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On September 16th 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.

To assist Consumers with the problem of finding new Personal Care Assistants, [Consumer Directed Services](http://www.consumerdirectedservices.com) created a FREE Employment Information Bridge between Consumers and PCA Candidates.

- **[Consumers / Advocates](#)**

- To receive a copy of the weekly Newsletter, a Consumer or Advocate need only send me an email to elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com and include your name and the text **Newsletter Request**.
- To search for a New Personal Assistant go to the [Consumer Directed Services](#) website and complete the form at the following link [Consumer / Advocate - Search for a PCA Candidate](#). When your information is received it will be distributed to all of the PCA Candidates enrolled in the database and a variety of other Employment Resources.

- **[Personal Care Assistant \(PCA\) Candidates](#)**

To include your information in the Newsletter and Database, go to the [Consumer Directed Services](#) website and complete the form at the following link: [Look for a PCA Job \(FREE\) - New York City Metro](#).

Previously distributed Newsletters (**from January 12, 2011 to present**) have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.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

Notes

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.

Consumers Searching

Should you require additional information
Please Contact the Consumer Directly.

(sstern1008@aol.com) on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 11:40:08

Consumer: Sharon Stern
Address1: 540 Main Street, #1008
Address2: New York City 10044
Phone: 212-758-1274
Best Time: 4pm-8pm
Email Authorization: Yes
Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70
Consumer Gender: Female
Payroll Method: Agency
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health
Candidate Experience: Quadriplegia,, Ventilators,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,,
Languages
Description of Languages: English
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,
Hours: 12 Days: 4-5 Start Time: 8-8
Pay Per Hour: 10-11

BETTY TOLLIVER on Friday, February 7, 2014 at 08:07:53

Consumer: BETTY TOLLIVER
Address1: 546 MAIN ST.
Address2: APT. 1111
Address3: ROOSEVELT ISLAND, NY
Phone: 212 593 1882
Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70
Consumer Gender: Female
Payroll Method: Agency
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health
Candidate Experience: Paraplegia,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Languages
Description of Languages: ONLY ENGLISH
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,,
Recommendations
Hours: 8/12 Days: 3-6 Start Time: 8A/8P
Pay Per Hour: 10.00
Pay Per Day: 80/120
Comments: PLEASE CALL ME. THE HOURS ARE FLEXIBLE.

(acmcarthur@gmail.com) on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 16:36:08

Consumer: Alexandra McArthur
Address1: 532 East 5th Street
Phone: 919-215-6002
Best Time: Evenings
Email Authorization: Yes
Consumer Age: Between 21 and 30
Consumer Gender: Female
Payroll Method: Self Pay
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health
Candidate Experience: Wheelchairs,
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Proof of Identity,

Hours: 2

Days: 3

Start Time: 9:00pm

Description of Schedule: Assistance changing, shower, getting into bed

Pay Per Hour: 12

Pay Per Day: 24

Pay Per Week: 72

Comments: Need assistance for a short time in the evenings after work to get into bed in lower Manhattan. Your help is much appreciated!

carenpot@juno.com on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 14:52:26

Consumer: Caren Potoker

Address1: 140 Lawrence Avenue

Address2: Apt. 2K

Address3: Brooklyn, NY 11230

Email Authorization: Yes

Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70

Consumer Gender: Female

Payroll Method: Agency

Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health

Candidate Experience: Wheelchairs,

Preferred Candidate Gender: Female

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

Recommendations

Hours: 5/6

Days: 3/4

Start Time: 3 PM

Description of Schedule: Must be in Afternoon to early eve

Pay Per Hour: \$10

Comments: Brooklyn resident for easy travel to/from work

barbek77@gmail.com on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 10:52:08

Consumer: Barbara Kesten

Address1: 2257 86th Street, Brooklyn NY11214

Phone: 917 817 2033

Consumer Age: Older than 70

Consumer Gender: Female

Payroll Method: Agency

Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health

Candidate Experience: Seniors,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,

Description of Languages: English, Polish

Preferred Candidate Gender: Female

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

Hours: 10 Days: 2 Start Time: 9:30 am

Description of Schedule: Saturday and Sunday maybe during the week also

Pay Per Hour: 11.10

Comments: should be very clean, sensitive, caring, have small dog, patient, upbeat
personality

