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Newsletter will be available to as many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.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

### Have a Great Memorial Day

**CDPAANYS is Hiring Four Regional Outreach Education Specialists:** The Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State (CDPAANYS) is seeking four (4) Regional Outreach and Education Specialists (ROES) for a statewide grant funded initiative working to increase awareness of the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) for seniors and people with disabilities in New York State. The positions will be based around the state, with one in Western New York (Buffalo/Rochester), Central New York (Binghamton), the Hudson Valley and Long Island/Westchester. CDPAANYS is a statewide nonprofit membership organization that works to support Consumer-Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) contractors and users in all counties of New York State, providing assistance including, but not limited to: advocacy, systems change, promotion of consumer control and self determination.

<http://www.williamlaneassociates.com/medicaid>

## 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.

**Friday, May 20, 2011 at 10:57:42**

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Personal Assistant Candidate: Mercedes Johnson [custardapple27@yahoo.com](mailto:custardapple27@yahoo.com)

Address1: 13201 160th Street

Address2: Jamaica, NY 11434

Phone: [516 360 -4559](tel:5163604559)

Experience: Domestic/Homemaking,, Personal Care / Home Health,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Quadriplegia,, Hemiplegia,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Other Equipment,

Other Experience: Suctioning machine, gastric tube feeding

Special Diets: Diabetic, liquid, hypertension

Languages: English

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

Hours: 8

*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

**Kaiser Health Tracking Poll -- May 2011** - Most Americans oppose the idea of converting Medicaid to block grant financing to reduce the federal deficit, and more than half want to see no reductions at all in Medicaid spending. One in five adults has received Medicaid benefits over time, and for most, experiences were positive, although one third of them report having had problems finding a doctor.  
<http://www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/8190.cfm>

**Constance Laymon Founder & Chief Executive Officer Consumer Directed Choices, Inc.**

President Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State, Inc  
You Tube - Overcoming Life <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HzsXTeAZu5w>

**Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State** - CDPAANYS provides support for fiscal intermediaries and consumers participating in CDPAP by serving as a voice for the program in Albany on policy and rate issues, working with other like-minded organizations to continue to grow the program, providing technical assistance on the interpretation of rules and guidelines from the Department of Health and reaching out to stakeholders around the state to promote the program.  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Consumer-Directed-Personal-Assistance-Association-of-New-York-State/205444399488732?v=info>

**Look for a Home Care (CDPAP) Job (Free) (New York City Metro)** Date: 2011-05-05, 4:39PM EDT  
- Visit [www.consumerdirectedservices.com](http://www.consumerdirectedservices.com) - add your information to the FREE weekly email Newsletter. Go to the link - (LOOK FOR A PCA JOB (FREE) - NEW YORK CITY METRO) - Complete the Form and Submit. The Newsletter is submitted to hundreds of Home Care Consumers and Advocates. Consumers are People with Disabilities or Seniors who independently hire, train and supervise the Home Care Worker (Personal Care Assistant - PCA) of their choice.  
<http://newyork.craigslist.org/mnh/hea/2364587466.html>

## 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  
621 DeGraw Street, Brooklyn, New York 11217  
[ashiffman@fifthave.org](mailto:ashiffman@fifthave.org)  
718-237-2017

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp  
Alba Silva  
76 Wadsworth Ave, New York, NY 10033  
[albasilva@nimic.org](mailto:albasilva@nimic.org)  
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  
[aalfred@ywcanyc.org](mailto:aalfred@ywcanyc.org)  
718-723-6170

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

Eugenio María de Hostos Community College  
Greg Ventura  
500 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451  
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(718) 518-4444

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212-410-7900

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391 E 149th St, Bronx, NY 10455  
[kwilson@bronxworks.org](mailto:kwilson@bronxworks.org)  
(718) 993-8880 ext. 237

Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service  
Leslie Klein  
285 Schermerhorn St, Brooklyn, NY 11217  
[lklein@bbcs.org](mailto:lklein@bbcs.org)  
718-310-5600

Our Planet Management Institute  
Lisa Ying  
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Kingsborough Community College  
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Mercy Center  
Mary Ellen Gianino  
377 East 145th Street, Bronx NY 10454-1006  
[meg@mercycenterbronx.org](mailto:meg@mercycenterbronx.org)  
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New York City College of Technology  
NYC Technical College Placement Office  
300 Jay St, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
[employmentsvc@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:employmentsvc@citytech.cuny.edu)  
(718) 260-5050

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