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Would this information help Consumers make a reasoned choice when they need to change Agencies

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On September 16, 2013 the New York State Department of State accepted the Certificate of Incorporation submitted by **Consumer Directed Services, Inc.** under section 404 of the Not-for-Profit Law. A certificate that included the following statement:

To insure that the corporation remains focused on the empowerment of the people being served, as the service population grows, the corporation will expand the Board of Director Membership to insure that a majority of its seats are held by people with disabilities.

On November 12, 2015 the United States Internal Revenue Service determined that Consumer Directed Services, Inc. is exempt from Federal Income Tax under Internal Revenue Code **Section 501 (c) (3)**.

*We are pilgrims on a journey; we are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load*

Excerpt from - *The Servant Song*- Richard Gillard (1974)

To assist Consumers with the problem of finding new Personal Care Assistants, [Consumer Directed Services, Inc.](#) created a FREE Employment Information Bridge between Consumers and Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Candidates.

Consumers / Advocates

To search for a PCA Candidate complete the form at the following link [Consumer / Advocate - Search for a PCA Candidate](#). When your information is received it will be enrolled in the email database, and posted on the website for a month, distributed to all of the members of the Consumer Directed Services database (Consumers, PCA Candidates, and a variety of other Employment Resources), and published in the Consumer Directed Services Newsletter for a month.

To just add your information to the Consumer Directed Services database, a Consumer or Advocate need only send me an email to elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com and include your name and the text **Newsletter Request**. When your information is received it will be enrolled in the email database and you will begin receiving future issues of the Consumer Directed Services Newsletter and other emails related to the program's goal.

Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Candidates

To include your information in the Newsletter and email database, complete the form at the following link: [Look for a PCA Job \(FREE\) - New York City Metro](#). When your information is received, your information will be published in the Newsletter for a month, and you will begin receiving future issues of the Consumer Directed Services Newsletter and other emails related to the program's goal.

Also, to access our list of Currently Available Jobs, please use the following link: [JOBS](#)

Previously distributed Newsletters (**from January 12, 2011 to present**) have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page. Finally, if you have any questions, comments, or recommendations about this service, or should you wish to remove your address from this list, please contact send an email to elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com.

Best Regards, Ed Litcher

Consumers Searching

Consumers Wanted: *For an Employment Information Bridge to work it requires traffic to flow in both directions. If you are in a Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program, you will eventually need to find a new Home Care Worker. And up to now you may have relied upon Friends, Family, an Agency or you may have chosen to put your own advertisement on the Internet (See the list of Internet resources on the PCA Employment Agency page of this newsletter). Therefore, to help you find the PCA Candidate of your choice, I urge you, to do everything you ordinarily do, to consider an Internet resource and to try*

www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com.

*Finally, if you try Consumer Directed Services, please spread the word. Tell your friends and associates about this **FREE** service.*

Mr. Q () on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 23:26:50

City, Town or Borough: Brooklyn

Available Transportation: Subway, Bus, Train, Auto,

Phone: 6469125710

E-mail: conceptsrecruiting@gmail.com

Email Authorization: Yes

Consumer Age: Between 21 and 30

Consumer Gender: Male

Payroll Method: Agency

Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health

Candidate Experience: Young Adults, Seniors, Quadriplegia, Wheelchairs, Lifters, Other Equipment,

Preferred Candidate Gender: Female

Required Documentation: Proof of Identity, Recommendations

Hours: 12

Pay Per Hour: \$13.50/\$14

Comments: Must be able to perform a variety of miscellaneous duties as requested such as traveling, light housekeeping, cooking, grooming & bathing, transferring in and out of bed using Hoyer lift, running errands, texting and/or computer use etc. Looking forward to all qualified caregivers. Thank You.

