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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](mailto: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, **535** 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many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters (**from January 12, 2011 to present**) have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](http://www.ConsumerDirectedServices.com) home page.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](mailto: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](http://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.*

**([luisluciano824@yahoo.com](mailto:luisluciano824@yahoo.com)) on Friday, October 26, 2012 at 20:09:13**

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Consumer: Luis Luciano

Address1: 39 Nicole Place

Address2: West Babylon, NY 11704

Phone: [631-559-1013](tel:631-559-1013)

Email Authorization: Yes

Consumer Age: Between 31 and 50

Consumer Gender: Male

Payroll Method: Agency

Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health

Candidate Experience: Young Adults,, Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Quadriplegia,, Hemiplegia,,  
Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Languages

Description of Languages: English, Spanish

Preferred Candidate Gender: Female

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

Days: 5

Start Time: 9am

Description of Schedule: live-in

**([carenpot@juno.com](mailto:carenpot@juno.com)) on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 14:17:52**

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Consumer: Caren Potoker

Phone: [\(718\) 435-0295](tel:718-435-0295)

Best Time: 6 -8 PM

Email Authorization: Yes

Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70

Consumer Gender: Female

Payroll Method: Agency

Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health

Preferred Candidate Gender: Female

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

Comments: Reliable, dependable and mature. Job includes weekends and house cleaning on

Plan of Care documentation of consumer.

**([collazo1234@yahoo.com](mailto:collazo1234@yahoo.com)) on Sunday, September 16, 2012 at 21:23:51**

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Consumer: Hilda Ramos  
Address1: 780 Katan Ave. Staten Island  
Phone: [718-317-1851](tel:718-317-1851)  
Best Time: after 6pm  
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,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,  
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female  
Required Documentation: Social Security Number,  
Description of Schedule: Monday - Friday /24 hours sleep in  
Pay Per Hour: 10.00+

**[BETTY10044@VERIZON.NET](mailto:BETTY10044@VERIZON.NET) on Sunday, September 9, 2012 at 11:31:11**

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Consumer: BETTY TOLLIVER  
Address1: 546 MAIN ST. Address2: APT. 1111  
Phone: [212 593 1882](tel:212-593-1882) Fax: [212593 1882](tel:212593-1882)  
Email Authorization: Yes  
Consumer Age: Between 51 and 70  
Consumer Gender: Female  
Payroll Method: Agency - Concepts of Independence, Inc.  
Type of Candidates: Personal Care / Home Health  
Candidate Experience: Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,, Special Diets,  
Description of Special Diets: COOKING WITH COMMON SENSE  
Preferred Candidate Gender: Female  
Required Documentation: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,  
Hours: 8-12 Days: 2 Start Time: 8AM  
Description of Schedule: WEEKENDS AND SOME BACK UP  
Pay Per Hour: 10.30-11  
Comments: MATURE AGES 35-50 YRS OF AGE A FEMALE NON SMOKER WITH CONCEPTS OF INDEPENDENCE.

## ***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.*

**[anais.kruger@gmail.com](mailto:anais.kruger@gmail.com) on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 09:48:56**

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Personal Assistant Candidate: Lucy Jorge

Address1: 266 22nd st. apt. # 5A

Address2: Brooklyn, NY 11215

Phone: 339-206-1022

Best Time: daytime

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Children,, Seniors,, Languages

Description of Languages: English/ Spanish

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

Hours per Week: 50

Days per Week: 6

Days I Would Like to Work: Monday thru Saturday

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 10.00

**[brentsealey@hotmail.com](mailto:brentsealey@hotmail.com) on Monday, October 29, 2012 at 16:59:59**

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Personal Assistant Candidate: Brent Sealey

Address1: 10312 Glenwood Rd 3A

Phone: [347-421-0904](tel:347-421-0904)

Gender: Male

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Teens,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Amputation,, Wheelchairs,

Description of Languages: English

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

Hours per Week: 60+

Days per Week: 6

Preferred Start Time: ASAP

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 13-15

Comments: I am a HHA since 2007 and have reliable Transportation and is willing to work long hours

**[eridania72@hotmail.com](mailto:eridania72@hotmail.com) on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 21:04:10**

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Personal Assistant Candidate: ANTONIA CASTILLO

Address1: 7809 34th ave jackson ths ny

Phone: [646-673-7461](tel:646-673-7461)

Best Time: ANY TIME

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

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

Description of Languages: ENGLISH AND SPANISH

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

Hours per Week: 48

Days per Week: 5

Preferred Start Time: ASP

Days I Would Like to Work: Monday to Friday

Target Salary Per Week: \$ 600.00

Comments: AM CERTIFIED WITH EXPERIENCES. WITH PATIENT CARE SUCH AS ASSISTING WITH BATHING, GROOMING, SHOPPING, LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING ETC. I' AM AVILABLE FOR ALL SHIFT.