Kevin Ruse on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 20:19:27

Consumer: Kevin Ruse

Address3: Medford, NY

Phone: 408 439 5368

Consumer Age: Older than 70

Consumer Gender: Female

Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health

Candidate Experience: Seniors,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,

Preferred Candidate Gender: Female

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

Hours: 9-6 Days: 6 Start Time: 9 am

Description of Schedule: Light laundry, food preparation, bathroom assistant

Pay Per Hour: 13.00 +

Consumers please submit your information using the following link:

[Consumer / Advocate - Search for a PCA Candidate](#)

PCA Candidates

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.

Dear Personal Care Assistant Candidate,

*I would like to thank you for your participation in Consumer Directed Services. If you submitted your **more than one year ago**, please complete and submit a new [Personal Assistant Enrollment Form](#). When the updated information is received, your new profile will be added to the next newsletter. Again thank you for your participation.*

(ccrooks102@gmail.com) on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 20:08:52

Personal Assistant Candidate: Cleo Crooks

Phone: 347 819 8357

Best Time: mid day

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: No

Consumer/Surrogate References Available: No

Enrolled with a CDPAP: No

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

Description of Languages: English

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

Certificate/License: Home Health Aid,

Hours per Week: 12

Days per Week: 4/5

Preferred Start Time: any

Days I Would Like to Work: week days

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 10.00

Target Salary Per Day: 130.00

Comments: Cleo Crooks

Brooklyn, NY, 11212

347-819-8357

Ccrooks102@gmail.com

To Whom It May Concern:

Should you consider me for employment, you will get an energetic, responsible, responsive and motivated person who would be a great asset to your staff. I believe in carrying myself with the utmost pride and integrity, as I was raised that you represent not only yourself, but those who care for you. I believe that these assets make me a reliable worker and a strong candidate for consideration.

As my resume briefly states, I have experience and skills that may be of interest to you: I've always been very personable and can bring that personality to this position. Most importantly, however, what I lack in knowledge, I make up for in my willingness and ability to learn and grow. I am not above training, as the pride and competitive nature in me always strives to perfect whatever craft I partake in.

I believe that an opportunity to speak to you further about my credentials and qualifications would be mutually beneficial. I am available during the day at (347)819-8357 should you care to arrange for an interview. I thank you for your time and consideration, and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
Cleo Crooks

marilynwatford@yahoo.com on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 17:59:42

Personal Assistant Candidate: Marilyn Watford
Address1: 774 Rockaway Ave #2J
Address2: Brooklyn New York
Address3: 11212
Phone: 718-484-3872
Gender: Female
Type of Position: Other Type of Position
Description of Other Type of Position: companion
Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: No
Enrolled with a CDPAP: No
Experience: Children,, Seniors,, Languages
Description of Languages: English
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,
Certificate/License: Personal Care,, Home Health Aid,
Hours per Week: 20
Days per Week: 5
Preferred Start Time: 8:00am

Days I Would Like to Work: Mon-Fri some Saturday

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

Target Salary Per Hour: optional

Comments: I am a care giver willing to help others meet their needs and to be a very good companion to them and also to help them in what ever their needs may be

Ziggyloud@yahoo.com on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 17:29:31

Personal Assistant Candidate: Michael H. Laue

Address1: 3533 Main St.

Phone: 845 687 9489

Best Time:

Gender: Male

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: No

Enrolled with a CDPAP: No

Experience: Children,, Teens,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Wheelchairs,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Special Diets,

Description of Special Diets: diabetic

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

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

Hours per Week: 49

Days per Week: 6

Days I Would Like to Work: m-sat

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 10-15

Comments: 4 yrs current experience about 20 years experience in human services.