Frances Kirschman () on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 17:10:03

Neighborhood Name: Noyack
City, Town or Borough: Southampton Suffolk County New York
Description of Other Transportation: applicant needs own vehicle
Phone: 631 808 3568
Best Time: 2pm>7pm
E-mail: realigned@optonline.net
Email Authorization: Yes
Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70
Consumer Gender: Female
Payroll Method: Agency
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health
Description of Other Type of Candidates: domestic & clerical HELPFUL
Candidate Experience: Seniors, Paraplegia, Wheelchairs, Lifters, Other Equipment, Languages
Description of Languages: English
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Proof of Identity, Recommendations
Hours: 8
Days: 4/5
Start Time: 10:30AM
Description of Schedule: SERVICE DOG ON PROPERTY
Pay Per Hour: 13.00
Comments: I am a "9/11" 1st Responder "K-9 S.A.R". A Service German Shepherd canine stays on property w/Disabled owner. Car NEEDED,& in addition to understanding the needs of a paraplegic, errands, domestic & clerical comprehension a BIG PLUS!

Akeem () on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 17:59:56

Neighborhood Name: Soundview
City, Town or Borough: Bronx New York
Available Transportation: Subway,, Bus,
Phone: 347-605-2740
Best Time: Anytime
E-mail: Akkeyz@hotmail.com
Email Authorization: Yes
Consumer Age: Between 31 and 50
Consumer Gender: Male
Payroll Method: Agency
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health
Candidate Experience: Young Adults,, Quadriplegia,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,

Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Proof of Identity,, Recommendations
Hours: 12
Start Time: 8

Description of Schedule: The shifts are from 8am to 8pm and 8pm to 8am.
Pay Per Hour: 12

Comments: Please be reliable and how many shifts I'm giving I want to talk to you about in person

J. Smith () on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 16:47:07

Neighborhood Name: Pine Hills South

City, Town or Borough: Moriches, NY

Available Transportation: Auto,

Phone: 631-428-3799

Best Time: 10-12 am

E-mail: JSmithCDPAP18@gmail.com

Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70

Consumer Gender: Male

Payroll Method: Agency

Type of Candidates: Domestic / Homemaking

Candidate Experience: Seniors, Wheelchairs, Special Diets, Languages

Description of Special Diets: Thickened liquids, soft or chopped foods

Description of Languages: English

Preferred Candidate Gender: Female

Required Documentation: Social Security Number, Proof of Identity, Recommendations

Hours: 4-8 hrs

Description of Schedule: Medicaid nurse is still writing care plan

Comments: Salary negotiated with agency

JCD () on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 14:55:09

Neighborhood Name: Medford

City, Town or Borough: Suffolk County

Available Transportation: Auto,

Phone: 631-475-0140

Best Time: After 5pm

E-mail: Kmkenney106@aol.com

Email Authorization: Yes

Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70

Consumer Gender: Male
Payroll Method: Agency
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health
Candidate Experience: Quadriplegia, Wheelchairs,
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Social Security Number,
Hours: 8
Days: 5
Start Time: 8am
Pay Per Hour: \$13.95

Elizabeth () on Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 22:32:50

Neighborhood Name: Upper East Side
City, Town or Borough: Manhattan
Available Transportation: Subway, Bus,
Phone: 212-308-7921
Best Time: Evening
E-mail: Bellanonni@aol.com
Email Authorization: Yes
Consumer Age: Older than 70
Consumer Gender: Female
Payroll Method: Agency
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health
Candidate Experience: Seniors, Hemiplegia, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,
Languages
Description of Languages: English
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Social Security Number, Proof of Identity, Recommendations
Hours: 12
Days: 2
Start Time: 7:30 AM
Description of Schedule: Flexible days
Comments: I need a PCA for two weekdays and possibly some weekend days from
7:30am to 7:30 pm, registered with or willing to register with Concepts of Independence.
Although the salary and full benefit program is provided by Concepts of Independence. The
Consumer paid salary bonus will depend upon the PCA's willingness to remain on the job and
their ability to do their job effectively.

Frances Kirschman () on Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 14:34:06

City, Town or Borough: Sag Harbor, Southampton NY 11963

Available Transportation: Auto,

Description of Other Transportation: Must have own automobile

Phone: 631 808 3568

Best Time: 2pm>7pm

E-mail: K-9outof10@optonline.net

Email Authorization: Yes

Public E-mail: k9fran0987

Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70

Consumer Gender: Female

Payroll Method: Self Pay

Type of Candidates: Other Employees

Description of Other Type of Candidates: ALL of the above PLEASE/THANKS

Candidate Experience: Seniors, Paraplegia, Wheelchairs, Other Equipment, Visual / Auditory Impairments, Special Diets, Languages

