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Now In Full Swing

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Meet Rylee Baker
& Back to School, Back on Track



Employee Spotlight

RYLEE BAKER

Pharmacist

For Rylee Baker, the best part of the job starts with the team and ends with the patients.

"I enjoy working with my technicians and creating a fun environment in the pharmacy and especially helping out with my patients, making sure we are providing the best quality service."

- Rylee Baker, Pharmacist, Kinexion LTC Pharmacy

Long term care is familiar territory for Rylee, who spent three years working in a long term care pharmacy in Massachusetts before joining Kinexion LTC Pharmacy.

Asked what advice Rylee would give to someone wanting to pursue a career working with the ID/DD community:

"Be positive, passionate, caring and do your best to make sure their needs are always met."

Outside The Pharmacy

When not at the pharmacy, Rylee likes to run, spend time outside, and take walks, and also enjoys relaxing hobbies like crochet and baking sourdough.



Thank you, Rylee.

Kinexion is better because you are on the team.



A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank You for Growing With Us

When we opened our doors in July, we asked a lot of our partners. We asked for patience, we asked plenty of questions, and we asked for honest feedback about what was working and what was not. You gave us all three, generously.

That feedback has shaped how we operate today. Every conversation with a nurse, a house manager, or an agency leader helped us establish and fine-tune our processes during these first several weeks. Things are starting to smooth out, and that is a credit to the collaboration between our team and yours.

As we settle into a rhythm, I want to be clear about one thing: we do not want those conversations to stop. Being a true partner means continuing to listen. We want to keep hearing what is working well, and just as importantly, what we could be doing better. No comment is too small, and every one of them helps us improve.

I would also like to extend an open invitation. If you and your team would like to visit the pharmacy, we would love to have you. Seeing what happens behind the scenes, meeting the people on the other end of the phone, and getting to know each other's workflows goes a long way toward building a partnership that works for everyone. Some of the best ideas come from sitting down face to face.



Always in your corner,

Glenn Schiotis
Executive Director
Kinexion LTC Pharmacy

*"Built by the community,
for the community."*

Have an event coming up? **We want to be there. Reach out to Glenn directly:**

Email: gschiotis@kinexionltparmacy.com

Phone: (631) 509-1470

Community Events

Fall is here, and the calendar is filling up. Here is what is coming up across the community.

If you have an event coming up, we want to support it! Please email Glenn directly with any details at gschiotis@kinexionltparmacy.com

12th Annual Angela's House Walk

Angela's House

Date: Sunday, October 4, 2026

Location: Holtsville Ecology Center,
249 Buckley Road, Holtsville, NY 11742

Angela's House supports medically fragile children and adults with disabilities and their families across Long Island, from home care coordination to residential and family

support services. Now in its 12th year, the Angela's House Walk is a chance to lace up, bring the family, and take steps together for a mission that touches so many families in our community.



Scan the QR code to register or visit angelashouse.rallybound.org/12thAnnualAHWalk

EEDA Golf Outing

East End Disability Associates (EEDA)

Date: Monday, October 5, 2026

Location: Westhampton Country Club

Founded by parents in 1992, EEDA supports more than 750 individuals with developmental disabilities across the East End of Long Island.

Their fall golf outing is a great day on the course in support of programs rooted in education, medical care, and community life..



For registration and sponsorship details, contact EEDA directly at info@eed-a.org or call 631-369-7345.

16th Annual Women's Empowerment Fashion Fling

Hosted by Kinexion

Date: Sunday, October 18, 2026

Location: Westhampton Country Club

Now in its 16th year, this event celebrates the strength, resilience, and accomplishments of

women and girls with disabilities across the Kinexion network. The day features a fashion show with community models in styles from Tanger Outlets, a formal luncheon, raffle baskets, and the Kinexion Network Women's Empowerment Grant presentation.



Scan the QR code for more information. Contact Christine Cassamassino at CCassamassino@kinexion.org or call 631-644-2353

***New Horizons Resources' 42nd Annual
Invitational Golf Tournament***

New Horizons Resources

Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Location: The Powelton Club, 29 Balmville Rd,
Newburgh, NY 12550

Check-in is at 9:00 AM with a 10:00 AM shotgun
start, followed by a cocktail hour from 3:00

to 4:00 PM and dinner, raffle, and prizes from
4:00 to 5:00 PM. Registration is \$300 per player,
and dinner-only tickets are \$100.



