

## EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

*Taconic Resources for Independence, Inc. is dedicated to empowering persons with disabilities to lead self-directed lives in the community with independence, full inclusion and dignity.*

**POSITION: Independent Living Advocacy Coordinator  
Full Time**

**Reports to: Program Performance Manager**

**Description:** Provide peer support and resource information to individuals with disabilities; collaborate with human service organizations on systems advocacy activities.

**Responsibilities:**

- Advocate on behalf of individuals with all types of disabilities.
- Provide information and referral to consumers, agencies, and others.
- Assist consumers with individual advocacy, including housing applications, public transportation, and DSS applications.
- Work with consumers to facilitate independent living plan goals and objectives.
- Develop, assist, and facilitate consumer peer support groups.
- Serve as a role model for agency consumers with disabilities and as a community disability rights advocate.
- Identify strategies and goals for local outreach, and identify partnerships to be developed, locally.
- Submit reports and provide data entry as required through the NYAIL and CIL Suite systems.
- Will accept referrals from hospitals, Managed Care Organization (MCO), medical respite, Performing Provider System (PPS), or Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF).
- Will work with participants to identify needed community transition services (CTS) such as security deposits, utility deposits and essential household furnishing.
- Will work with the Transition Specialist and Olmstead Housing Specialist to provide housing services.
- Will work with participants to identify goals for independent living that will be reviewed in face-to-face contact quarterly with each approved or admitted participant throughout their participation in the program.
- Will connect with assigned participants at least twice per month to support them in achieving their goals
- Will either be vaccinated for the current influenza season or will have on file a signed agreement that the staff will wear a facemask. ILC will maintain a record of proof of vaccination for each staff person and provide a copy of this documentation to NYAIL.

**Individual Support:**

- Conduct one-on-one peer support sessions with individuals facing disability-related challenges, providing a safe space to discuss concerns, goals, and coping mechanisms.
- Actively listen and validate experiences, offering personalized support and encouragement.

- Assist individuals in navigating access to community resources, benefits, and advocacy opportunities.

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelors Degree in Human Services or related field OR equivalent experience directly related to Independent Living philosophy
- Knowledge of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)  
**Mandatory Personal Experience:**
- **Lived experience with a disability that allows for relatable understanding of challenges faced by individuals with similar experiences.**
- Ability to travel independently

**To be considered, please submit a cover letter and resume directly to: Katrina Maloney:**  
[k.maloney@taconicresources.org](mailto:k.maloney@taconicresources.org) No phone calls, please.

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