Description of Special Diets: Fluids/Low salt

Description of Languages: English

Preferred Candidate Gender: Female

Required Documentation: Proof of Identity, Recommendations

Hours: 8

Days: 4

Start Time: 10:30 AM

Description of Schedule: 9/11 1st Responder K-9 SAR Now Paraplegic w/Service Dog

Pay Per Hour: 13 .00 +/-

Comments: Self cath's (No Foley),needs help transferring (No lifting). Needs cooking, laundry, cleaning ,occasional errands outside of home. Accompany to M.D. appointments. Clerical & organization skills helpful. MUST BE DOG FRIENDLY.

T.P. () on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 14:07:33

Neighborhood Name: HUNTINGTON STATION

Available Transportation: Auto,

Phone: 631-424-6811

Best Time: 8am-8pm

E-mail: mtjmtj250@gmail.com

Email Authorization: Yes

Consumer Age: Older than 70

Consumer Gender: Female

Payroll Method: Agency

Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health

Candidate Experience: Seniors,

Description of Special Diets: diabetic

Description of Languages: English

Preferred Candidate Gender: Female

Required Documentation: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations

Hours: 8

Days: 5

Start Time: 8am

Pay Per Hour: 18

John Young () on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7:59:00

E-mail: pfizer.johnyoungi@gmail.com

Email Authorization: Yes

Comment: I am seeking a Caregiver or Nurse to assist my mom 73 years of age, duties are; check on my mom 2 to 3 times weekly, remind / manage medication, assist with shopping groceries. No lifting of heavy stuffs.

Compensation at \$650 Weekly

If available and interested get back to me so I can email you with full details on the job, if not interested but know someone who might be, kindly forward this message to them.

Kindly include your details as follows:

Full name, Address, City, State, Zip code, Phone, Age, Sex

Thank you,

John Young Ali () on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 22:16:03

Neighborhood Name: Bushwick

City, Town or Borough: Brooklyn

Available Transportation: Tramway, Subway, Bus, Train,

Phone: 917-687-0383

Best Time: Anytime

E-mail: alihaly88@yahoo.com

Consumer Age: Between 21 and 30

Consumer Gender: Male

Payroll Method: Agency

Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health

Candidate Experience: Young Adults, Paraplegia, Quadriplegia, Wheelchairs,
Description of Languages: Spanish English Arabic
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Social Security Number, Proof of Identity,
Hours: 6hrs
Days: 3-4
Start Time: 10am
Pay Per Hour: \$12

Sharon () on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 10:22:58

Neighborhood Name: Roosevelt Island
City, Town or Borough: NYC
Available Transportation: Subway (F), Bus (Q102), Tramway, and Ferry from Long Island
City, Astoria and Manhattan.
Phone: 212-758-1274
Best Time: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Weekend
E-mail: sstern1008@aol.com
Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70
Payroll Method: Agency
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health
Candidate Experience: Quadriplegia, Ventilators, Wheelchairs,
Description of Languages: English
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Social Security Number,
Description of Schedule: flex
Pay Per Hour: Determined by Agency
Comment: Although the salary and full benefit program is provided by Concepts of
Independence. The Consumer paid salary bonus will depend upon the PCA's willingness to
remain on the job and their ability to do their job effectively.

PCA Information

Consumer Directed Services is not an Agency and makes no representation (positive or negative) regarding the appropriateness of any PCA Candidate, or the terms and conditions of any employment relationship. All employment and payment decisions are the exclusive responsibility of the Consumer.

Note: If you are seeking employment from a Consumer who is receiving their service authorization from a New York State Medicaid funded Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program, the Consumer is permitted to consider your employment only if you can pass ALL of the following New York State reviews.

1. You are an adult of at least 18 years of age.
2. The Consumer is not your spouse or (if the Consumer is younger than 21) is not your child.
3. You do not live in the home of the Consumer (unless their service requires it).
4. You are not the Designated Representative (Surrogate) of the Consumer.
5. You do not have any financial control over the Consumer.
6. Your information must pass a Federal and State Government Exclusion List Review.
- 7 You have a verifiable Social Security number and the qualified documents needed to prove that you are eligible to work in the United States.

