

Statewide Systems Advocate

Finger Lakes Independence Center (FLIC) is recruiting for a Statewide Systems Advocate (SSA) position. The person in this position advocates for changes in our local city, county and state systems, procedures, and legislation that are priorities for people with disabilities.

Key Responsibilities

- Assist in achieving the agency's mission: full inclusion, independence, and civil rights of people with all types of disabilities.
- Develop a comprehensive work plan to achieve systems advocacy goals as required by the Statewide Systems Advocacy Network contract.
- Actively serve on and participate in committees, advocacy groups, coalitions internally or externally.
- Write, review, and edit written communications, including but not limited to letters, action alerts, newsletter articles, and any communication representing Independent Living Advocacy.
- Attend Statewide Advocacy Team meetings.
- Assist with planning, capacity building, and implementation of area advocacy efforts involving community meetings, local and regional group advocacy projects.
- Communicate with members of legislative bodies, agencies and other entities through letters, e-mails, tweets, meetings, and calls.
- Recruit and organize volunteer advocates to work on designated issues of importance.
- Record activities and prepare various reports as needed.
- Occasional travel at local and state levels.

Preferred Qualifications

- Excellent professional verbal and written communication skills required.
- Comfortable with popular social media platforms, as well as strong computer skills.
- Knowledge of, or ability to learn quickly, identify and pursue top issues in advocacy and disability rights.
- Community volunteer organizing skills
- Knowledgeable about the Independent Living Movement and able to promote and clearly articulate and communicate the philosophy, mission, and values of the movement to various stakeholders.
- Commitment to Diversity Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion (DEAI)
- Lived experience with disability.
- A combination of higher education and expert experience in Human Services, Health, or similar field.

This position can be part-time or full-time based on criteria discussed with qualified candidates. FLIC offers health, dental, and life insurance, 401k with agency contribution, generous paid time off, the possibility of remote possibilities after successful completion of the first 8 months. Pay range \$30,000 - \$40,000, dependent on hours, skills and experience. Send current resume and cover letter, along with 3 professional references from the past 7 years, to jan@fliconline.org