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Resources For Seniors Announces the Discontinuation of Companion Training Program

Companion Plus Registry

Raleigh, NC— January 1, 2021 — Today Resources For Seniors announced the end of the Companion Training Program and the Companion Plus Registry.

Resources for Seniors started the Companion Plus Training Program and registry over 20 years ago, in response to demand for private duty in-home care for the elderly. Some caregivers and older adults do not need a certified nursing assistant, but rather are looking for someone to assist with tasks such as errands, transportation, and general non-medical assistance in the home. At the time, training individuals who wanted to provide this service privately was a good fit for our agency and met a specific need in our community.

As the landscape of in-home care changed, more people were pursuing care in the “gray area” between companion and in-home-aide level service, the supply of direct care workers in our area declined, and the complexities of recommending vetted providers grew. At a time when our organization no longer provides in-home aide services directly, and the ability of consumers to connect to existing services directly has never been greater, we have decided to no longer train companions to start their own businesses in this field.

We are grateful to the many companions who have gone through our program, and we celebrate the great work they have done on behalf of their clients###

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