The State of New York also requires each Personal Care Assistant to complete a Health Assessment BEFORE you begin work.

The Health Assessment includes:

- A basic physical exam - blood pressure, height, weight, etc.
- A TB (Tuberculosis) Screen (PPD) or a chest x-ray if the test is positive or if the test would not be appropriate
- A Measles and Rubella Screen or Vaccine
- A drug test of Urine (forensic toxicology)
- Documentation of vaccination against influenza, or wearing of a surgical or procedure mask during the influenza season

In addition to the above New York State requirements, the municipality in which the Consumer lives may also impose additional health assessments or legal reviews. The Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program your Consumer chooses will require the completion of a Memorandum of Understanding (Consumer / Personal Care Assistant Agreement) to clarify the employment relationship, and they may require other documents to help them effectively complete their role as the Consumers Fiscal Intermediary.

PCA Candidates

Cequence Williams () on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 15:41:56

Address: 1468 Hoe Avenue, Bronx NY

Phone: (516)661-8839

Best Time: anytime

E-mail: cequencewilliams@yahoo.com

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: Yes

Consumer/Surrogate References Available: Yes

Years Employed with a Consumer/Surrogate: 3

Enrolled with a CDPAP: No

Experience: Young Adults, Seniors, Paraplegia, Quadriplegia, Amputation, Ventilators, Wheelchairs, Lifters, Other Equipment, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease, Visual / Auditory Impairments, Special Diets,

Description of Special Diets: low cal, no salt, thickened liquids, puree

Description of Languages: English/some Spanish

Description of Other: N/A

Can pass the New York State Review: Yes

Had a Health Assessment in the past 12 months: Yes

Have or can get a copy of my recent Health Assessment: Yes

Other Documentation Available: Proof of Identity, Recommendations

Certificate/License: Personal Care,

Hours per Week: 40

Days per Week: 6

Preferred Start Time: 8:00 AM

Days I Would Like to Work: EVERYDAY EXCEPT SUNDAYS

I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: yes

Target Salary Per Hour: 16.00

Target Salary Per Day: 180.00

Target Salary Per Week: 600

Comments: I am confident this position will allow me to apply myself and the skills I have gained in my previous/current jobs, and give me the ability to become a valuable asset to your company. With over 7 years of experience in the medical field and recognized as a hard worker, I am skilled at identifying patients personal needs, keeping safe and clean environment for those in my care and coworkers, communicating, ability to multitask, set priorities and manage effectively. Highly reliable and driven to succeed. I have strong speaking, writing skills as well as being organized & detailed oriented.

Johanna E. Martinez Alvarez () on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 13:16:38

Address: 48 Park ave. Bay Shore N.Y. 11706

Phone: 631-518-0728

E-mail: Johannaalvarez1124@gmail.com

Email Authorization: Yes

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: Yes

Consumer/Surrogate References Available: Yes

Years Employed with a Consumer/Surrogate: 1 year

Enrolled with a CDPAP: Yes

CDPAP Agency Name(s): Recco

Experience: Young Adults, Seniors, Paraplegia, Quadriplegia, Hemiplegia, Amputation, Wheelchairs, Lifters, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease, Visual / Auditory Impairments,

Description of Languages: Spanish and English

Can pass the New York State Review: Yes

Had a Health Assessment in the past 12 months: Yes

Have or can get a copy of my recent Health Assessment: Yes

Other Documentation Available: Proof of Identity, Recommendations

Certificate/License: Personal Care, Driver's License,

Hours per Week: 20

Days per Week: 5

Preferred Start Time: Now

Days I Would Like to Work: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: No

Target Salary Per Hour: Yes

Ruth V. Negron () on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 11:59:06

Address: 812 West 181 Street Apt 55

Phone: 646-418-5256

Best Time: any time

E-mail: vigiluis@gmail.com

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: Yes

Consumer/Surrogate References Available: Yes

Enrolled with a CDPAP: Yes
CDPAP Agency Name(s): CONCEPT OF INDEPENDENCE AND CARIM
Experience: Seniors, Lifters, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease, Special Diets,
Description of Special Diets: Low Salt, Diabetic
Description of Languages: Spanish, Italian And English
Can pass the New York State Review: Yes
Had a Health Assessment in the past 12 months: Yes
Have or can get a copy of my recent Health Assessment: Yes
Other Documentation Available: Proof of Identity, Recommendations
Certificate/License: Personal Care, Home Health Aid, Driver's License,
Hours per Week: 30
Days per Week: 6
Preferred Start Time: morning
Days I Would Like to Work: Monday -to Saturday
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: no

