

March 15, 2013

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](http://www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com) 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](http://www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com) website and complete the form at the following link: [Look for a PCA Job \(FREE\) - New York City Metro](#). As of the above date, **574** Personal Assistant Candidates have already been enrolled.

To insure that this Newsletter will be available to as many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters (**from January 12, 2011 to present**) have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](http://www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com) home page.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.

Charles Strouchler on Friday, March 8, 2013 at 12:03:41

Consumer: Charles Strouchler

Address1: 49 Fulton St.

Address2: Apt. 3M

Address3: New York, NY 10038

Phone: 2123497605

Best Time: 9am-9pm

Email Authorization: No

Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70

Consumer Gender: Male

Payroll Method: Agency

Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health

Candidate Experience: Quadriplegia,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Other Equipment,, Languages

Description of Languages: English

Preferred Candidate Gender: Female

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

Hours: 12

Days: 2-3

Start Time: 7am; 7pm

Description of Schedule: week-end preferred, fill-in, week night

Pay Per Hour: 10.30

Comments: Need strong and experienced candidate. Help with all ADL's, including intermittent catheterization. (We will train.) I am Concepts of Independence client; you must be eligible to go on their payroll, and be honest; reliable and kind.

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.

(listerose7@hotmail.com) on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 01:50:41

Personal Assistant Candidate: Sharon St Rose

Address1: 601 Georgia Ave, 2nd Fl Brooklyn, NY 11207

Phone: 3478815004

Best Time: anytime

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

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

Description of Languages: English, Creole

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

Hours per Week: 40+ Days per Week: 5+

Preferred Start Time: Flex

Days I Would Like to Work: Monday- Friday

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 20

Comments: I have 12 years experience in the health care field and have a great overview of what patients need and the proper care to ensure they are safe in their own home. I would be a great asset to any person who will hire me to take care of them or their loved one.

zahn_toni@yahoo.com on Friday, March 8, 2013 at 19:47:39

Personal Assistant Candidate: toni zahn

Address1: 2088 pitman ave bronx ny 10466

Phone: 620-617-8919

Best Time: any

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

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

Description of Other: first aid cpr medication catheter

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

Hours per Week: 40 Days per Week: 6

Preferred Start Time: ASAP

Days I Would Like to Work: mon- sat

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 10

Target Salary Per Day: 100

Target Salary Per Week: 500

Comments: Love working with people open availability reliable punctual

Articles Related to the CDPAP

Press Release:

People with Disabilities Rally across NYS

Consumer Directed Personal Assistance

Association of New York State

Contact: Anthony G. Caputo, President, CDPAANYS

917-731-6877 (cell)

Bryan O'Malley

518-495-2181 (cell)

**Seniors and people with disabilities rally across New York State to say
“Protect our Rights!”**

March 13, 2013, New York City: People with disabilities and seniors gathered today at City Hall Park as part of a statewide effort to support pieces of the Assembly and Senate budget proposals that help New Yorkers to stay in their homes and out of nursing homes. The City Hall Park Press Conference and rally was one of many events that took place in Long Island, New York City, Rockland County, the Capitol District, Utica, Rochester and Buffalo. Consumers, workers and advocates wanted to make sure that the final budget would continue down the path that Governor Cuomo, the Assembly and the Senate have all said is their goal: getting to keeping people in their homes and out of nursing homes.

The group's message included preventing arbitrary cuts to services by managed care companies; protecting the salaries of their workers; protecting their ability to continue to pay their workers by making sure managed care companies pay quickly; and protecting the assessment process in the developmental disability system by preventing managed care companies from doing assessments.

The crowd gathered with signs and speakers who thanked the Legislature for including a package of provisions in their bill that makes sure access to community-based care and the ability to attract and retain a high quality workforce is retained. The measures make sure that as the State moves to managed care, those who rely on the system to stay in their homes are not subject to the dangers of companies seeking to profit at the expense of their independence.

T.K. Small, who uses a Medicaid program called Consumer Directed Personal Assistance (CDPA) to recruit, hire, train and supervise his own workers to perform tasks that support him in the community, said “Having a Personal Care Assistant is the difference between life and death. My PCA’s help me with all of the activities of daily living that everyone else takes for granted. Their dedication and help avoids me being a prisoner in a nursing home. If I lose hours, if I lose services, if I lose my workers, then I lose my freedom. I thank the Legislature for taking this matter seriously and hope these protections are in the final budget.”

The people with disabilities who gathered rely on the State’s Medicaid system to pay for their long-term care services, such as home care and CDPA. They use Medicare for things such as their doctor’s visits, prescription drugs and hospitalizations. When the State reformed Medicaid, it required these consumers to go to managed care. As the reforms have settled, consumers and advocates have identified new topics that will help the State save more money and improve the lives of seniors and people with disabilities.

“I am able to stay in my own home and control who provides my care because I receive Consumer Directed Personal Assistance,” said Patricia Walls. “I have built a relationship with my Personal Assistants and one of them has been with me for more than 20 years. My Personal Care Assistants know me and my care, and I know them. They deserve more, not less. If managed care companies cut the amount my workers are paid, there is a good chance that they are going to have to quit.”

