



# URGENT Need for Volunteers

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Volunteer respondents are needed to participate in practice SIS® assessment with Ascend assessors as important part of training.

An important and required part of training on the SIS® standardized universal assessment is the opportunity to conduct "real life" interviews while the expert trainers are available to give advice and guidance. That is where family and individual volunteers come in. By practicing our "book learning" with individuals, families, friends and direct support staff, we will learn how to apply real life situations to the definitions and rules we have learned. We will practice scoring items according to strict definitions at the same time that we are practicing how to clarify issues and ask follow up questions.

## Volunteer Dates

February 18 to February 22, 2008

In the Harrisburg area

AND

February 27 to March 12, 2008

In the Pittsburgh area

**Volunteers will gain a better understand of the SIS® assessment process and its benefits. An Honorarium of \$25 will be available for individuals eligible for receiving Office of Developmental Program (ODP) Services and their family or friends that volunteer to participate in the practice interviews.**

## How you can help

- **Circulate:** Please circulate this request to all parties who may be interested in assisting us with the important part of training.
- **Volunteer:** We need to complete 10 interviews in the Harrisburg area during the week of February 18 through February 22, 2008. We need to complete 50 interviews in the Pittsburgh area during beginning February 27, 2008. **Each interview requires a minimum of 2 respondents who know a person with intellectual disability very well** and can provide information regarding the daily needs in seven areas.
- **Listen to an SIS® Presentation conducted by Ascend staff:** We need 10 people to listen to an overview of the SIS® assessment tool on **February 19, 2008** in the Harrisburg area. This event begins at 9:00 am and ends around 4pm. Lunch will be provided for attendees.

**For More Information or to Volunteer  
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