

The New York Association on Independent Living (NYAIL) is working with the New York State Department of Health (DOH) and the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to implement the Money Follows the Person demonstration (Open Doors). Independent Living Centers will hire peers to go into long term care facilities and provide peer support to individuals interested in transitioning.

Peer Qualifications:

- Experience as a Peer or comparable peer employment
- Must have been a recipient of long term care services and/or receiving services at home or in the community and must be comfortable in referring to that experience when delivering trainings
- Demonstrated ability to engage with diverse groups
- Ability to collaborate with other trainers and identified stakeholders
- Must have access to reliable transportation

Status and Compensation:

- This is a per diem position. Peers will be utilized as requests for peer services are received.
- The hiring Independent Living Center determines the rate of compensation for peers.

Commitment Requirement:

- Complete the mandatory eight hour training session within two months of employment
- The time commitment for each session includes: preparation, travel, one or two hours of meeting, and post reporting.
- Must be willing to participate in occasional Peer training opportunities and meetings.

Application Process:

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Please submit the following:

- The application
- Current resume

Applications should be sent to:

Mail to:

New York Association on Independent Living
Attn: Zach Garafalo
155 Washington Avenue, Suite 208 Albany NY 12201

Email to: zgarafalo@ilny.org Use the Subject "Peer Application"

Fax to: Attn: Zach Garafalo, 518-465-4625

Questions? Contact zgarafalo@ilny.org or 518-465-4650 x106

The New York Association on Independent Living (NYAIL) is a statewide, not-for-profit membership association created by and composed of Independent Living Centers across New York State. NYAIL's mission is improving the quality of life, safeguarding the rights, and ensuring equal opportunities for all people with disabilities, as well as promoting the Independent Living philosophy both within the disability community and to the public.

New York State Money Follows the Person Demonstration Open Doors Peer Application

Applicant Information:

Name:		Title:	
Organization:			
Address:			
Street		apt #	
City	State	Zip	
Phone #:		Cell phone #:	

To ensure a diverse group of peers, we would like to know which race/ethnic group you identify with the MOST. Please check the appropriate box.

- African American
 Asian/Pacific Islander
 Native American
 Hispanic/Latin
 European/Caucasian
 Other _____

Have you been a recipient of long term care services and are you comfortable referring to that experience when meeting with individuals interested in transitioning? Yes No

Do you have access to reliable transportation? Yes No

Do you foresee any barriers to fulfill the commitments listed on the cover page of this application?
 Yes No

If yes, please describe:

Have you been employed as a Peer or comparable position? Yes No
If yes, list your most recent experience:

Organization Name:	
Title:	Dates Employed:
County/Borough:	Website:
Supervisor's Name:	Supervisor's Phone #:

Self- Assessment:

Please rate your knowledge and skills in the following areas. 0 is for little to no knowledge. 3 is for expert level knowledge.

Item:	0	1	2	3
Group facilitation				
Cultural Competency				
Strength-based approaches				
Peer support				
Disability Literacy				
Self-care				
Effective communication				
Finding and connecting to community resources				

Short Answer Questions

Please give us detailed answers to all of the following questions. It is best to attach another sheet of paper if you are not typing this directly into the document.

Why are you interested in being a Peer?

Describe how gaining experience as a Peer fits into your personal career goals.

Describe how you will use your professional and personal experience as a Peer.