CRM for Senior Living

The key to capturing quality leads and increasing occupancy
CRM, or customer relationship management, is technology used to oversee interactions with prospects and clients with the goal of improving relationships through use of data.

CRM software captures both quantitative and qualitative data across various channels and stores it in one centralized location. This aggregated data set paints a holistic view of prospects and clients, surfacing insights to help staff make strategic decisions.

With increased visibility, teams can better organize leads, streamline marketing efforts and see what’s working—and what’s not.
The demand for assisted living and senior care will grow exponentially over the next decade. A thoughtful CRM program will set your community apart and help pave a path to growth.

### 3 Benefits of CRM

**Improve Organization**
One of the most valuable features of any CRM solution is the accessibility of information from a single, consolidated source. And because many CRM systems offer mobile-friendly tools, activity tracking has never been easier (or more convenient).

**Enhance Customer Service**
A personal touch makes all the difference when it comes to closing the deal. With every detail stored electronically, it’s simple to find a prospect’s history and personalize each exchange throughout the sales process. No more fumbling through files or looking for sticky notes.

**Increase Efficiency**
Visual workflows bring to light any bottlenecks and redundancies throughout the sales pipeline, and automated notifications keep everyone in the loop. Improved communication between staff members means teams can work together to streamline tasks.
7 Ways CRM Can Improve Acquisition

01 Supercharge Marketing

02 Shorten Lead Response Time

03 Centralize Data

04 Optimize Contact Strategy

05 Strengthen Client Relationships

06 Automate Communication

07 Simplify Workflows
CRM allows you to track and analyze the performance of various online marketing vehicles to see where your dollars are working hardest. Once you know which channels and campaign types are most effective for your business, you can optimize precious marketing spend to maximize ROI and reduce cost per lead.

Baby boomers spend more time online than Millennials, with 31% reporting they use their laptop, tablet or phone more than 15 hours per week.¹
64% of online buyers believe the first company to call them has an advantage over the competition. And timeliness matters, too. More than 60% say they would begin to question a company’s attentiveness to their customers if they didn’t hear back within 24 hours.²

However, many senior living communities face resource constraints, so optimizing staff is a must. CRM systems automate tasks, like appointment reminders and follow-up emails, to make them consistent and repeatable. And because most CRM platforms are mobile-optimized, sales staff can access tools on the go, making it simple to respond to leads and referrals quickly.
The data you collect is only good if it's connected. What does that mean? **Connected data** is customer information that's accessible across an entire organization—from sales and marketing to customer service to operations to executive management.

The best CRM systems are designed to integrate seamlessly with other systems, including your company's website, help eliminate disparate data sources and compile information from multiple systems in one place. The comprehensive view provided by data centralization not only drives sales, but also allows for more robust analysis, both at the community and enterprise level.

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The number of different systems average small and medium businesses use to house data.\(^3\)
Every company—and every prospect—is different. Certain messages resonate with a specific audience or channel, while others fall flat. Because marketing is not a one-size-fits-all endeavor, it’s important to find what works for your unique business model.

Leading CRM tools allow teams to test different approaches to messaging and frequency, then review performance with powerful analytical tools to take the guesswork out of lead nurturing.

Optimize Contact Strategy

58% of companies use testing to optimize conversion rates. The most common variable tested? The call to action.4
Prospects are more than just lines in a database, they’re real people with complex wants and needs. Capturing and recording each customer’s story, adding specifics at each touchpoint in their buyer’s journey, allows staff to recall personal details and forge relationships with prospective residents and their families.

The more you know about the prospects in your pipeline, the better you’re able to serve them—and hopefully win their business.

Building trust is paramount to conversion. After all, the number one reason leads are lost is due to lack of rapport.  

**Strengthen Client Relationships**
With CRM software, you can:

- Send intelligent text responses
- Create email campaigns triggered by specific events in the prospecting flow
- Initiate real-time alerts
- Automate appointments and follow-up communication
- Bulk-post on social media
- Free up time for staff members

Marketing automation means never dropping the ball.

Did you know automated emails average 70.5% higher open rates and 152% higher click-through rates than typical marketing messages?

These tasks can create efficiencies for your team—and generate better response rates than time-consuming one-off campaigns.
Landing a sale is not an event, it’s a process—especially when you consider that people researching senior living options aren’t just shopping for goods and services. They’re looking for a community for themselves or their parents. It’s an emotional decision, and it can take some time.

Most CRM systems offer a central, online calendar for sales staff, allowing agents to see where each prospect is in the process and how to proceed to the next step and close the deal. This visual approach is the most effective way to take the guesswork out of the sales flow while nurturing leads along what can be a very long sales process.

Simplify Workflows
“Yardi Senior CRM delivers many benefits and has helped us increase sales performance across the company and occupancy across our communities. I highly recommend Yardi’s integrated solution because it covers all aspects of senior living.”

—Gino Gentile, VP of Sales and Customer Service, Providence Place Senior Living

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