Michael Woo () on Friday, February 9, 2018 at 13:45:51

Address: 635 N Division St, Peekskill NY 10566
Phone: (917) 488-4795
Best Time: Before 6pm
E-mail: michael.woo86@gmail.com
Email Authorization: Yes
Gender: Male
Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health
Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: No
Consumer/Surrogate References Available: No
Enrolled with a CDPAP: Yes
CDPAP Agency Name(s): Concepts of Independence
Experience: Children, Wheelchairs, Languages, Other,
Description of Languages: English Korean
Description of Other: Tutoring and Teaching
Can pass the New York State Review: Yes
Had a Health Assessment in the past 12 months: Yes
Have or can get a copy of my recent Health Assessment: Yes
Other Documentation Available: Proof of Identity, Recommendations
Certificate/License: Driver's License,
Days per Week: 2
Days I Would Like to Work: Any Day
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: Yes
Target Salary Per Day: 160

Comments: Michael Woo

635 North Division St Peekskill, NY, 10566 (917) 488-4795 Michael.Woo86@gmail.com

Diligent graduate from the School of Visual Arts

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience teaching a class of thirty students.
- Diligent and determined, committed to high quality work.
- Bilingual in English and Korean.

EDUCATION

School of Visual Arts, New York, NY May 2011

Bachelor of Fine Arts, GPA: 3.24

EXPERIENCE

Private Tutor, Fort Lee, NJ

Tutor

Help client increase proficiency in English

- One on one tutoring with professional clients in his thirties and forties. Topics include grammar correction, colloquial conversation practice and correcting any anachronistic idioms or vocabulary choices.
- Helped drastically improve clients' pronunciation and conversational ability.

Bayside Learning Center, Bayside, NY

Art Instructor/Tutor

Planned and initiated art projects for a class of fifteen for the duration of the summer school program. Assisted with homework assignments and preparation for tests during the afterschool program.

- Successfully planned and taught class to make paper-mache human beings, with internal wire skeleton and painted exterior.
- Tutored one on one, an ESL (English as a second language) high school student with homework assignments and test preparation. Topics included English, history and science.
- Proof read elementary school students' homework for spelling and grammar problems.

Mei Wah After School Program, New York, NY

Teaching Assistant

Assisted students with homework.

- Helped students with homework problems from topics including reading comprehension, spelling and grammar.
- Supervised large numbers of elementary school students on fieldtrip to the zoo.
- Helped kindergarten teacher maintain discipline and order during lunch and recess.
- Responsible for picking up students from school and safely escorting them to afterschool program.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Macintosh and PC, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe After Effects, Microsoft Word,

Internet-savvy, E-mail applications.

REFERENCE

Available upon request

KEYWORDS

BA, Bachelor's Degree

Articles Related to the CDPAP

Help Save ICS

Mon, Feb 26, 2018 at 5:18 PM

The Civics League for Disability Rights has started a [change.org](https://www.change.org/p/take-action-sign-save-ics-services-for-new-yorkers-with-disabilities) petition urging Governor Cuomo and New York State Health Department Commissioner to save ICS. Please sign the petition, and then share it on social media and email it to everyone you know and ask them to sign it.

Here is the link to the Save ICS petition.

<https://www.change.org/p/take-action-sign-save-ics-services-for-new-yorkers-with-disabilities>

Also, please come to the **March 2 Civics League meeting** to hear updates on recent actions and where things stand now. We will also review the February 12 CDPAANYS Albany trip and discuss our next moves in the developing threat to the Americans with Disabilities Act in the US Congress. Please share this information with anyone else who may want to attend.

It's really important to show up now. Please be prepared to write a letter to the Governor. Support will be available for those who need it. For those who absolutely cannot travel to the meeting, it will be broadcast on the Civics League Facebook page or you can listen in by calling 1.877.737.7049 toll free and using the access code 6373144#.

Please RSVP by return email or call me at 347.503.9032.