Shirleysgreen@yahoo.com on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 11:18:48

Personal Assistant Candidate: Shirley Green

Address1: 175 Saratoga Ave

Phone: 347-233-8583

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: No

Experience: Young Adults,, Wheelchairs,, Special Diets,

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

Description of Other Certificate/License: Medical assistant

Hours per Week: 20

Days per Week: 5

Preferred Start Time: 8 am

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 13

Comments: I am a MAP certified CPR trained, colostomy trained worked with clients in wheel chairs I have a medical assistance certificate I worked with many clients with cerebral palsy and various mental illnesses

(rildapcrossley@gmail.com) on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at 12:53:30

Personal Assistant Candidate: Rilda Royal

Address1: 776 North Oak Drive

Address2: 2 Floor

Address3: Bronx NY 10467

Phone: 646 286 1777- 347 427 0082

Best Time: any time

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 years

Enrolled with a CDPAP: Yes

CDPAP Agency Name(s): Concepts of Independence

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

Description of Special Diets: according to prescribed diets

Description of Languages: English

Description of Other: none

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

Certificate/License: Personal Care,, Home Health Aid,

Hours per Week: 40+

Days per Week: 4

Preferred Start Time: any time

Days I Would Like to Work: Sunday to Thursday

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 10 or 11

Comments: Experienced home health aid that provided quality personal care to elderly and mental disabilities patient's ability to communicate with all types of people certified home health aid provided patients and families with emotional support

Articles Related to the CDPAP

Congratulations to Valerie Bogart and David Silva who will be honored, for their years of dedicated service, at the 5th Annual Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program Benefit.

Able Newspaper, in its 23rd year, is moving to an online platform. Please help us get the word out, in anyway you can, so that people can read Able online for FREE at www.ablenews.com. So many people depend on Able and we don't want them to miss a single issue. Even when we don't print Able the full issue is online.

RALLY IN ALBANY: Join in on Feb. 25 to Keep Your Independence

By Bryan O'Malley, Executive Director CDPAANYS

There is a saying everyone in the disability community knows. We all recite it routinely-“Nothing about us, without us.” On Tuesday, Feb. 25, hundreds of people with disabilities will be heading to Albany to join the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State (CDPAANYS) and the New York Association of Independent Living (NYAIL) for a Lobby Day that will make sure we are part of the process and our voice is heard. You can register for the event at <http://smarturl.it/i3r9s1>.

The question is – will you be there too? Will you come and make yourself heard to protect the services you use, the housing you need, the independence we have all fought so hard for?

CDPAANYS and NYAIL are entering this Lobby Day with an ambitious agenda that focuses on making sure people have the ability to get services in the community, not in nursing homes. We are fighting for higher wages for the workers that consumers who use Consumer Directed Personal Assistance (CDPAP) hire. We are fighting for basic legal protections when services or hours are cut, ensuring a fair and impartial fair hearing with “aid continuing”, or the right to continue to receive services while disputing cuts.

We are fighting for the future of CDPAP. And it will not be easy. The same groups that have always wanted to keep people with disabilities dependent and poor are also talking to the Legislature. They are making sure that nursing home workers get paid more, so that you cannot find someone to work for you. They are making sure that fair hearings become a thing of the past. They are making sure that consumer direction and your independence stay in a dark corner, used by only a few. They want you to stay home. They want you to be quiet.

They want this because they know Medicaid is changing. They know this change can fundamentally alter the system and create a new one that prioritizes independence and control. This change can be good for people with disabilities. We can use it to create a system that ends the reliance on outdated institutions and shifts services to the community. But, this will only happen if we speak up and make the change work for us.

If you think you can stay home, that you don't have to go because someone else will tell your story for you, you are right. The fact is, someone will tell your story for you; the nursing homes that want you to live there; the managed care plans that want to cut your services without fear of a fair hearing; and the union that wants to keep you from hiring who you want. Your fiscal intermediaries, local independent living centers, NYAIL and CDPAANYS will coordinate the day. All you need to do is show up. We will try to coordinate travel for everyone, so register to make sure that we know you are coming. We will post information on the CDPAANYS website on the issues, so you know what we'll be talking about.

We will give you talking points so you know what to say. But in the end – you know what to say, because this is about you. It is about you coming to Albany to tell your story. It is how these policies affect you. This is what is important. This is what will change the world.

I look forward to meeting you in Albany on Feb. 25.