**[gsuzanne@msn.com](mailto:gsuzanne@msn.com) on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 19:56:05**

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Personal Assistant Candidate: suzanne galarza

Address1: 2375 85th st

Address2: brooklyn

Address3: NY 11214

Phone: 347 488-6322

Best Time: 4.00 pm

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Children,, Seniors,, Wheelchairs,, Other Equipment,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory Impairments,, Special Diets,

Description of Special Diets: diabetics

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

Hours per Week: 60

Days per Week: 5

Preferred Start Time: 11/1/12

Days I Would Like to Work: Monday thru Frida but will work weekends

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 10.00

Comments: I am originally from England and have worked as a companion/aid for about 9 yrs over the past 18 yrs. I do have a current NYS Home Health Aid certification and whilst working as a companion I did obtain my associates degree in mental health and human services. I have raised my child who is now grown and living independent of me so I am very flexible with my schedule. I do believe I have the necessary compassion, patience and empathy that is required for this position.

**[codunze2893@aol.com](mailto:codunze2893@aol.com)** on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 19:10:05

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Personal Assistant Candidate: chiamaka odunze

Address1: 1605 fulton avenue 6f Bronx NY

Address2: 790 eldert lane 2a Brooklyn NY

Phone: 6462498317

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Children,, Seniors,, Lifters,, Languages

Description of Languages: English

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

Hours per Week: 36-4

Days per Week: 3

Preferred Start Time: 8pm

Days I Would Like to Work: Friday-Sunday

Target Salary Per Hour: 11

Comments: I have an experience working with a stroke patient. I am interested in working with other people to gain more experience

**[Labellabanks@gmail.com](mailto:Labellabanks@gmail.com)** on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 15:33:15

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Personal Assistant Candidate: Monique Murphy

Address1: 910 e 222nd st

Address2: Apt 34

Phone: 6463030945

Gender: Female

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Children,, Teens,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Amputation,, Ventilators,,

Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Visual / Auditory

Impairments,, Special Diets,

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

Hours per Week: 60

Days per Week: 6

Preferred Start Time: Anytime

Days I Would Like to Work: Monday - Sat

I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: Depends, have a new born baby.

Target Salary Per Hour: 10-25

Comments: Over 5 years experience as a caregiver ? Extensive experience in basic food preparation and housekeeping ? Ability to evaluate what requires to be done in the home ? Reliable, flexible, tolerant and compassionate ? Highly skilled in assisting clients in activities of daily living ? In-depth knowledge of providing personal grooming; skin care, hair, nails and oral care ? Hands-on experience in monitoring blood pressure, vital signs, pulse, temperature and respiration ? Comprehensive knowledge of grocery shopping, running errands, paying bills and performing laundry ? Proven record of giving assistance in shower, toileting, bathing, dressing and personal hygiene ? Demonstrated ability to encourage activities in keeping with the client's needs and capabilities ? Thorough understanding of preparing nutritious meals ? Proven ability to remind prescribed and over the counter medication ? Substantial knowledge to perform light housekeeping, exercises, yard work, pet care and companionship

### **Articles Related to the CDPAP**

MESSAGE FROM Director of CDPAANYS, CEO, Anthony Caputo

Concepts' office at 120 Wall Street is still closed. We had many of our staff at another home care agency Thursday and Friday (PSC) getting out as much upstate and ICS payroll that we could. We still have been unable to get any of our mail, including timesheets, since the lower Manhattan post offices have also been closed. We are making arrangements to get our mail on Monday and Tuesday, so that we can process the HRA payroll next week, hopefully on time.

We have provided certain staff with Consumer's phone numbers to call them and to ascertain if everything is all right. They are making those calls from their home. We have reported to the City those that we cannot contact, so that the City could attempt to locate them.

I will be having a phone meeting with managers today and a possible visit with some of us tomorrow at our office (120 Wall St) so that we can get documents and computers so that we can continue to operate as best as possible. While the building management has said that they hope that we can get back into the office on or about Wednesday (11/7/12), I still have to plan on alternatives if we cannot get in.