Warm regards,

Sharifa Abu Hamda
Civics League for Disability Rights

About the Civics League for Disability Rights

Civics League meetings are held at the ICS Brooklyn Member Center, [25 Elm Place, 11201](#). Everyone is welcome. You do not need to be an ICS member to participate. Please remember to RSVP.

The Civics League held its first meeting in October 2016 and quickly grew into a forum for New Yorkers with disabilities who are passionate about advocating for themselves and their communities.

Members of the Civics League share ideas, tools, information, and questions about how to effectively work for changes that are important to them. Civics League members have discussed and taken action on issues ranging from voting registration to homecare, housing to healthcare, and access to public transit, among others.

ICS does not take part in partisan politics or encourage its members to do so.

Stop EVV

Tue, Feb 13, 2018 at 9:33 AM

Call the New York State Department of Health and ask to be connected to the Medicaid Director, Jason Helgerson - 1-518-473-8600.

Tell him that each Consumer-Directed Personal Assistance Program should decide what works best for each consumer. Some consumers want phone-in time sheets, some want online time sheets, and some want paper time sheets. EVV (Electronic Visit Verification) is intrusive and not suitable for all self-directing people with disabilities.

Stop EVV Social Media Campaign Announcement!

Disabled consumers, their family members, older Americans and personal care providers are speaking out against the use of some forms of electronic visit verification (EVV).

Join Stop EVV in making your voice heard!

- Call your state Medicaid Director!
- Write your representatives!
- Share your EVV story on social media!

Want to be involved but not sure what to say or how to say it? A [Media Toolkit](https://www.stopevv.com/media-toolkit/) <https://www.stopevv.com/media-toolkit/> is available on our website, including FAQs, telephone scripts, images and more! Download, copy and paste, or print off these documents and images to use however they may assist you.

Please [RSVP to the Facebook event](https://www.facebook.com/events/1825125590839887/)
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1825125590839887/>

and share the invite with your friends!

Use these hashtags when you post:

#StopEVV

#DisabledNotCriminal

#DisabilityRights

#CivilRights

OUR CAMPAIGN MESSAGE

Stop EVV understands that ending electronic visit verification in its entirety is not an option. They seek to end intrusive components. To that end, Stop EVV proposes the following:

1. Pass a congressional bill amending the 21st Century Cures Act to exempt consumer-directed programs, and family-provided care, from the EVV requirements, maintaining the intent and integrity of these programs and waivers;
2. Prohibit the use of invasive EVV components, including GPS tracking, camera use and audio recording within a consumer's private home; and
3. Recommend the use of web-based timesheets with dual authentication by both the consumer and the provider at the close of the pay period, like most government agencies use for their employees. A website timesheet can be designed to include entry for location, type of service provided, and start and end times. The consumer will be able to authenticate the hours and services provided using their own login and password. Each provider will also have their own, separate and unique login and password to authenticate timesheets. Once both parties have authenticated the same information, these web-based timesheets can be directly, electronically submitted to a third-party payroll for processing.

What is EVV?

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) is an electronic method to verify that personal care providers clock-in to their work site when they deliver assistance and services to disabled and older Americans in a private home care setting.

In December 2016, Congress passed a federal law called the 21st Century Cures Act. The bill requires every state to implement a form of EVV for all personal care services and home health care services that are paid by Medicaid.

What are the problems with EVV in the community?

Some states are going far beyond the federal requirements by designing and/or purchasing EVV technologies that include GPS tracking, video cameras and audio recording that are out of the control of the consumer. We consider this to be a grave violation of privacy rights guaranteed to every American under the Fourth Amendment!

Furthermore, consumers report a larger than usual occurrence of providers quitting their long-term positions and leaving the home care industry in states where EVV implementation has begun. There already exists a severe nationwide shortage of home care providers. Coupled with this decreasing pay that often falls at minimum wage, providers are choosing to find other careers where they have less responsibility, less scrutiny of their commitment and respect to their job, and better pay and benefits.

What is Stop EVV?

Stop EVV is a national grassroots campaign led by individuals with disabilities and personal care service providers. We aim to raise awareness surrounding the civil rights violations against disabled people through the use of certain Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) systems.

