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Consumer Directed Services offers this Newsletter to provide information about the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program and to assist Consumers with the problem of finding new Personal Care Assistants.

To receive a Newsletter, a Consumer or Advocate need only send me an email to elitcher@consumerdirectedservices.com and include the text **Newsletter Request**. If you are looking for a Personal Assistant Candidate and you would like to send a summary of your search criteria to the list of PCA Candidates and Employment Resources, please complete the form at the following link: [Consumer / Advocate - Newsletter Enrollment Consumer - Search for a PCA Candidate](#).

As of the above date, **I have enrolled 225 Personal Assistant Candidates** in the Consumer Directed Services database. Personal Assistant Candidates, who wish to be included in the newsletter and database, can submit their information by completing the form at the following link: [Look for a PCA Job \(FREE\) - New York City Metro](#).

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Newsletter will be available to as many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.

Finally, if you have any questions, comments, or recommendations about this service, or should you choose to remove your address from this list, please contact me at the above email address.

Best Regards, Ed Litcher

Notes

Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Association of New York State 9th Annual CDPAANYS Conference Expanding Consumer Direction in New York State October 18-19, 2011

1. Keynote Address: Jason Helgerson, New York State Medicaid Director
2. Conference Agenda
 - *Expanding CDPAP in New York State – A perspective on Outreach and Education efforts*
 - *What will managed care mean for consumers?*
 - *Medicaid Redesign Team – Looking forward*
 - *Employment and Economic Self-Sufficiency*
 - *Managed Care – What might it look like?*
 - *The Community First Choice Option – What is it and what could it mean for New York?*
 - *The Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for People with Disabilities*
 - *How to survive an OMIG Audit*
 - *How Peer Counseling can strengthen CDPAP*

Conference Photo Album

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.279647108735127.78300.205444399488732&type=1>

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.

mireinapr919@yahoo.com on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 14:00:26

Personal Assistant Candidate: RINNIE GONZALEZ

Address1: 117 INNIS ST

Address2: STATEN ISLAND

Address3: NY 10302

Phone: [718 517 1297](tel:7185171297)

Best Time: EVE

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

Description of Languages: SPANISH

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

Hours per Week: 40

Days per Week: 5

Preferred Start Time: MORNING

Days I Would Like to Work: MONDAY THRU RIDAY

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 10.00

canika@yahoo.com on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 01:15:41

Personal Assistant Candidate: Josseth Henry

Address1: P.O. Box 7981

Address2: New York

Address3: NY 10116

Phone: [646-250-3417](tel:6462503417)

Best Time: anytime

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

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

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

Hours per Week: 84

Days per Week: 7

Preferred Start Time: pm

Days I Would Like to Work: 7 nights

Target Salary Per Hour: \$12+

Comments: Certified Home Health Aide with over a decade of experience. Naturally a night person - seek overnight shift (not live in). Available 7 nights - reliable and dependable. Already a CDPAP member in good standing.

(Brbohannon@yahoo.com) on Friday, November 4, 2011 at 19:14:51

Personal Assistant Candidate: Brandi Bohannon

Address1: Rockville Center, NY

Phone: [\(516\)355-8156](tel:5163558156)

Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health

Experience: Teens,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Paraplegia,, Quadriplegia,, Wheelchairs,, Lifters,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Special Diets,

Description of Special Diets: Feeding tube/ low sodium/ diabetic

Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Recommendations

Preferred Start Time: Any time

Days I Would Like to Work: Any days

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

Target Salary Per Hour: 12.50

Target Salary Per Day: 162.50

Comments: I am HHA certified. I have experience with agencies, South Shore CDPAP, and private patients. If interested I can verify employment through CDPAP, however I can not give the names of patients.

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

Will states seek Medicaid demonstration waivers to cut costs?

November 7, 2011

States are submitting or considering submitting 1115 Medicaid waiver plans as a way to control their Medicaid budgets, according to the latest Steve Gold Information Bulletin. Gold raises the concern that people with disabilities, especially those with severe disabilities, will not have their needs adequately met through these waivers and may risk being placed in an institution.

Section 1115 of the Social Security Act allows the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to suspend certain federal laws or regulations that govern programs authorized by Medicaid and SCHIP as research and demonstration projects. According to Gold, the structure of some 1115 waivers are statewide, comprehensive demonstrations that affect the majority of people who receive Medicaid while others are more limited in scope, such as "cash and counseling" waivers. Gold warns that these resemble block grants and most state governors and their Medicaid directors are looking for any way to control their Medicaid budgets and may consider the 1115 waiver process as a way to make this happen.

Read Gold's bulletin to learn more, including his suggestions on what advocacy can be done now:

[Medicaid 1115 Waivers and People With Disabilities](#)

<http://www.olrs.ohio.gov/news/gold-bulletin-nov-7-2011>

Look for a Home Care (CDPAP) Job (Free) (New York City Metro) Date: 2011-10-24, 8:32AM EDT
Reply to: see below Visit 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. Add your information to the weekly Consumer Directed Services Newsletter and database. Receive the weekly emailed Newsletter and special email notices when Consumers are searching for new Personal Care Assistants (PCA).

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. Although a few Consumers pay for their own home care services, most Consumers pay for their services through Medicaid funded Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Programs. Within the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program, the Consumer can hire as many PCA's as they deem necessary to accommodate their lifestyle within the hours authorized by the Local Department of Social Services.

The services required by the Consumer can include basic Housekeeping, Personal Care (bathing, dressing, toileting, assistance with mobility, meal preparation, meal assistance, etc.) and a variety of higher level Consumer trained and supervised nursing level services ventilator support, tracheal suctioning, dressing care, etc.).

**NOTE: THERE IS A GREAT DEMAND FOR
12-HOUR NIGHT AND 24-HOUR SLEEP-IN SCHEDULES
AND PEOPLE WITH VENTILATOR EXPERIENCE.**

<http://newyork.craigslist.org/mnh/hea/2665769443.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
718-237-2017

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp
Alba Silva
76 Wadsworth Ave, New York, NY 10033
albasilva@nimic.org
212-822-8300

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

YWCA of NYC
Anne Alfred
50 Broadway, New York, NY 10004
aalfred@ywcanyc.org
718-723-6170

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

Eugenio María de Hostos Community College
Greg Ventura
500 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451
gventura@hostos.cuny.edu
(718) 518-4444

El Barrio's Operation Fight
Gustavo Rosado
413 E 120th St # 403 New York, NY 10035-3602
ebobf413@aol.com
212-410-7900

Bronxwork Inc Kedon Wilson
391 E 149th St, Bronx, NY 10455
kwilson@bronxworks.org
(718) 993-8880 ext. 237

Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service
Leslie Klein
285 Schermerhorn St, Brooklyn, NY 11217
lklein@bbcs.org
718-310-5600

Our Planet Management Institute
Lisa Ying
116 John Street, #200, New York, NY 10038
lisa@opmi.org
212-269-4000

Kingsborough Community College
Marisa Joseph
2001 Oriental Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11235
marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu
718-368-5563

Mercy Center
Mary Ellen Gianino
377 East 145th Street, Bronx NY 10454-1006
meg@mercycenterbronx.org
(718) 993-2789

New York City College of Technology
NYC Technical College Placement Office
300 Jay St, Brooklyn, NY 11201
employmentsvc@citytech.cuny.edu
(718) 260-5050

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

Konedu Home Care, LLC
Carie Jones Smith
140 Captain Thomas Blvd
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Fax: [888 281-6525](tel:8882816525)
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