Meet Our Newest Team Members, DeWayne Haselrig and Angela Vicente!

DEWAYNE JOINS US AS OUR NEW PART-TIME INDEPENDENT LIVING SPECIALIST AND ANGELA IS OUR NEW FULL-TIME INDEPENDENT LIVING COORDINATOR! BOTH ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT HELPING THOSE WITH DISABILITIES AND HAVE BEEN TRAINING HARD IN THEIR FIRST WEEKS!

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Christina, Kathy, and Giselle Take on California!!

In October, these wonderful ladies got to go to A.P.R.I.L. (Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living) held in Anaheim, California this year! While there they visited the Braille Institute, saw the Hollywood sign, and listened with special ears to the amazing information at the conference! Gershwin had double the hearing too!

Then, Katie and Giselle went for a vaccine conference at the end of October! Both groups also got to take in fall scenery of the North!

Boston, MA!

At the end of September, Christina, Kathy, and David went to Boston for an equity and leadership training conference!
WE ARE HIRING!!
FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME POSITIONS!

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<td>Develop cooperative relationships with other service providers and community organizations to obtain information on services.</td>
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<td>Prepare reports, forms and documentation as required by NWGA CIL and funding sources and maintain Consumer Service Records and accurately input in database in a timely manner.</td>
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<td>Travel within service area, as well as in Georgia and some national conferences/training.</td>
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<td>Assist staff with accommodation support as needed in the performance of their job duties. This may include transportation and travel support.</td>
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<td>Perform public speaking and presentations.</td>
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**QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Associates Degree in a field of study relevant to the provision of Independent Living Services and/or one to two years of experience in the direct delivery of human services. Personal experience in independent living with a disability may be substituted for certain educational or work requirements. Bachelors preferred.
- Ability to travel to **all 15 counties of NWGA** and work flexible hours as the job necessitates. Reliable transportation is a MUST.
- Knowledge of Independent Living philosophy and disability rights.
- Internally motivated, able to work independently and possess the ability to work effectively with the team of co-workers/management, the public, consumers, and other organizations/agencies in a professional manner.
- Knowledge of human disabilities and their characteristics and ability to work with diverse ages and populations of individuals with disabilities.
- Intermediate to advanced knowledge of standard computer programs/computers and other office equipment. Ability to learn new software quickly.
- Effective oral and written communications skills.
- Ability to complete reports/paperwork and other needed written communication in a professional and timely manner.
- Projects as assigned by the director.

**PREFERRED SKILLS**

- Office 365 and basic data entry
- Ability to communicate with others and keep other staff up to date on the program
- Some health care knowledge
This comforting side dish makes a creamy accompaniment to most any main course. Not only can you double the recipe for larger crowds, but you can use reduced-fat or low-sodium ingredients if you prefer.
—Lori Talamao Baton Rouge, Louisiana

RECIPE

Ingredients
3 cans (7 ounces each) Shoepeg Corn (or white, drained)
10 ¾ ounces Condensed Cream Of Celery Soup (undiluted)
1 cup Sour Cream
1 cup Cheddar Cheese (shredded)
½ cup Onion (chopped)
½ cup Celery (chopped)
¼ cup Green Pepper (chopped)
¾ cup Butter-Flavored Crackers (crushed, about 18 crackers)
2 tablespoons Butter (melted)

Directions
1. In a large bowl, combine the first seven ingredients. Transfer to a greased 2-qt. baking dish. Sprinkle with the cracker crumbs; drizzle with butter. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until bubbly.
UPCOMING CENTER EVENTS, CLASSES, AND NEWS!!

OUR CENTER IS HAVING A BIRTHDAY!!!
SAVE THE DATE FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2024
AND JOIN US FOR OUR
20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
MARDI GRAS BASH!

EMPLOYABILITY CLASS STARTS BACK THIS
MONTH, CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR
DATE, LOCATION, AND TIME!

THE CENTER IS CLOSED ON
NOVEMBER 10TH FOR VETERANS DAY
AND NOVEMBER 23RD AND 24TH FOR
THANKSGIVING!

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS,
HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!