

We provide you with the knowledge, experience and encouragement to be assertive when faced with obstacles to your independent living goals.

All people should be able to make decisions affecting their own lives.

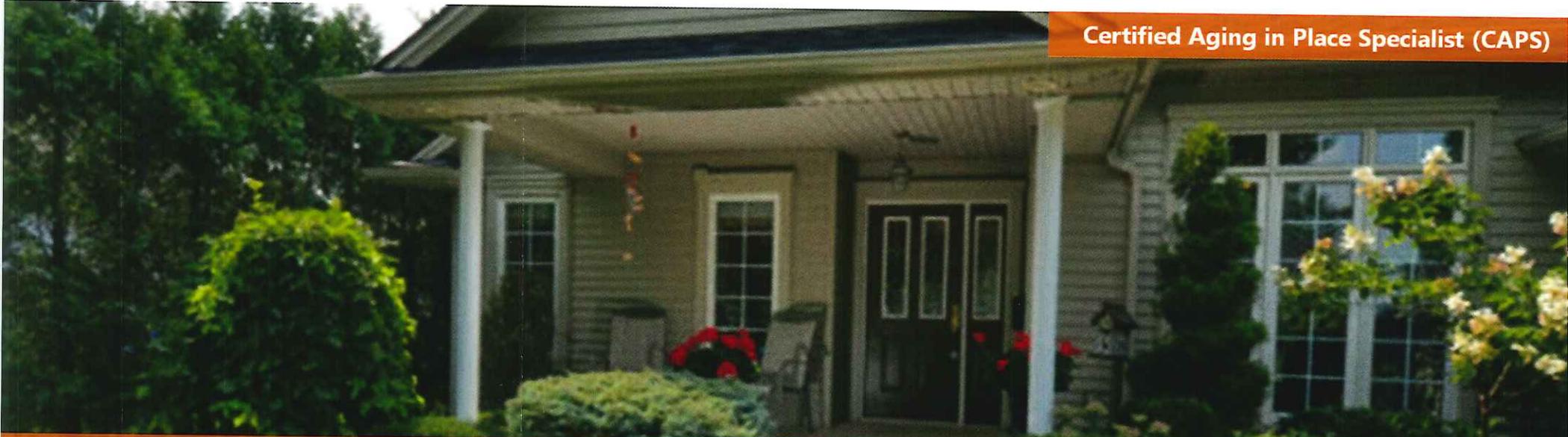
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Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS)



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Working to empower YOU to make choices.

Advocating for change that helps YOU become included in your community.

What is DNEC?

DNEC is a nonprofit agency serving persons of all ages and all disability types who reside in eastern Connecticut. DNEC utilizes peer mentoring, self-advocacy and independent living skills training to assist individuals with disabilities to reenter or remain in the community and to make meaningful life choices.

What is CAPS?

CAPS is a Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist who has been trained and certified by the National Home Builders Association. They will evaluate and make recommendations for changes to make your home more accessible.

The Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS) works with individuals to explore their options to live safely in their home. Our Specialist will come to your home to evaluate and make recommendations about changes that can be made to keep you, or your loved ones, safe in the home.

The recommendations from the CAPS could be simple changes to the current layout, or adaptive home modifications that will make a safer environment.

CAPS can help you have a flexible and safe environment for now and the future.

Most modifications to your living spaces are affordable. Things like task lighting, grab bars for the shower, handrails in hallway, flashing smoke detectors, and lever door knobs are small changes that can make a big impact in maintaining independence.

Who would benefit from a CAPS evaluation?

Anyone that may currently be experiencing challenges maneuvering through their home.

Anyone that would like to prepare for changes to their future independence.

Anyone that has visitors who may have difficulties getting through their home.

Anyone who uses a cane, walker, crutches,

wheelchair, or other devices in their home.

What does the assessment entail?

Our CAPS will come to your home and meet with you to discuss what you feel could be challenges that you would like to see addressed.

The CAPS will ask to walk with you through your environment to observe the way you maneuver through the home.

The CAPS will take measurements and at times may ask to take some photographs.

The CAPS will return to the office to compile the information gathered in the home and will prepare a written report. The report will explain suggestions and recommendations being made by the CAPS.

The CAPS will help develop a process to implement your accessibility plan.

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