



COVID-19 Programs Advocate
(1-FTE, temporary apx. 28-month position)

DEADLINE for Application 06/17/2022 5:00 p.m. MST.

Connections for Independent Living is the Independent Living Center serving disabled community members in Weld, Yuma, Sedgwick, Logan, Washington, Phillips and Fort Morgan, Colorado counties.

Connections is seeking a full-time temporary COVID-19 Programs Advocate. The position is approximately 70%/30%-hybrid between remote/digital and in-office at our Greeley, Colorado location. Flexible working conditions are a benefit to the position.

This position is grant funded and therefore expected to conclude in summer of 2024. The most perfect person for the position will have exceptional written and verbal communication skills across a variety of platforms and be expected to be a strategic thinker with attention to detail, working well under pressure and meeting deadlines. You will have excellent interpersonal and organizational skills with the ability to multitask and adapt to many communication styles. You should be innovative in the approach to communicate COVID-19 information to marginalized communities.

Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply, as over 50% of our team have a range of disabilities and experience with all types of disabilities is essential to our advocacy mission.

Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement a communications plan to provide accurate and current information to community stakeholders regarding COVID-19 and COVID long-haul in an innovative way that encompasses use of social media, email, press releases, community outreach and more.
- Regular COVID-19 advocacy communications to the disabled community
- Creating weekly content for our Connections social media regarding COVID vaccinations and information, specific for the disabled community.
- Coordinating the final phase of our current COVID grant funded program
- Creating a new Connections Peer Support Group for consumers to talk about and discuss COVID vaccines, isolation, services and long-haul symptoms. This group might meet twice monthly by Zoom to start, later adding in-person participation as health conditions allow.
- Working with Deaf/HH team to create new COVID-related ASL videos for sharing through our website (hosted on our YouTube channel), as well as a live Connections Facebook session that is specifically providing information for the Deaf/HH community (perhaps working with our partners at Sunrise Community Health and North Colorado

Health Alliance). This session can be recorded and then available through our Facebook site, as well as promoted through social media.

- Develop and manage a public outreach program specific to eastern plains communities. This might include attending Chamber of Commerce meetings and providing presentations, talking at city and town council meetings, etc. The goal is to help inform and raise awareness of the dangers of COVID-19 for members of the disabled community.
- Assist those with COVID-19 long-haul symptoms in navigating Independent Living system's core services, including but not limited to SSDI benefits counseling awareness.
- Determine and manage public-safety protocols for our office for the times when we again are open for appointments and staff hours. (continued process)
- Coordinate and assist with systems advocacy efforts for those with disabilities affected by COVID-19 and COVID-19 long-haul symptoms
- Assist with individual advocacy efforts for those with disabilities affected by COVID and COVID-19 long-haul symptoms and effects
- Monitor COVID-19 numbers in Connections catchment area
- Keep staff informed of the most recent COVID-19 information and best practices
- Assist leadership with evolving workplace practices regarding COVID-19

Requirements:

- Excellent written and verbal skills
- Highly computer and digital media literate
- High School and/or post-secondary education level
- Able to meet deadlines
- Autonomous in scheduling projects and meeting work package deadlines

All team members are required to:

- Actively participate and engage as part of the CIL team and its purpose to the community
- Provide back-up assistance to other team members as needed
- Approach all communication with a focus on empathy and improving relationships
- Respond to project needs and requests for information
- Maintain professional standards of performance, demeanor and appearance
- Exercise discretion and professional judgment

Due to the nature of this position being hybrid office/work-from-home, we ask that this person provide their own internet service and a space where they can work uninterrupted.

Connections offers an exceptional PTO benefits package, with 40 hours immediately banked upon hiring and 12 paid holidays per calendar year. Other benefits: Health insurance reimbursement up to \$500/mo. This position is not eligible for retirement or 403B participation due to its temporary status.

Salary range \$39,500-\$42,000 annually, commensurate with experience.

Please send resume and brief cover letter with self-identification as a person with disability if applicable, as a single PDF to: info@Connections4il.org