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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 251 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many Consumers / Advocates as possible, previously distributed Newsletters (**from January 12, 2011 to present**) have been archived on the [Consumer Directed Services](#) home page.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 choose to remove your address from this list, please contact me at the above email address.

Please remember for this (FREE) service to succeed, Consumers must join in the conversation. If you are looking for a new Personal Assistant, I encourage you to go to the website, select the link [Consumer / Advocate - Newsletter Enrollment Consumer - Search for a PCA Candidate](#), complete and submit the form on that page and permit me to forward your search outline to the Personal Assistant Candidates and the other Employment Resources that are enrolled in the email database.

Best Regards, Ed Litcher

Notes

DRAFT ENROLLMENT PLAN Mandatory Managed Long Term Care/Care Coordination Model This plan represents the current 1115 waiver submission to CMS.

Population: Dual eligible, aged 21 and over, receiving community based long term care services for over 120 days, excluding the following: Nursing Home Transition and Diversion waiver participants; Traumatic Brain Injury waiver participants; Nursing home residents; Assisted Living Program participants; Dual eligible that do not require community based long term care services.

Phase I: New York City April 2012 - Any new dual eligible case fitting the mandatory definition in any New York City county will be identified for enrollment and referred to the Enrollment Broker for action. In addition, the following identifies the enrollment plan for cases in care: July 2012: Continue personal care and begin consumer directed personal assistance program cases in New York and Bronx counties.

www.health.ny.gov/.../2011-11_draft_enrollment_plan.pdf.

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.

SRAMOS3592@GMAIL.COM on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 14:09:02

Personal Assistant Candidate: Sara Ramos
Address1: P.O BOX 1783
Phone: [3477967484](tel:3477967484)
Best Time: AM
Gender: Female
Type of Position: Domestic / Homemaking
Experience: Children,, Teens,, Young Adults,, Seniors,, Wheelchairs,, Mental Impairments / Alzheimer's Disease,, Languages
Description of Languages: English and Spanish
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations
Hours per Week: 70 Days per Week: 7
Preferred Start Time: 8:00 am Target Salary Per Hour: 13.00

cole_mysia@yahoo.com on Thursday, November 24, 2011 at 18:28:41

Personal Assistant Candidate: Mysia Cole
Address1: 111-54 176th St
Phone: [501-626-1974](tel:501-626-1974)
Best Time: Any
Gender: Female
Type of Position: Personal Care / Home Health
Experience: Children,, Seniors,
Documentation Available: Social Security Number,, Proof of Identity,, Recommendations
Hours per Week: 40 Days per Week: 5 Preferred Start Time: Any
Days I Would Like to Work: Mon-Fri I am willing to work a 24 Hour Sleep-In schedule: Yes
Target Salary Per Hour: 15 Target Salary Per Week: 350
Comments: I have cared for seniors since 2004. My experience started in college and I have been doing it ever since. I have taken several workshops on caring for seniors and went through a nursing assistant course with Baptist Hospital (located in Arkansas). Some of my past duties included grooming, assisting w/ dressing, light housekeeping and administering meds. If you are interested in speaking with me, please call me at [501-626-1974](tel:501-626-1974).

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

2nd Annual Starkloff Awards: An evening of celebration and remembering

Posted on November 22, 2011 by Megan Burke

Paraquad hosted the 2nd Annual Starkloff Awards on Thursday, Nov. 17th. Last year as part of Paraquad's 40th Anniversary celebration, the Starkloff Awards were established to honor the organization's founders Max and Colleen Starkloff. Each year the Starkloff Awards are presented to individuals and organizations that demonstrate a strong commitment and contribution to the independent living philosophy.

Starkloff Award Recipients

Mercy Hospital received the Starkloff Award for their work as a leading employer in the St. Louis area who offers above minimum wage, accessible transportation, a wide range of benefits and career advancement opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. One of the major principles of the Independent Living Movement is to expand employment of people with disabilities. Having a job gives us all a sense of self-worth and a feeling of contributing to society. For the past 15 years, Mercy has worked with Paraquad to identify job opportunities and to design job coaching strategies for a successful long-term work experience. Currently Mercy employs 54 people with developmental disabilities. In addition to hearing from Dana Nichols, Coordinator of Mercy's Supported Employment Program, we heard from S.A. Carson, one of Mercy's employees, who shared why he likes working at Mercy – "earning money".

Jim Tuscher was awarded the Starkloff Award posthumously. He was honored for his countless contributions to the disability community in Missouri and nationally. Jim's career followed the independent living movement: charting advancements for disability rights among centers for independent living; spearheading initiatives that changed state legislation; and identifying national opportunities for sustainable change. He joined the Paraquad staff in 1979 and served as the Program Director for 10 years. After realizing that a greater number of lives could be impacted through policy changes, Jim began working on legislative priorities and created the Public Policy Department at Paraquad. Jim was Chair of the Governor's Council on Disability under three administrations, and was Missouri's field leader in advocating for passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. **He helped to develop and successfully lobbied for a consumer-directed personal assistance program. Since the late 1980's, the consumer-directed personal assistance program has grown to help over 10,000 people with disabilities.**

<http://www.paraquad.org/blog/2011/11/2nd-annual-starkloff-awards-evening-celebration-and-remembering>

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
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212-822-8300

Queens Community House
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108-25 62nd Drive, Forest Hills, NY 11375
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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
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718-633-4823

Eugenio María de Hostos Community College
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500 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451
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El Barrio's Operation Fight
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Bronxwork Inc Kedon Wilson
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Our Planet Management Institute
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Kingsborough Community College
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Mercy Center
Mary Ellen Gianino
377 East 145th Street, Bronx NY 10454-1006
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New York City College of Technology
NYC Technical College Placement Office
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