

People First of Nebraska
Disability Policy Specialist

People First of Nebraska is the only statewide disability advocacy organization run for and by people with all types of disabilities. Our mission is to **empower, train, and advance advocacy** so that People First members and all people with disabilities are able to **speak for themselves**.

This is a contract position for a self-advocate to work with PFN and other disability organizations to educate elected officials and other policy makers about people with disabilities and the supports we need to live and work successfully in our communities and to be responsible, contributing community.

The Disability Policy Specialist will be located in Lincoln, Nebraska. The length of the contract will run from January through April, 2018 (the end of the 2018 Nebraska State Legislative Session). The hourly rate is \$12.50 per hour, with the maximum contract payment of \$3,250. Work hours will vary depending on the state legislative schedule, but will average about 14-15 hours per week. This is a short-term contracted position, not employment. The individual will be responsible for payment of all taxes. Contract payments will be made monthly for all hours worked the preceding month.

Position Duties & Responsibilities of the Disability Policy Specialist will include the following, under the supervision of PFN and in partnership with other disability organizations:

- Work with People First and other disability groups to develop positions on current issues and proposed legislation
- Meet with state senators and their staff to promote the positions supported by PFN
- Provide testimony on legislation prioritized by PFN
- Assist other disability advocates in developing and delivering testimony
- Develop and post policy updates on social media
- Develop videos/ podcasts focusing on issues important to people with disabilities
- Assist in organizing and promoting the Disability Legislative Advocacy Day and Disability Pride Day events

Appropriate supports and accommodations will be provided to assist the individual in these duties.

Requirements:

- Must be/become and remain an active member of their local People First chapter. A person with any type of disability is eligible (physical, cognitive, intellectual, mental/behavioral)
- At least one year of experience advocating for disability rights and issues.
- Responsible for own transportation to and from the downtown Lincoln office location /capitol.
- Able to read, write, and speak or use other assistive communication device
- Ability to manage their time, use a calendar, be responsible for their schedule

To apply for this position, please **submit your resume and a cover letter** stating why you think you would be a successful Disability Policy Specialist and your training and/or experiences as a disability advocate.

Submit your application now! Interviews will be scheduled as applications are received. **Seeking to fill this position by January 1, 2018.** E—mail application to PeopleFirstNebraska@outlook.com or Fax (402) 559-5737

If you have any questions, or wish to deliver your application in person, or if you need assistance or accommodations to fully participate in the interview process, please contact Kellie Ellerbusch, PFN Lead Support Staff, person at (402) 559-4892 or e-mail PeopleFirstNebraska@outlook.com