conveniently located in one community. For each lifestyle option, see if the senior living community offers the services and amenities you or your loved one will need to meet ongoing and future needs.

INDEPENDENT LIVING

Ideal for active seniors who require minimal assistance with daily activities. It offers the benefits of living in a community with other seniors with amenities like fitness centers, dining services, and lifestyle programs. Residents maintain their privacy and independence in private apartments or villas.

- Weekly housekeeping
- Full in-suite kitchens
- Daily concierge services
- Numerous dining options
- Fitness center and exercise programs
- Pet-friendly residences
- On-site activities director and planned events
- Open and easy-to-navigate layout
- On-site resort-style amenities such as salon, billiards room, movie theater, arts studio

ASSISTED LIVING

These seniors are still active but require a higher level of care with activities of daily living than what in-home care can provide. These services may include assistance with mobility, bathing, meal preparation and more but do not require intensive medical care.

- Personalized care packages
- Assistance with activities of daily living
- Emergency call pendants
- Daily restaurant-style dining
- Weekly housekeeping and laundry
- On-site physical therapy available
- Medication management
- 24/7 on-site staff
- Daily activities and social events
- Scheduled transportation available

MEMORY CARE

As seniors develop various forms of dementia, their needs evolve to require around-the-clock supervision and specialized care in a safe and secure environment. Memory Care facilities offer the necessary support to maximize quality of life for individuals with memory impairments.

- Nationally certified dementia practitioners
- Specialized care in all forms of dementia
- Dedicated Memory Care activities
- Secure, private community
- Cognitive-friendly daily dining program
- Spacious, easy-to-navigate apartments
- Compassionate team on-site 24/7
- Quarterly care plan checks
- Interactive life and work stations
- On-site monthly support groups for loved ones



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