**Director of Education**  
**Full time position. Reports to Executive Director**

The Center for Independence of the Disabled in New York (CIDNY) is a leading organization serving and representing people with disabilities in New York City. CIDNY’s mission is the removal of barriers to full integration of people with disabilities. CIDNY helps people with disabilities to gain the skills and obtain the services they need to live independently in the community and advocates for fair and effective policies that improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. CIDNY is committed to hiring of people with disabilities and to reflecting the racial, ethnic and gender diversity of the community. It seeks to reflect the communities that it serves. It is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CIDNY seeks a full-time Director of Education to oversee its education and recreational/cultural initiatives reaching people with disabilities, area businesses, nonprofits and government agencies. Initiatives focused on financial literacy, health coverage and access, food stamps and sources, housing, disability rights, and more are geared towards primarily to people with disabilities to increase their ability to self-advocate. Programs offered to the general public are geared towards helping the public gain understanding and become more “disability-literate” and able to engage with people with disabilities in a respectful and dignified way.

The Director is responsible for:

- Developing, implementing and evaluating all education and recreational/cultural programs;
- Initiating and cultivating relationships with organizations and individual able to provide expertise;
- Following trending issues concerning people with disabilities and offers opportunities to the community to engage with those issues;
- Increasing participation in educational programs;
- Ensuring that all programs and materials are fully accessible to people with disabilities.

The Director will coordinate with CIDNY directors and program managers on emerging or trending issues; skill development; and eliciting community engagement.

CIDNY’s offers a disability literacy training for new staff orientation as well as for outside groups. The Director will seek to improve the program and promote the program in collaboration with the Communications Director.

The Director of Education reports to the Executive Director and collaborates with other Directors and managers to develop trainings for staff.

In aid of education program development, the Director of Education is responsible for assisting in the development and distribution of surveys to staff, people with disabilities engaging with CIDNY and the public.

Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: CIDNY seeks candidates with five years of experience in the area of developing, operating and evaluating educational programs. Experience working with colleagues and community members with disabilities as well as a focus on removing barriers to full equality is desired. Exceptional verbal and written communication skills will be needed. Language skills a plus. A successful candidate will have the ability to work cooperatively with others. Bachelor’s degree is required, a Master’s degree is preferred.

Interested candidates send resume, cover letter and salary requirements to hr@cidny.org