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Previously distributed Newsletters (**from January 12, 2011 to present**) have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.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

[\(jee193@gmail.com\)](mailto:jee193@gmail.com) on Friday, April 25, 2014 at 12:15:44

Consumer: Jan Ellis
Address1: 527 West 47th Street, #5E
Address2: New York, NY 10036
Phone: (212) 489-9320
Consumer Age: Between 31 and 50
Consumer Gender: Female
Payroll Method: Agency
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health
Candidate Experience: Paraplegia,, Wheelchairs,
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female
Required Documentation: Social Security Number,, Recommendations
Hours: 12 Days: Saturday and Sunday
Start Time: 8 a.m.
Pay Per Hour: 11.10

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.

[\(mariyainat@gmail.com\)](mailto:mariyainat@gmail.com) on Friday, May 23, 2014 at 09:20:56

Personal Assistant Candidate: Mariya Ignat

Address1: 205 Av M Apt 2-F Brooklyn NY

Phone: 1-347-355-3145

Best Time: day

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Enrolled with a CDPAP: Yes

CDPAP Agency Name(s): Concepts of Independence

Experience: Children,, Seniors,, Wheelchairs,

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

Certificate/License: Home Health Aid,

Hours per Week: 24

Days per Week: 2

Preferred Start Time: 8.00am

Days I Would Like to Work: Saturday, Sunday

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 12

Comments: I been working for 15 years as a license HHA

(wasiko@gmail.gov) on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 13:57:21

Personal Assistant Candidate: Vasily Jorjadze

Phone: 631-697-5330

Best Time: 9am-9pm

Gender: Male

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Worked with a CDPAP Consumer/Surrogate: No

Experience: Seniors,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,, Languages

Description of Languages: English, Russian, Polish, German

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

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

Hours per Week: 40

Preferred Start Time: ASAP

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

Target Salary Per Hour: \$25

Comments: I have PCA certificate since 2005 and worked periodically with different agencies.

Articles Related to the CDPAP

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.

DISABLED IN ACTION OF METROPOLITAN NEW YORK

Dues are \$10 to \$25 (as able to afford)

One-year membership spans the calendar year, January-December.

Mail payment to: DIA P.O. Box 30954 New York, NY 10011 -Or-

Todd Kreisler 250 E 60 Street, apt 2C, NY, NY 10022

For information, sign language interpreter

or assistive listening device call: TEL/FAX 718-261-3737 - www.disabledinaction.org

All DIA meetings are open to the public and are wheelchair accessible. We require that all attendees refrain from smoking, wearing any fragrance or carrying anything that beeps, as these are all harmful to some of our members and guests. An assistive listening device is available at meetings. A sign language interpreter is available upon request. Please support our scent-free environment by abstaining from perfume and cologne!

DIA meeting dates for 2013:

Sunday, June 1, 2014 Sunday, September 7, 2014.....Sunday, October 5, 2014

Sunday, November 2, 2014.....Sunday, December 7, 2014 (Holiday Party)

Now that the process of creating an organization has begun, a series of questions need to be addressed.

To begin, my first concern is the lack of Consumer participation in the Newsletter.

- Your input is needed to develop a system that will encourage Consumers to use the service. This request is based on my belief that Consumer traffic will promote PCA participation, which will in-tern improve the service for all.*
- Also, if more general information is wanted, Consumer sourced articles, comments, and observations – related to the Consumer Directed Personal*

Assistance Program (CDPAP) are welcome (please no personal attacks, language that would be unsuitable for a general audience, or agency advertisements.).

Next are the issues of organizational structure. Although it has been my consistent belief that Consumer participation on the Board of Directors is essential for an organization that claims any connection to the CDPAP. The question is how can the organization nurture a cadre of Consumers who are capable of making a positive contribution to the organization's mission?

To identify this group of Consumers I propose the following multi-step approach to Consumer Board Membership.

First, to help support the organization I propose an annual Consumer Membership fee. Although other individuals and organizations (especially Fiscal Intermediaries) would be encouraged to contribute to the organization, only Consumers would be counted as Members.

Second, although all Consumers would be able to utilize the service, only dues paying Members would be given the opportunity to participate in the Consumer Advisory Council. Consumer candidates would be elected to the Council by the Members. Council participation would be limited to two, two-year terms.

Third, when a Consumer seat on the Board becomes available, the new Board Member would be selected from the active members of the Council by the remaining members of the Board of Directors and their term would again be limited to two -two year terms.

Finally, if you wish to continue to receive the newsletter, please send a reply email. If you, as a Consumer or Advocate have not yet responded to the following information which was originally published on May 18th I look forward to your comments and recommendations.

Thank you for taking the time to review the above.

Regards,

Ed Litcher

Consumer Directed Services

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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