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Previously distributed Newsletters (**from January 12, 2011 to present**) have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.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

[\(esqpenn@aol.com\)](mailto:esqpenn@aol.com) on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 16:27:37

Consumer: Carol Pennington
Phone: 516-721-4252
Best Time: anytime
Email Authorization: Yes
Consumer Age: Older than 70
Consumer Gender: Female
Payroll Method: Agency
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health
Candidate Experience: Seniors,, Wheelchairs,, Special Diets,
Description of Special Diets: Sodium free
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,,
Recommendations
Hours: 12
Days: 3

Start Time: 8pm

Description of Schedule: Looking to fill a shift from 8 pm to 8 am M-T-W

Pay Per Hour: \$14.00

Comments: Candidate must be willing to Register with a Guildnet approved Agency under the CDPAP program; preferably All Metro. Job is in Nassau County, Long Island. Must have a valid driver's license and be willing to drive our car to medical appointments and errands.

Alex Elegudin on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 08:09:41

Consumer: Alex Elegudin

Address1: 2652 Cropsey Ave

Address2: Brooklyn, NY

Phone: 718-757-6906

Best Time: Eve

Consumer Age: Between 21 and 30

Consumer Gender: Male

Payroll Method: Agency

Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health

Candidate Experience: Quadriplegia,, Wheelchairs,

Preferred Candidate Gender: Male

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

Days: 2

Description of Schedule: Weekend/Saturday & Sunday day shift

Pay Per Day: 100

Comments: Through Consumer Direct/Concepts Agency.

(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

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.*

(Ginhanslarose@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 13:34:15

Personal Assistant Candidate: Ginhans Larose

Address1: Rosedale, New York

Phone: 516-244-3729

Best Time: Any

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: 6 months

Enrolled with a CDPAP: Yes

CDPAP Agency Name(s): All Metro Healthcare

Experience: Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Quadriplegia,, Hemiplegia,, Ventilators,, Wheelchairs,,

Lifters,, Other Equipment,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory

Impairments,, Special Diets,, Languages, Other,

Description of Special Diets: Diabetic

Description of Languages: English - French - Creole

Description of Other: Catheter care and catheter irrigation

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

Certificate/License: Other,

Description of Other Certificate/License: Certified nursing assistant (CNA)

Hours per Week: 32

Days per Week: 4

Preferred Start Time: 9 am

Days I Would Like to Work: Monday - Thursday

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

Target Salary Per Hour: \$13+

Target Salary Per Week: 400+

Comments: I am a Certified Nursing Assistant with a clean background. I have worked at a nursing home and also home care setting. I prepare meals, do laundry, clean and give medications.

(Milta730@optonline.net) on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 17:56:58

Personal Assistant Candidate: Iris Maldonado

Address1: 25 Washington St.

Address2: Farmingdale, NY, 11735

Phone: 516-241-7128

Best Time: Any

Fax: 631-756-8615

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Description of Other Type of Position: CDPAP CNA

Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: Yes

Consumer/Surrogate References Available: Yes

Enrolled with a CDPAP: Yes

Experience: Young Adults,, Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Amputation,, Wheelchairs,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,

Description of Other: MS

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

Description of Other Certificate/License: CNA

Hours per Week: 30

Days per Week: 5

Preferred Start Time: Nights

Days I Would Like to Work: Mon thru Friday

Target Salary Per Hour: 15.00

(suzannedavis75@yahoo.com) on Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 16:32:54

Personal Assistant Candidate: Suzanne Davis

Address1: 1319 Harrod Ave. apt 1f

Address2: Bronx NY

Address3: 10472

Phone: 4049407290

Best Time: anytime

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: Yes
Experience: Young Adults,, Wheelchairs,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,
Description of Languages: English
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations
Certificate/License: Home Health Aid,
Hours per Week: 40
Days I Would Like to Work: Wednesday - Sundays
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: no
Target Salary Per Hour: 10

teisham10@gmail.com on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 14:21:35

Personal Assistant Candidate: Teisha Morgan
Address1: 3320 Ave. H
Address2: 6m
Address3: Brooklyn, N.Y.
Phone: 347_876_1581
Best Time: any time
Gender: Female
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: Young Adults,, Seniors,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Other Equipment,, Visual /
Auditory Impairments,, Languages
Description of Languages: English
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations
Certificate/License: Personal Care,, Home Health Aid,
Hours per Week: 60
Days per Week: 5
Preferred Start Time: ASAP
Days I Would Like to Work: Monday to Friday
I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: yes
Target Salary Per Hour: 15_20
Target Salary Per Day: 250
Target Salary Per Week: 11_1500
Comments: I'm very well trained, experienced and I will be a great asset to your life...I'm
patient and reliable trustworthy and responsible...

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
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