

JOB POSTING: STATEWIDE SYSTEMS ADVOCATE

Send resume and cover letter to:

NORTHERN REGIONAL CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
210 Court Street #107, Watertown, NY 13601

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, RACIAL OR ETHNIC MINORITIES ENCOURAGED TO APPLY

TITLE: Statewide Systems Advocate

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP: Reports to Independent Living Program Director at NRCIL

JOB SUMMARY: The Statewide Systems Advocate encourages, models and brings advocacy leadership to people with disabilities in Jefferson and Lewis Counties. She/he organizes community action to support statewide advocacy campaigns for systems change. He/she directly assists community groups to develop, monitor and meet systems advocacy objectives in accordance with the job description.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Associates degree and 2 years work experience preferred or appropriate combination of skills, experience and education. Significant personal experience with disability a plus. Prior experiences in advocacy, leadership, and community outreach preferred. Must demonstrate commitment to disability rights and independent living philosophy. Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills. Must be well-organized, able to work independently and able to meet deadlines. Must have reliable transportation.

JOB DUTIES:

- **Responsible for recruiting and training volunteer advocates**
- **Respond to all action alerts and communications from Statewide Advocacy Coordinator**
- **Participates in the New York Association on Independent Living Policy Committee**
- **Responsible for establishing local press club, which includes maintaining local media phone, fax and email lists**
- **Clip and/or tape local media coverage pertaining to disability systems change**
- **Encourage voter registration and voter education activities**
- **Monitor county polling places for accessibility**
- **Submit monthly report to NYAIL in a format proscribed by Statewide Systems Advocacy Coordinator and a copy of such report to the Independent Living Program Director**
- **Actively promote disability rights and independent living philosophy through all activities conducted within and on behalf of NRCIL**