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Newsletter will be available to as many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.

Best Regards, Ed Litcher

## Notes

Recently I received the following email

Bid Title: HOME CARE SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY

PIN Number: 12511N0001

Bid Due Date: 05/18/11

Commodity Code(s): 95244 Home Care/Attendant/Maker and Housekeeping Services

For more information please visit The City Record web site [here](#).

Alternatively, you can copy and paste the following into your browser's address bar:

[http://a856-internet.nyc.gov/nycvendoronline/vendorsearch/asp/Postings.asp?req\\_id=20110414009](http://a856-internet.nyc.gov/nycvendoronline/vendorsearch/asp/Postings.asp?req_id=20110414009)

When I opened this link, I found that the Department is seeking 5 vendors (one for each borough) to manage their Home Care program. Unfortunately, after reviewing the application, I found no suggestion that the department would consider the inclusion of the Consumer Directed philosophy in their program. An absence that is a significant programmatic deficiency, if the objective of the proposal is to provide a service in a manner that minimizes cost and maximizes Consumer Independence and Satisfaction. According to the Eldercare News video [Consumer-Directed Home Care: Washington & Beyond. Part 2](#) Seniors who have the opportunity to select a Consumer Directed option have a higher level of satisfaction than people who receive services through the traditional agency based model. It is my hope that at some point the NYC Department for the Aging will address the communities growing desire for empowerment by incorporating a Consumer Directed component in their program.

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. To consider the employment of a PCA Candidate, please contact the Candidate directly.

**Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 10:51:55**

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Personal Assistant Candidate: Erica Gonzalez [Ericag63@gmail.com](mailto:Ericag63@gmail.com)

Address1: 335 Sutter Ave Brooklyn NY, 11212

Phone: [347-866-2314](tel:347-866-2314)

Experience: Domestic/Homemaking,, Personal Care / Home Health,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Ventilators,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Other Equipment,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,

Languages: Spanish

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

Hours: 9 Days: 5 Start Time: 9am

*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 above 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.*

## Articles Related to the CDPAP

**A History of the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) in New York City 1977 to 2001:** As an advocate for the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program it is my hope that the following information will serve to encourage those who are seeking ways to correct and refocus this important program. <http://www.docstoc.com/docs/77786449/A-History-of-the-Consumer-Directed-Personal-Assistance-Program->

**Valuable Services to the Community Could be Lost if Funding Cuts Remain** Posted on April 18, 2011 by Stevi Young: The independent living philosophy says that people with disabilities are the experts on their lives and should therefore be trusted to make decisions that are best for them. Persons with disabilities should have the same options, freedom, right to participation in the community, self-determination, and choice and control over their lives, as everyone else. <http://www.paraquad.org/blog/2011/04/valuable-services-community-could-be-lost-if-funding-cuts-remain>

## 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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212-822-8300

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

YWCA of NYC  
Anne Alfred  
50 Broadway, New York, NY 10004  
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718-723-6170

Center For Family Life Employment  
Denise Serrato  
443 39th St, Brooklyn, New York 11232  
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718-633-4823

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Greg Ventura  
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