<http://ablenews.com/>

Local Independent Living Centers

- Bronx Independent Living Services, Inc. (BILS)
4419 Third Ave, #2C, Bronx, NY 10457
TEL [718 515-2800 x 116](tel:7185152800) / TTY [718 515-2803](tel:7185152803) / FAX [718 515-2844](tel:7185152844)
- Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled (BCID)
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)
- Center for Independence of the Disabled in NY (CID-NY) (Manhattan)
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)
- CID-NY/Queens
137-02A Northern Blvd, Flushing, NY 11354
Phone: [646-442-1520](tel:6464421520) / Sorenson VP [866-948-1064](tel:8669481064) / TTY [718-886-0427](tel:7188860427) / Fax 718-886-0428
- Harlem Independent Living Center (HILC) (Manhattan)
289 St. Nicholas Ave, #21 Lower Level, New York, NY 10027
TEL 212-222-7122 / Sorenson VP 646-755-3092 / Relay 866-326-5876 / FAX 212-222-7199
info@hilc.org
- Staten Island Center for Independent Living (SIILC)
470 Castleton Ave, Staten Island, NY 10301
TEL 718-720-9016 / TTY 718-720-9870 / FAX 718-720-9664
- Long Island Center for Independent Living (LICIL) (Nassau Co)
3601 Hempstead Turnpike, #208, Levittown, NY 11756
TEL 516-796-0144 / TEL (Español) 516-796-6176 / TTY 516-796-0135 / FAX 516-796-0529 licil@aol.com
- Self Initiated Living Options, Inc. (SILO) (Suffolk Co)
2111 Lakeland Ave, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
TEL (31-880-7929 / TTY 631-654-8076 / FAX 631-946-6377
contact@siloinc.org
- Westchester Independent Living Center (WILC) (Westchester/White Plains)
200 Hamilton Ave, White Plains, NY 10601
TEL 914-682-3926 / TTY 914-682-0926 / Sorenson Video Phone 866-933 5390 / FAX 914-682-8518
- Westchester Disabled on the Move, Inc. (WDOM) Westchester/Yonkers)
984 No. Broadway, #L-10, Yonkers, NY 10701
TEL 914-968-4717 V & TTY / FAX 914-968-6137

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](#).

All American Home Care Agency, Albert Isakov, CEO
1113 Avenue J, Brooklyn, NY 11230
aisakov@allamericanny.com
Phone: 718-717-8800

Bronxwork Inc, Kedon Wilson
391 E 149th St, Bronx, NY 10455
kwilson@bronxworks.org
(718) 993-8880 ext. 237

Center For Family Life Employment, Maria Ferreira
443 39th St, Brooklyn, New York 11232
mferreira@cflsp.org
718-633-4823

El Barrio's Operation Fight, Gustavo Rosado
413 E 120th St # 403 New York, NY 10035-3602
ebobf413@aol.com
212-410-7900

Fifth Avenue Committee, Aaron Shiffman
621 DeGraw Street, Brooklyn, New York 11217
ashiffman@fifthave.org
718-237-2017

Goldenhearts Elderly Care Services, Geanette Browder
244 5th Avenue, suite G256 New York, NY 10001
contact@GoldenElderlyCare.org
Phone: (866) 531-4620

Kingsborough Comm. College, Marisa Joseph
2001 Oriental Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11235
marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu
718-368-5563

Konedu Home Care, LLC, Carie Jones Smith
140 Captain Thomas Blvd West Haven, CT 06516
helpingfamilies@koneduhomecare.com
Phone: 800 418-3299

Mercy Center, Mary Ellen Gianino
377 East 145th Street, Bronx NY 10454-1006
meg@mercycenterbronx.org
(718) 993-2789

Reliable Homecare Solutions LLC
Contact: Reshmi Maharaj, Director
104-28 117 St, 2E, Richmond Hill New York 11419
917 378 5769
caresolutions09100@gmail.com

New York City College of Technology
NYC Technical College Placement Office
300 Jay St, Brooklyn, NY 11201
employmentsvc@citytech.cuny.edu
(718) 260-5050

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp
Evan Hess
76 Wadsworth Ave, New York, NY 10033
evanhess@nmic.org
212-822-8300

Our Planet Management Institute, Lisa Ying
116 John Street, #200, New York, NY 10038
lisa@opmi.org, 212-269-4000

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