



# Crystal Run Village, Inc.

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# News

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## **Illenberg Named Director of Residential Services**

Cathie Illenberg has been promoted to Director of Residential Services for Crystal Run Village, Inc. and will be responsible for the agency's community based housing program for people with developmental disabilities living in Orange, Sullivan and Rockland Counties. Illenberg has been with the agency for 27 years, most recently as a regional program director. She is known for her keen ability to interpret the core substance of situations - from the typical to the unusual - with an end-game dedicated to sustainable and practical solutions that are realistic.

According to Crystal Run Village Deputy Executive Director Jean Corbi Ciappa, Illenberg has been a catalyst for change and a leading advocate for helping people served by the agency to lead lives of distinction. "Cathie's years of service have involved her in the valuable history of working through the transition of residential services from congregate care settings to small community based programs," Corbi Ciappa said. "She has an intuitive awareness that has motivated many a self advocate, to achieve milestones in individualized services in partnership with their families and the direct support professionals working with them."

Illenberg has been active in the Learning Institute on Innovation in Individualized Supports, a collective process for development of innovative person-centered supports lead by the New York State Association of Community and Residential Agencies. At Crystal Run Village, she is a member of the steering committee for the agency's culture change initiative, *New Directions...New Lives*. The committee, comprised of staff from diverse functions within the agency, is charged with setting the tone for building the cooperative relationships necessary for developing a plan for enhancing person-centered supports. Illenberg also acts as the chairperson of the initiative's pilot program subcommittee which focuses on providing the individuals served with opportunities for greater self-determination.

Illenberg was the regional co-chair of the Hudson Valley Special Olympics for many years and was responsible for organizing year-round sports training and athletic competition for athletes and their service provider organizations. As a coach and role model for Special Olympics athletes, she encouraged sports skills development and helped build self-esteem. She made it possible for athletes to travel to regional, national and international sports venues in pursuit of their competitive dreams.

Illenberg is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond with a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Park Administration with an emphasis in Therapeutic Recreation. She grew up on a farm in Orange County as child number 5 of 7 in her family. She attended Goshen Central High School.

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Crystal Run Village has been serving children and adults with developmental disabilities, spectrum disorders and those dually diagnosed with a mental illness since 1959, first as a summer camp and then as a residential school. Today, the agency's service delivery network is extensive and includes: Supervised Group, Individual and Supportive Residential Opportunities in the Community; Day Habilitation; Service Coordination; Educational and Vocational Services; Job Placement; Respite House; Community Habilitation; In-home Respite Care; HUD Supportive Housing for Families; Supportive Case Management; Invisible Children's Project; Shelter Care Plus, and Community Development for the Homeless. The agency offers an array of programs in Orange, Sullivan and Rockland Counties. **For more information about Crystal Run Village, Inc. visit [www.crvi.org](http://www.crvi.org).**

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