

NORTHERN REGIONAL CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC.

**Do you remember when you believed you could make the world a better place? Are you interested in making positive changes in our community? Do you want to work closely with people who are excited about what they do? Then consider this...**

**CAREER OPPORTUNITY**

*Immediate posting*

**PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY, RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES ENCOURAGED TO APPLY**

**INDEPENDENT LIVING ADVOCATE** –The Independent Living Advocate is responsible for assisting people with disabilities to maximize their independence, effecting community change and being involved with executing broader agency and community advocacy goals. Equal employment opportunity.

**Send resume and cover letter to  
Northern Regional Center for Independent Living, 210 Court Street #107,  
Watertown, NY 13601**

Job Summary: The Independent Living Advocate will promote self-help and self-advocacy strategies, increase access to community resources, assist people to learn benefits entitlements such as social security, vocational assistance, social services, housing assistance, adult and child protection services, home health care and personal assistance services, person in need of petitions, Medicaid and SNAP. This advocate will provide individual advocacy and when needed assist people with hearings, administrative reviews and appeals. The advocate will represent NRCIL at forums and public meetings in the community and assist in coordinating workshops and seminars.

Desired Qualifications Overview: Bachelors' degree and minimum 3 years work experience preferred, or appropriate combination of skills, experience, and education. Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills. Must be well-organized, able to work independently and able to meet deadlines. Should have interests in disability rights and familiarity with the independent living movement. Preference will be given to applicants who have personal experience with a disability; bilingual or second language (American Sign Language, Spanish) a plus. EEO.

Organization Overview: Northern Regional Center for Independent Living is a peer-run disability rights and resource center that promotes efforts to end discrimination against people with disabilities by partnering with the community to create an accessible, inclusive society.