



Deaf Services Advocate Stratford, Connecticut

Job description

Access Independence is seeking a dynamic individual for a part-time or full-time position to work with individuals with disabilities as an Independent Living Advocate with a focus on individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. This individual must be fluent in American Sign Language. Job qualifications and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Qualifications:

- Fluent in American Sign Language and familiar with Deaf and Hard of Hearing culture including common barriers, resources, assistive technology, and more.
- Commitment to the philosophy of self-determination of all persons, including persons with disabilities.
- Excellent oral, written and organizational skills. Ability to be a team player, take supervision, act with professional deportment and confidentiality.
- Must have reliable transportation including current driver's license, registration, and insurance in order to attend necessary meetings and to visit consumers in their homes.
- Excellent computer skills including efficiently navigating Windows 10 and use of online form submissions and Microsoft Office programs for documenting Consumer Service Records.

Responsibilities:

These are considered essential functions of the job, which the applicant must be able to perform with or without reasonable accommodation following training and supervision as assigned:

- Maintain case files, Consumer Database, reports, and records.
- Provide advocacy and independent living skills training to persons with all types of disabilities to empower them to obtain services and rights to which they are entitled.
- Protect Consumer Confidentiality as outlined in the agency's Standard Operating Procedures.
- Assist in the development of new Deaf Service program and work with individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing through the use of American Sign Language or other methods of communication.
- Assist persons of all ages with disabilities in representing their needs, including assistive technology preferences and goals related to public and private service providers, community and business organizations and employers.
- Work with children and adults to ensure appropriate inclusion in academic settings and school/community activities.
- Provide pre-vocational, vocational, and independent living skills training as requested as part of the consumer's Independent Living Plan.
- Provide diversity and training to area employers, community leaders, service groups, churches, first responders, hospital staff, and others to make them aware of the rights and community inclusion benefits gained as a result of the full participation of persons with disabilities in their communities at all levels.

- Answer Information and Referral requests from individuals and organizations via phone and in-person regarding Access Independence's mission, programs, and services.

Applicants are asked to submit a Cover Letter and Resume to Melissa Cullen-Carter at mcullen@accessinct.org. Resumes submitted without Cover Letter or vice versa will be disregarded.

*******MUST BE FLUENT IN ASL TO BE CONSIDERED. *******

Certified Interpreter preferred. ****

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Job Types: Full-time, Part-time

Schedule:

- Monday to Friday

Language:

- American Sign Language (Required)

License/Certification:

- Driver's License (Required)

Work Location: In person

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