“I have been working with T.K. Small and a number of other people as a Personal Care Assistant for 36 years,” said Philip Bennett. “I want to stay working in this profession; but, I can’t afford to keep this job if my wages get cut. It is not like I make a lot of money now. I do this job because I support New Yorkers with disabilities and I love this type of work. But I have bills like everyone else. I appreciate the Legislature for recognizing the work I do and I hope my work is recognized when the final budget is passed.”

“The Assembly and Senate saw the value in supporting seniors and people with disabilities. They realized a few minor changes strengthen Governor Cuomo’s reforms, increase savings for taxpayers and keep people who rely on these services in their homes where they want to be,” said Bryan O’Malley of the statewide Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State, one of the primary organizers of the day’s events. “If Albany is serious about reform, about keeping people in their homes, then these provisions must be in the final budget.”

A summary of the issues the seniors and people with disabilities were fighting for today:

- **Keep their ability to continue to get services when a managed care company arbitrarily cuts them, until they can receive an independent review.** In the past, while waiting for this review, they could continue to receive the same level of services. Such due process is expected for anyone in America. With the transition to Medicaid managed care, the State might get rid of these protections. The Assembly restored this right as part of their budget bill. While the Senate did not include the language, advocates are hopeful it will be included in the final budget.
- **The ability to recruit, hire and retain quality workers.** Receiving services in your home is only useful if you can get and keep high quality workers. In Consumer Directed Personal Assistance, many consumers and workers are together for decades. This dramatically improves the level of care people receive and helps lower costs throughout the health care system. The Assembly budget recognizes the value of this and says that the Commissioner of the Department of Labor must set an “adequate wage” for these workers and that the managed care companies must pay an amount that allows the workers to be paid at least this amount. The Senate included similar language that requires managed care companies to make sure workers receive an adequate wage without defining the wage.
- **The ability to prevent managed care companies from stalling on payments.** If managed care companies do not pay claims in a timely manner, it keeps workers from getting paid. The Assembly and Senate budget includes language that keeps managed care companies from stalling the payment process by continuing to identify “new” problems with claims. It then requires the managed care company to pay the claim in 30 days, ensuring workers will get paid.
- **The ability to have enough time to choose a plan and receive an independent assessment.** Those with developmental disabilities like autism or cerebral palsy are also being placed in managed care. Unlike every group moving to managed care, this group was only going to have 30 days to choose what plan is best for them. The Assembly and Senate’s budget makes this consistent with all other programs by making it sixty days. The Assembly also protects the assessment process by preventing the managed care companies, who have a financial incentive to give less care, from doing the assessment.

INFORMATION ABOUT MANAGED CARE FOR CONCEPTS OF INDEPENDENCE, CHOICES AND ICS CONSUMERS!

Thanks to Tony Caputo, Meghan Taylor, Rebecca Zohn, Valerie Borgat and Loreen Loonie from ICS, there is very valuable information about transition to managed care and for new or not so new ICS clients:

1. “This is a very anxious time for anyone who has to make these difficult decisions. We have developed a handout that we are about to send to all consumers regarding the transition to Managed Care. We have used very useful information that was available from the advocates.

We also will be posting the document on our website at www.coiny.org. Hopefully the handout will answer many of the Consumers' questions.

This info booklet is on the [coiny.org](http://www.coiny.org) web site.

http://www.coiny.org/docs/mangdcareinfo_web.pdf

The best advice that you can give for anyone with an ICS question, is to call Loreen Loonie at the number and email below.

If Consumers have a question with another plan then they should call them directly or call NY Medicaid Choice.

If they still are unsure of the answer they can call Concepts and ask for Meghan, ext 244.

Tony

2. If people join ICS, they absolutely can still keep all of their own doctors, who pay with your Medicare and Medicaid cards, except for the 4 specialties of dentist, optometrist, podiatrist and audiologist.

Valerie Bogart

3. There is a lot of confusion out there and it is a difficult process to understand. On top of all of that, it has happened very fast. There have been errors in communication, already enrolled MLTC members have gotten notifications to enroll. It has not been as smooth as anyone would like. It sounds like you are overwhelmed with all of the details of the process and that a lot of people are coming to you for help. Anna, Marilyn and I are here to help. Please use us as a resource when you are confused or when you hear something about ICS that does not seem to make sense. We are happy to help and we know you are an important source of information for people in the community so we want to make sure to get clear, accurate information to you for dissemination.

Loreen Loonie

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](#).

Blessed Healthcare Staffing Agency, Tissha Thomas
1 Belvedere Ave, Suite A, Farmingdale, NY 11735
tithomas@bhcsa.com
(631) 390-8646

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@koneduhomework.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
caresolutions09100@gmail.com

917 378 5769
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

Supreme Aid Home Care, LLC
Contact: Anna Basel - Owner
37-53, 90th St, Suite 16 Jackson Heights, NY, 11372
info@supremeaidhomecare.com 347-421-2045

YWCA of NYC, Anne Alfred
50 Broadway, New York, NY 10004
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<http://www.classifiedads.com/post.php>