1st ACE Holiday Event – A Great Success

A ‘Thank you Luncheon’ was held on November 15 in both our Littleton and Concord Office with the given theme “We are Thankful for you!” These events were very successful, and the Thanksgiving meal was deliciously prepared by our GSIL staff. The Bingo and Trivia games were perfect – resulting in much laughter, fun and interactions. Raffle prizes were drawn at the end of the event, with many smaller prizes handed out through the luncheon. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN, to everyone who participated on this day. Our Attendant Care Employees are truly special, and we are happy to recognize that and share in this special event. We look forward to our next get-together in the fall......

GSIL: Getting Back to our Grass Roots

In 1980, when GSIL was started by 4 individuals with disabilities, their vision and grassroots effort set the foundation for GSIL to become the leader in providing advocacy and consumer-directed services for people with disabilities.

We have always focused on delivering the best consumer directed care possible to support our consumers living as independently as they can be at home and in their community.

Although we have provided agency directed home care for many years, we have made the decision to return to our roots and focus on consumer direction, as a result, we will be closing our agency directed home care services, effective February 1, 2020.

What does this mean for you as an ACE

This is not an end to your employment with GSIL! As an Attendant Care Employee under GSIL’s Agency Directed Program, you have completed all necessary requirements to continue working under our Consumer Directed Program.

The following are some options for you to stay with GSIL, namely the ability to continue working for current and other consumers.

1. If your current consumer moves to our consumer directed program, you can continue working for your consumer without interruption.

2. If your current consumer chooses not to remain with GSIL, we have other openings in our consumer directed program for which you may be qualified.

3. Attend one of the Statewide Informational Sessions and meet with GSIL Staff. We’ll go over the options, offering our assistance and support during this transition.
What is Consumer Direction?

The term Consumer Directed describes a program that offers maximum choice and control for people with disabilities who use services and other supports to help with their activities of daily living. They manage their own non – medical services. The consumer assumes the supervisory or manager responsibilities of ACE’s who provide their services or other supports to help with their daily activities.

In a consumer directed program, the person with the disability chooses who they want for an Attendant Care employee (ACE), including interviewing, selecting, training, managing, supervising, and dismissing their ACE’s. Specifically, as an ACE in the program, your supervisor is the consumer, who will provide the following: Decisions on Hiring; Decisions on Terminations; Scheduling Control and overall Supervision, and Direction.

The consumer decides which services to use, what time of day they want their ACE to come and when they will leave. The services are provided wherever the consumer lives.

The Consumer is the driver of their program making all decisions that affect their care needs.

Consumer Direction is also referred to as “Self Determination”, “Participant Directed” or “Independent Living”

All the processes and procedures GSIL has in place are designed to support and incorporate the voice of our consumers and their ability to truly manage their services.

Statewide Informational Sessions

We are holding multiple PAID statewide informational sessions, offering our assistance and support during this transition. You do not need to register. If you have any questions, come to the session!

Time: 11:00am-12:00pm & 2:00pm-3:00pm

Concord Office 12/16
Littleton Office 12/16
Manchester Office: 12/17
Berlin: @Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Mt. Success Conference Room: 1/7
Concord Office: 1/7
Dover Office: 1/7
Keene Office: 1/9
Manchester Office: 1/10
Littleton Office: 1/13