If necessary, we will continue to work out of the PSC office and will also deploy staff to our Westchester and Nassau offices, along with sharing space at another building on 42nd street that is being offered by our landlord. It has been a little hectic, but our goal is to make sure that everyone is safe and that Personal Assistants get paid.



Everyone be safe!

**As a reminder, people that the transition to managed care and managed long term care occurred today for CDPAP**, despite the storm. In Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan, letters will go out (I guess as soon as the post offices open) notifying some people of their need to choose a managed long term care company or be automatically assigned to one. If people have questions, they may reach out to me. [518-813-9537](tel:518-813-9537). Thanks. Hope you are doing well in the wake of Sandy.

Bryan O'Malley Executive Director,  
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### **Press Release - Consumer directed home care the answer in wake of Sandy**

As the Department of Health (DOH) and nursing homes indicate that, in the wake of Sandy, getting home care for people who can leave a nursing home has been difficult, advocates are pointing to a relatively small Medicaid program called the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), as the answer.

CDPAP is a Medicaid long-term care program where a consumer or family member capable of making their own decisions is responsible for recruiting, hiring, training, supervising and, if necessary, firing his own home care staff, called personal assistants. The program exists alongside larger programs like personal care and home care; however, unlike those programs, it is based on giving consumers the freedom to manage their own care.

Typically, the program requires a discharge planner to work with a managed care plan or the county to get hours authorized. Then, the consumer works with an organization called a fiscal intermediary who processes the workers they hire, conducting health exams, processing payroll documents and other functions.

Since Sandy, DOH has issued emergency orders giving hospital and nursing home discharge nurses flexibility to make temporary decisions about the number of hours a person would need. If the a decision were made to allow people 30 days to have their workers get a health exam, instead of requiring it before they started, people could leave today and have their workers in



place immediately, depending on who they chose to hire.

Such a decision would not be unprecedented, as this 30 day requirement was the standard in New York City for years, until it was changed five years ago.

“The Department of Health has responded amazingly to this crisis,” said Bryan O’Malley, Executive Director of Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State (CDPAANYS), the statewide association that advocates on behalf of and educates the public about CDPAP. “With a few common sense rule changes, people can get back in their homes safely in a situation that is as close to normal as possible. We encourage DOH to look at this option in the affected areas.”

“If the state lets us, we can work with the hospitals and nursing homes to have people in their homes and coordinating their own care in a matter of hours. That is the beauty of CDPAP, in times of crisis, it can help people get back to normal and reduce stress on the system,” said Anthony Caputo, CEO of Concepts of Independence of New York, an organization whose main offices in Lower Manhattan remain closed due to flooding; but, is still operating and making sure consumers are safe and their workers are getting paid.

On Long Island, South Shore Home Health Care Services, Recco Home Care Services and Long Island Center for Independent Living all have the ability to work with hospitals and nursing homes to get people back to normal.

**(Consumer Directed Services - Concerns about above Press Release)**

Bryan,

I hope that you are well and that you had no major problem with the storm. By the way when will the CDPAANYS publish a conference synopsis. It would be a shame to have a conference and waste the recommendations or major observations provided by the speakers.

As I noted in the subject line, I saw your recent Press Release.

The recommendation to give the hospitals and nursing homes the authority to make short term service determinations is interesting. If it worked it would allow someone to get service at home while they are waiting for a more formal authorization process to be completed. In making this recommendation I guess you are assuming that the discharge planner would typically overestimate the number of hours the consumer would need and thereby provide a little safety net, just in case they missed something, I also guess that your are assuming that the temporary plan of care would never include family member participation if they were unwilling or unable to provide such assistance.

The next recommendation I actually like, yes I agree they should go back to the policy of giving Consumers and PCA's a 30 day window within which they could complete the physical examination requirement. Being out of the loop for so long, I didn't know that the program had lost that flexibility. Do you happen to know how that occurred?

The final piece confuses me a little. How does the temporary authorization piece and the 30 day exam flexibility equal more people being referred to the CDPAP. If you are implying that the hospitals or nursing homes should create a temporary authorization and then dump people into the CDPAP as a way of reducing stress on the system, then I think that this idea is questionable at best.

During my 20+ years in the program I think that I spoke with several thousand potential Consumers, all of whom said that they wanted to get into the program. After speaking with them it was apparent that they had no real idea what the program required of them and many of them ultimately decided to stay where they were. I think that if hospitals and nursing homes are able to bypass this little dose of reality they would quickly adopt a slam bam thank you mam approach to the CDPAP, and you would see a flood of new CDPAP Consumers, specifically every "difficult" client they have in the system would be sent home in the morning and would be back in the emergency room on the next bus. How do you think that will make the program look. The success of the program is in large part based upon the success of Consumers who fully understand what responsibilities they are accepting, and the removal of an entrance process that gives the Consumer a moment to consider the consequences of their decision would very likely undermine much of the good will that the program has been able to build, within that system you are trying to help and among the future Consumers who could make an informed decision to voluntarily choose both the rights and responsibilities that are inherent in the program.

