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Sunnyside Village Among the First in Nation to Implement the Highest Level of Montessori Lifestyle Campus-Wide

Sarasota, Fla (October 25, 2022) After experiencing the positive outcomes of the Montessori Inspired Lifestyle® at the Bronze Level, the team at Sunnyside Village was devoted to earning the highest possible Gold Level credential. The Gold Level achievement has placed Sunnyside as [one of the first](#) in the United States to implement this superior credential across their whole campus, becoming a model for the senior living industry.

“I am so proud of the team at Sunnyside for achieving this goal. They worked extremely hard and put in a remarkable effort to attain a set of skills that make a great team even more effective”, stated Chris McGee, CEO at Sunnyside.

The Montessori Inspired Lifestyle® program was created by the Center for Applied Research in Dementia after co-founder, Dr. Cameron Camp, adapted Dr. Maria Montessori’s principles for older adults with dementia. Dr. Camp and associates taught Sunnyside staff how to integrate the Montessori principles into their community.

Sunnyside’s newest edition, Shepherd’s Landing Memory Care, is slated to open in autumn 2022. Sunnyside staff are trained to empower residents with memory impairment to be as independent as possible. This advanced Montessori-based approach to memory care taps into each resident’s remaining strengths, designing environments in which they can thrive and helping them find purposeful activities and meaningful roles within their community.

Gold Level organizations have resident-led committees, multidisciplinary Learning Circles, effective signage, environmental cues, personalization of resident spaces, and many other milestones. In addition, Sunnyside staff have demonstrated innovative achievements in applying principles and have attended additional hours of advanced learning.



Health Center Residents preparing Banana Pudding