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**CILO empowers people with disabilities to lead independent and inclusive lives in the community.**

**JOB TITLE:** Disability Rights and Advocacy Specialist

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Bachelor's degree in human services or related field; experience with program administration, workshop coordination, and public presentations; interpersonal skills; and an ability to work with limited supervision while maintaining program accountability. excellent oral and written communication skills; Preference for someone with strong knowledge of legislative processes and disability-related laws such the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), IDEA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Fair Housing Act, and community resources. To perform job duties candidate must have reliable transportation for travel in Ohio with mileage reimbursement. Salary range is mid 30's: work schedule to be determined based upon 30 hours per week.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:**

Coordinate all aspects of individual and systems advocacy with the goal of increasing independence and opportunities for productive citizenship and community participation for persons with disabilities. Be affiliated with state and national advocacy groups to legislate for the expansion, improvement and funding for the provision of affordable accessible housing options, accessible transportation services and systems, equal employment opportunities and home and community-based services to enable or enhance successful independent living for people with disabilities.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Serve as a vehicle for people with disabilities and advocates to participate in local and state housing, transportation, workforce, and community planning.

Expand and strengthen local and regional advocacy efforts by building on existing efforts and encouraging the formation of new disability rights issues and initiatives in areas of Ohio where they do not exist.

Participate in community groups and committees to provide leadership and guidance in developing strategies for effective advocacy.

Develop and implement activities for the Center promoting advocacy. This may include organizing advocacy related events including forums, legislative receptions, letter writing campaigns, etc.

Conduct workshops and training for individuals with disabilities around the issues of advocacy and civic engagement.

Empower people with disabilities to advocate for the allocation of local resources for housing, home and community-based services and transportation.

Improve the understanding of policymakers and other key stakeholders at the state and local levels about barriers to the integration of people with disabilities in their communities, and initiate activities to remove those barriers.

Support local, state and federal legislation, policy and funding initiatives that promote local housing, transportation and service resources.

Perform other duties as assigned by the direct supervisor or Executive Director.

**To Apply:**

If you have the prerequisite experience and skills, please submit your resume with a cover letter stating your qualifications, strengths and experiences that qualify you for his position by email or fax (no phone calls, please).

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