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To assist Consumers with the problem of finding new Personal Care Assistants, Consumer Directed Services offers the following Newsletter, which will be published weekly, whenever the names of potential Personal Assistants, new PCA Employment Agencies, or CDPAP related articles become available. If you have any questions, comments or recommendations, please contact me at elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com, also should you choose to remove your address from this list, please send an email to the above address.

Reminder: to receive this Newsletter, a Consumer or Advocate need only complete the top portion of the [Consumer - Enrollment Form](#). Should a new or previously enrolled Consumer complete both portions of this form; Consumer Directed Services will automatically share their Employment Opportunity information with the list of PCA Employment Agencies.

Finally, to insure that this Newsletter will be available to as many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.

Reminder: Consumer Directed Services makes no representation (positive or negative) regarding the appropriateness of any PCA Candidate the Consumer may consider. Therefore, a Consumer's consideration of any of the PCA Candidates listed below or any of the Candidates referred by a PCA Employment Service does not in any way reduce or modify the Consumer's exclusive responsibility to manage the PCA evaluation and employment process.

Best Regards, Ed Litcher

PCA Candidates

To add a Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Candidate, please complete and submit the [PCA Candidate Enrollment Form](#). As soon as your information is received it will be added to the next Newsletter.

Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 00:05:41

Personal Assistant Candidate: Sonia Apolo - turtleturt@gmail.com

Address: 42-14 Union Street, # 4D, Flushing NY, 11355

Phone: 718 961 3532

Experience: Domestic/Homemaking,, Personal Care / Home Health,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Quadriplegia,, Wheelchairs,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Other Experience, Special Diets,, Languages

Other Experience: diabetes/HBP/HIV - Special Diets: Low Salt/Diabetic

Languages: English

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

Hours: 8-8

Days: 2 - Start Time: sat

Articles Related to the CDPAP

Redesigning the Medicaid Program Contact Form. Your ideas/recommendations are important. Please take a few moments to share your ideas/recommendations in the following form. Suggestions for reforming New York's Medicaid program may also be submitted on the Medicaid https://apps.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/contact_form.action

Commonwealth of Virginia *Consumer-Directed Waiver Services EMPLOYER MANUAL*

You have chosen to receive consumer-directed (CD) services. Your decision means that **YOU** or someone you choose will be the employer for the attendants supporting you. With your choice to be the employer, there come many important responsibilities. This manual provides information about the responsibilities and the benefits that come with consumer direction, including hiring, training, supervising, and, if necessary, firing attendants who will be providing CD services to you, the employer. http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/downloads/pdfs/prm-CDS_Comm_Waiv_Manual.pdf

People with Disabilities Ready to Take the Governor's Charge - February 1, 2011 - Albany, NY

Today, Governor Cuomo released his 2011-2012 Executive Budget with his plans to tackle the State's \$10 billion budget deficit. Budget deficits tend to target programs that serve people with disabilities, but the disability community finds itself both encouraged and concerned with the Budget package. http://cdnys.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=467:people-with-disabilities-ready-to-take-the-governors-charge&catid=122:press-releases&Itemid=126

Seniors And People With Disabilities Are NOT A Special Interest Group The intent behind Governor Cuomo's Executive Budget is laudable and in many ways necessary – although the way beyond the current system is not quick and as proposed may endanger the livelihood of seniors and people with disabilities. The services that we receive aren't luxurious or rich – they are the basic necessities that allow for simply living life. http://edlitcher.hypermart.net/CDPAANYS-Budget_Response_02-04-2011.pdf

Governor Cuomo Delivers Budget Message in Amherst - Albany, NY (February 4, 2011)

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today presented his proposed 2011-2012 Executive Budget to hundreds of New Yorkers at Daemen College in Amherst. The Governor's proposal transforms the state budget process to conform to fiscal realities and eliminates a \$10 billion deficit without raising taxes or borrowing. <http://www.governor.ny.gov/press/020411governorcuomobudgetmessageamherst>

CDPAP organization is seeking an Executive Director. This organization is devoted to strengthening the Consumer Directed Personal Program (CDPAP) which is an alternative home care program offering people with disabilities and senior's flexibility and control of their home care services. Office is located within the Capital Region. Candidate must live within this area. Client will not pay for relocation. <http://jobview.monster.com/Executive-Director-Job-capital-District-NY-US-88976696.aspx>

Attorney General Schneiderman Announces Sentencing of Broome County Resident for Bilking Medicaid For Over \$50,000 - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced the sentencing of Mary Bidwell, 62 of Binghamton, for her role in defrauding the Medicaid program of more than \$59,000 in false billings she claimed were provided by her daughter, Amy Rivera. The sentencing comes on the heels of Attorney General Schneiderman's major new initiatives to bolster his office's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and create a Taxpayer Protection Unit to increase fraud recoveries during a period of fiscal crisis. <http://www.newschannel34.com/content/developingnews/story/Attorney-General-Schneiderman-Announces/4nnUY4qQckOfnnT4eiq6bA.csp>

PCA Employment Agencies

If your Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Employment Service assists Self-Pay and CDPAP Consumers in the NYC Metro Area, you can have your agency information added to the following list by completing the [Employment Service Enrollment Form](#).

Fifth Avenue Committee
Aaron Shiffman
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ashiffman@fifthave.org
718-237-2017

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp
Alba Silva
76 Wadsworth Ave, New York, NY 10033
albasilva@nimic.org
212-822-8300

Queens Community House
Ana Lopez-Betancourt
108-25 62nd Drive, Forest Hills, NY 11375
abetancourt@queenscommunityhouse.org
718-898-7461 x 19

YWCA of NYC
Anne Alfred
50 Broadway, New York, NY 10004
aalfred@ywcanyc.org
718-723-6170

Center For Family Life Emplymt
Denise Serrato
443 39th St, Brooklyn, New York 11232
dserrato@cflsp.org
718-633-4823

Eugenio María de Hostos Community College
Greg Ventura
500 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451
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(718) 518-4444

El Barrio's Operation Fight
Gustavo Rosado
413 E 120th St # 403 New York, NY 10035-3602
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212-410-7900

Bronxwork Inc
Kedon Wilson
391 E 149th St, Bronx, NY 10455
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Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service
Leslie Klein
285 Schermerhorn St, Brooklyn, NY 11217
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Our Planet Management Institute
Lisa Ying
116 John Street, #200, New York, NY 10038
lisa@opmi.org
212-269-4000

Kingsborough Community College
Marisa Joseph
2001 Oriental Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11235
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718-368-5563

Mercy Center
Mary Ellen Gianino
377 East 145th Street, Bronx NY 10454-1006
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New York City College of Technology
NYC Technical College Placement Office
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