Regards,  
Ed

### **Sandy Information**

#### **Legal Services NYC will help those who might need it to address storm related challenges.**

They have extensive experience, based on post-9/11 work and otherwise, helping families and individuals get emergency related services, including FEMA relief, access to food-related services, Medicaid, and other urgently needed help.

All of their direct service offices are now open, though phone access is limited because of the power outage at the downtown office where our servers are based. The numbers of their local directors are listed below and they are willing to help residents in need of legal services.

Bklyn: Meghan Faux [718.755.0701](tel:718.755.0701) & Betty Staton [718.809.9462](tel:718.809.9462)

Bx: Jennifer Levy [646.717.3951](tel:646.717.3951)

Man: Peggy Earisman [917.561.3910](tel:917.561.3910)

Q: Jennifer Ching [917.721.9871](tel:917.721.9871)

SI: Nancy Goldhill [917.657.6485](tel:917.657.6485)

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**Below is an some invaluable information put together by Assemblyman Herman "Denny" Farrell of Manhattan.**

**Federal Disaster Assistance is Available to New Yorkers**

**Visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov) or call (800) 621-3362**

Special Federal Assistance Programs That Are Available to You

Among the special Federal assistance programs are the following:

Rent payments for temporary housing for up to one month for those who live in apartments left uninhabitable by the storm. Homeowners are eligible for up to three months of assistance. Extensions may be available in some cases.

- Grants for home repairs and replacement of essential items not covered by insurance.
- Grants to replace personal property and help meet medical, dental, funeral, transportation and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance, government or charity.
- Unemployment payments for up to 26 weeks to workers left jobless by the disaster and who do not qualify for State payments, such as self-employed persons.
- Low-interest loans to cover home losses not fully compensated by insurance; loans of up to \$200,000 for a primary home and up to \$40,000 for personal property including losses incurred by renters. Businesses may qualify for loans of up to \$2 million.
- Other available relief programs include crisis counseling, income tax assistance for filing casualty losses and advisory assistance for veterans, legal and social security matters.

**Most Auto Insurance Policies Cover Flood and Wind Damage**

Under the terms of comprehensive auto insurance policies, which statistics most show most drivers carry, damage from flood, wind and flying objects are covered. According to the 2012 Consumer Guide to Automobile Insurance issued by the New York State Department of Financial Services, "Under comprehensive coverage, your insurer pays you, without regard to fault, for damage to your car from all causes, other than collision, such as theft (of the car itself or its parts), fire, flood, windstorm, glass breakage, vandalism, hitting or being hit by an animal, or by falling or flying objects."

**Help Available for Missing Persons**

People who became separated from their family because of the disaster also have help available. The National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System allows displaced people to provide information about their location and situation, and identify up to seven people who are

allowed to see their information. Those who are seeking missing family members can view the NEFRLS Web site or call their hotline to search or inquire.

#### Phone Numbers You May Need

Call [\(800\)588-9822](tel:8005889822) or visit <https://egateway.fema.gov/nefrls/home.htm> on the Internet.

If you have an insurance question for the State Department of Financial Services, you may call [\(800\) 342-3736](tel:8003423736). You may also reach the NYC Office of Emergency Management at 311 or, outside the City, at (212) 639-9675.

Assemblyman Farrell's offices may be reached at [\(212\) 234-1430](tel:2122341430) or (212) 569-2828. My bilingual staff is available and will be happy to assist you.

**MOPD's office is open after the hurricane.** If there is anybody that needs assistance, please call them. Please share this information with everybody whom you know! We can be reached by calling [212.788.2830](tel:2127882830) / TTY: [212.788.2838](tel:2127882838) / Fax: [212.341.9843](tel:2123419843).

If you are a PWD living in Manhattan below 39th Street without power who is unable to leave your building, and are in need of an accommodation in the form of food/water delivery, contact Christian Valle at MOPD at [646-234-6488](tel:6462346488). Please note you will have to provide proof of your disability to receive this accommodation.

Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities  
100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor  
New York, NY 10038

**Assembly Member Richard N. Gottfried**  
**Community Office: [212-807-7900](tel:2128077900)**

Dear Friend:

My thoughts are with those who have been affected by the storm, and I thank all the first responders for what they have done and are doing to ensure the safety of New Yorkers.

I have received this information from the Mayor's office to share with you.

Today Mayor Bloomberg toured the storm damage from the air. He then went to Breezy Point to visit with residents impacted by last night's devastating fire.

There is much work to be done, but we are already beginning to recover. Here is the latest information on our efforts:

**Reporting and Handling Conditions:**

911 should only be used in case of emergencies.

To report other conditions such as fallen trees and sewer backups, please use 311 Online, text 311 at 311-692, or call 311.

Fallen trees are incredibly dangerous. Anyone who sees one should report it immediately.

Power outages and live wires should be directly reported to Con Ed (1-800-75-CON-ED) or LIPA ([1-800-490-0075](tel:1-800-490-0075)).

**Helpful Materials:**

Information on applying for federal disaster assistance can be found at: [nyc.gov/severeweather](http://nyc.gov/severeweather).

New Yorkers who want to volunteer to assist in the recovery should visit:

[facebook.com/nycservice](https://www.facebook.com/nycservice).

We are looking for doctors and nurses to volunteer in our shelters. Details are here:

<https://a816-health29ssl.nyc.gov/sites/NYCHAN/WebPages/home.aspx>.

The Department of Health has two important guides on [nyc.gov/health](http://nyc.gov/health):

Food and water safety.

How to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning when using a portable generator.

## **Election Information**

### **Board of Elections - Poling Sites Temporarily Relocating**

Our thoughts are with the residents of the City of New York affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Due to damage it caused, the Board of Elections of the City of New York is temporarily relocating or combining some poll site locations across all five boroughs.

We urge New York voters to visit our poll site locator on our website or through our smartphone applications to verify their poll site location prior to Election Day this Tuesday.

[http://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/CountyBoards\\_StormUpdates/pollsitchange\\_postsandy.pdf](http://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/CountyBoards_StormUpdates/pollsitchange_postsandy.pdf)

### **GENERAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

General Election Update from Council Member Gale A. Brewer Despite the storm, the

Tuesday, November 6, 2012 General Election will be taking place as planned from 6am-9pm.

BOE staff and the Office of Emergency Management met yesterday to discuss and solve all of the poll site challenges.

First, visit the Board's website at [www.vote.nyc.ny.us](http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us).

On the site, you can check your registration status: <https://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/>

You can also instantly download your poll site location and a sample ballot, thanks to a new tool that I have been a strong proponent of for several years:

<http://gis.nyc.gov/vote/ps/index.htm>

If you have a smartphone, you can even download the sample ballot/poll site locator app here:

<http://vote.nyc.ny.us/html/voters/apps.shtml>.

You can access more information on how to register here:

<http://vote.nyc.ny.us/html/voters/voters.shtml>.

Also, if you have a valid New York State Driver's License, you can register to vote online or change your voter information using the newly launched MyDMV website here:

<http://www.dmv.ny.gov/mydmv.htm#motv>.

For all New Yorkers waiting on absentee ballots: Please be advised that there was a backlog in Manhattan due to the storm. Absentee ballots that had not yet been processed were sent via overnight mail. If you are leaving imminently, or have not yet submitted a ballot, please visit your borough office to complete an absentee ballot in person. Borough offices will be open from 9am-9pm, 7 days a week, until Sunday, Nov 4. Manhattan residents, you may visit the 450 W 33 Street Office ([212-465-0503](tel:212-465-0503) tel and [212-465-2135](tel:212-465-2135) fax) to complete an absentee ballot. (Other Manhattan offices at 42 Broadway and 200 Varick have power but no phone service). If you live outside of Manhattan, you can locate your borough office information here:

<http://vote.nyc.ny.us/html/contact/offices.shtml>.

Please also note that the State Board of Elections extended the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot to Friday, November 2. Absentee ballots must be postmarked by Monday, November 5, and must be received by the Board of Elections no later than Monday, November 19. Contact us with any questions.

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## 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](mailto:tithomas@bhcsa.com)  
(631) 390-8646

Bronxwork Inc, Kedon Wilson  
391 E 149th St, Bronx, NY 10455  
[kwilson@bronxworks.org](mailto: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](mailto:mferreira@cflsp.org)  
718-633-4823

El Barrio's Operation Fight, Gustavo Rosado  
413 E 120th St # 403 New York, NY 10035-3602  
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212-410-7900

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