**Peer Integration Program**

**Peer Outreach Specialist**

**Reports to: Peer Integration Program Director**

**Travel Required:** The Peer Outreach Specialist will co-locate between Medford Office and Riverhead Office or Medford Office and Hauppauge Office depending on assignment.

 **Salary: $38,000-$41,000**

**Position: Full Time; Applicants will be trained.**

**Qualifications**

* Must be or have been a former ACCES-VR participant.
* Must have a high school diploma. Associates degree preferred.

**Responsibilities**

Self-Initiated Living Options, Inc. employs Peer Integration Specialists who work with consumers in the state’s Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) programs.

Peer Specialists share their own experiences with disability and employment to help ACCES-VR consumers prepare for — and successfully maintain — jobs in the community. They help people with disabilities identify and remove barriers to employment.

Peer Specialists will develop and present various in-person/virtual workshops for ACCES-VR participants and ACCES-VR staff on a quarterly basis. Good communication skills, time management, and presentation skills are strongly encouraged.

Assist ACCES-VR consumers with:

* Self-advocacy/self-sufficiency
* Obtaining reasonable accommodations
* Understanding rights and responsibilities in employment as a person with a disability
* Transportation coordination
* Locating affordable, accessible housing
* Navigating benefit programs and community services
* Refer the individual to companies that assist with developing a Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS) for the Social Security Administration
* Health care self-management
* Applying for the Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working People with Disabilities