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Position Open with Independence Now: Full-Time Peer Support Counselor for Montgomery and Prince George's Counties

Independence Now, a Center for Independent Living (CIL), is a nonprofit organization created by and for people with disabilities. We are a resource and advocacy center that promotes independent living and equal access for people with all types of disabilities. Independence Now assists residents of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties to use community services and resources that will enhance their independence.

Independence Now's core services are peer counseling, individual and systems advocacy, information and referral and independent living skills training. Our mission is: We advocate and embody independence and equality for all people with disabilities.

This position is part of Maryland's Money Follows the Person (MFP) Program that supports people to move out of nursing facilities and into the community. It is imperative in this position to have a strong belief in the independent living philosophy along with life experience with disability and community living. The activities of a Peer Support Counselor include building relationships with nursing facility staff and residents, to act as a resource on local services and supports and the transition process.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Manage a varied workload and maintain organized detailed records
- Travel across the counties to visit various nursing facilities
- Attend all trainings held for Peer Staff and organizational staff meetings
- Talk to nursing facility residents about living in the community
- Provide materials to residents as appropriate
- Establish positive relationships with nursing facility staff, residents, and families
- Provide information on the CIL and all other community resources
- Meet weekly for supervisory support with the MFP Director and submit all required tracking system data

Requirements

Minorities and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Position details: Experience working in or transitioning from a nursing facility preferred. Background check required.

Salary and benefits

40 hours per week with starting salary of \$19.50 per hour. Paid time off with health benefits eligibility after 30 days.

Send resume and cover letter to: Mike Saunders at msaunders@innow.org