



## **Independent Living Specialist Anne Arundel County, Maryland**

*Position Open with Accessible Resources for Independence, Inc.*

*Deadline to apply January 4th – 5pm*

Accessible Resources for Independence, Inc. (ARI), a Center for Independent Living, 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. ARI assists residents of Howard and Anne Arundel Counties to use community services and resources that will enhance their independence.

ARI's core services are peer counseling, individual and systems advocacy, information and referral, transition support, and independent living skills training. Our mission is to maximize the independence of people with disabilities so they enjoy self-directed, productive lives.

An Independent Living Specialist serves as a role model; assists with self-directed goal setting and achievement; directs consumers to appropriate services and programs and serves as an advocate. The position also works individually and in group settings with consumers to assist with increasing their advocacy skills and knowledge of their civil rights. Independent Living Specialists facilitate one-on-one and group skills trainings in an array of areas to promote independence, such as: community-based living/housing; local, national and state laws, budgeting, assistive technology, cooking and kitchen safety.

### **Requirements**

- understanding of the history and commitment to the philosophy of Independent Living;
- knowledge of or ability to learn about laws and civil rights;
- the ability to communicate effectively with individuals with disabilities;
- good typing and computer skills and tracking of case notes;
- excellent attention to details;
- good interpersonal skills;
- skilled in problem solving;
- ability to find, use and build community resources and partnerships;
- strong desire to support people to lead the lives they choose;
- experience in planning and organizing group activities;
- ability to stay positive and focused during hectic days;
- team player;
- excellent written and verbal communication skills.

A Bachelor's Degree is desired; work experience may be substituted. Must have access to transportation and have the ability to travel. Background check and drug screen required. Candidates must have 4 years of work experiences with a minimum of 2 years in disability field.

Position details: Up to 40 hours per week. Salary depends on experience. Great benefits- health insurance, retirement, paid time off and holidays. Flexible and progressive work environment.

Minorities and individuals with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. ARI is an equal opportunity employer.

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