Stop EVV

Help end invasive electronic visit verification components.

www.stopevv.com

helpstopevv@gmail.com

DIA meeting dates for 2017

General Membership Meetings are held monthly.

We meet at **Selis Manor**, 1st Floor Auditorium
135 West 23rd Street (between 6th and 7th Avenues)
New York City
1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Sunday, June 10, 2018

Sunday, July 15, 2018

Sunday, August 19, 2018

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Sunday, November 18, 2018

All DIA meetings are open to the public and are wheelchair accessible. We require that all attendees refrain from smoking, wearing any fragrance or carrying devices that beeps (turn off electronic devices or put them on vibrate), as these are all harmful to some of our members and guests. Please support our scent-free

environment by abstaining from perfume and cologne! In the event of bad weather, visit www.disabledinaction.org or by calling the DIA answering machine at 718-261-3737, 30 minutes after sundown on Saturday

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27 Smith St, #200, Brooklyn, NY 11201
TEL [718 998-3000](tel:7189983000) / TTY [718 998-7406](tel:7189987406) / FAX [718 998-3743](tel:7189983743)
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841 Broadway, #301, New York, NY 10003
TEL [212 674-2300](tel:2126742300) V / TTY [212-674-5619](tel:2126745619) / FAX [212-254-5953](tel:2122545953)
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info@hilc.org
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984 No. Broadway, #L-10, Yonkers, NY 10701
TEL 914-968-4717 V & TTY / FAX 914-968-6137

Alternative Resources

The following resources MAY help Consumers find new Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Candidates and manage the CDPAP. (Suggestions Welcome)

Employment

Kingsborough Comm. College, Marisa Joseph
2001 Oriental Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11235
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<http://newyork.craigslist.org/>

System Navigation

Homecare Planning Solutions
<http://www.hpsny.org/learning-center/home-care/enroll-in-cdpap/>
718-215-0926

Assistance with enrolling in a CDPAP, or questions about CDPAP,
Call to speak with a specialist. Never any charge for their help,

Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN)
ICAN helps people in New York's Managed Care Plans
Call (844) 614-8800 TTY Relay Service: 711
<http://icannys.org/>

Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program
Focus - Medicaid, Medicare, home care services, and public benefits issues affecting older adults & people with disabilities
212.613.7310 Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
EFLRP@nylag.org

Draft - CDPAP Agency Data Collection Form

- *Name of Agency*
- *Address*
- *Contact Person*
- *Contact Telephone*
- *Contact Email Address*
- *Website*
- *Counties Served*
- *Managed Care Providers*
- *Direct County or DSS Contracts*
- *Number of Years Providing Home Care Services*
- *Number of Years Providing Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services*
- *Percent CDPAP Consumers verses total Home Care Consumers.*

- *Positions occupied by Consumers:*
 1. *Service Recipients*
 2. *Client Advisory Members*
 3. *Board Members*
 4. *Employees*
 5. *Other*

- *If Consumers are on the Board of Director, what portion of the Board is controlled by Consumers?*

- *Reason for becoming a CDPAP:*
 1. *The program is our primary mission.*
 2. *This program helps us to achieve the corporate goal of consumer empowerment.*
 3. *Consumers served by our traditional home care program requested this service.*
 4. *The program provided a more cost effective service solution for consumers with more complex service needs.*
 5. *This program allows us to diversify our mix of services.*
 6. *This business model offered a lucrative opportunity that could benefit both the corporation and the consumers.*

7. Other

- *Problems with the CDPAP (Besides inadequate reimbursement):*

- 1. The model complicates the process of utilizing the corporation's proven systems of quality and fiscal control.*
- 2. The model facilitates and encourages Consumer fraud and abuse.*
- 3. The model complicates the process of complying with and controlling new regulatory requirements, such as overtime, sleep-in, and joint employment.*
- 4. It is difficult to maintain a clear line of separation between agency and consumer responsibilities.*
- 5. The consumer's problem of locating suitable PCA's, and managing the delivery of services may make the program too difficult for some consumers.*
- 6. It is administratively difficult to manage the problem of collecting all of the required PCA documents without compromising consumer independence or program liability.*
- 7. Other*

- *Why Should a Consumer choose your Agency?*

- *Other Comments about your Agency*