Scan the QR code to register,
or contact Dottie Denunzio at
ddenunzio@nhrny.org or call
845-473-3000 x1322.

NIS 50th Anniversary Cocktail Reception

The New Interdisciplinary School (NIS)

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2026

Location: Bellport Country Club

Founded in 1976, the New Interdisciplinary
School has spent five decades inspiring
preschoolers, empowering families, and
building brighter futures from its home in
Yaphank. This milestone reception celebrates
50 years of impact and the people who made it
possible.

This year's honoree is Paul Pontieri, Mayor of
the Village of Patchogue and Chairman of the
Board of Directors of Kinexion, Inc., who has
been instrumental in advancing the mission of
NIS and all Kinexion affiliates.



To RSVP, sponsor, purchase a
journal ad, or make a donation,
scan the QR code or
visit niskids.org/NIS50.



Back to School, Back on Track



A new school year means new schedules, new routines, and a great reminder to check in on vaccines for everyone, from students heading back to class to the residents and staff we support every day.

What New York Schools Require

New York State's school immunization requirements are the same this year. Children must be appropriately immunized to attend school, students in ungraded classes follow the requirements for their age-equivalent grade, and only medical exemptions are accepted.

Required vaccines include:

- DTaP/Tdap, with a Tdap booster for grade 6-12
- Polio
- MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella)
- Hepatitis B
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- Meningococcal (MenACWY) for grade 7-12
- Hib and PCV for pre-K and child care

The full chart from the NYS Department of Health is available at health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf.

Getting Ready for Respiratory Season

In September, the New York State and New York City health departments endorsed the

following fall recommendations:

- Flu: everyone 6 months and older
- COVID-19: most people 6 months and older, especially those at higher risk
- RSV: all adults 75 and older, adults 50 to 74 at increased risk, pregnant people, and infants

Many of the individuals we support live with conditions like asthma, diabetes, or heart or lung conditions that raise the risk of serious illness, so staying on top of vaccines matters.

Staff Count Too

Direct support professionals and house staff are with the people we support every day. Staying current on flu and COVID-19 vaccines is one of the simplest ways staff can help protect the individuals in their care, especially those who may not be able to say when they are starting to feel sick.

Before the Season Gets Busy

- Review immunization records and flag anything coming due
- Confirm school health forms are complete for returning students
- Ask each person's physician which fall vaccines are right for them
- Document vaccines according to your agency's protocol

Questions about vaccines or medications? Our team is always happy to help. Call (631) 509-1470 or email info@kinexionltparmacy.com.



Running Smooth as Silk

Just two months ago, Kinexion LTC Pharmacy opened its doors in Port Jefferson Station. Today, we are proud to say that everything is running as smooth as silk.

That did not happen by accident. It happened because of a team that shows up every day ready to learn and ready to help, many of them brand new to ID/DD pharmacy when we started. It happened because our agency partners picked up the phone, asked questions, and told us what they needed. And it happened because this community gave a brand new pharmacy the patience and trust to find its rhythm.

We are so proud of everything going on at Kinexion LTC Pharmacy, and even more excited about what comes next.

To our team: thank you. This is what it looks like when people build something together.



Switching Long Term Care Pharmacies

Can Seem Daunting.

We understand that if your facility is at a place to make the move, things are not going the way they should be. Our team members are experts at prescription transferring, facility/pharmacy transitioning, training, and making sure your pharmacy needs are met with excellence and consistency.

These are improvements your facility will notice when making the switch to Kinexion LTC Pharmacy:

There is no delay.

Your residents will receive their prescriptions when needed and on time.

A friendly voice.

We listen to your problems and do our best to solve them immediately.

LTC nurses can focus on patient care, not pharmacy issues.

We want your medical staff to do what they do best, care for patients. Your nursing administration staff should not have to worry about pharmacy problems or worry if prescriptions will be delivered.

Positive pharmacy experience.

Our team is here to serve your facility, your staff, and your residents. It is hard to put a value on excellent care until you do not have it.

Staff time is spent with residents.

We do not want your staff stuck on the phone trying to figure out where Medication Administration Records are, or when you will receive them. You can count on MARs to show up the same day every month with Kinexion LTC Pharmacy.

Training provided

We know the process of reordering medications can be burdensome. That is why we supply all of our new facility partners with ample training on our web portal to fit your needs. Here is what you can expect during the training process:

- Connecting our nurse consultants with your agency's nurses and staff on a Zoom call to introduce one another and the web portal.
- Weekly, monthly, or as-needed trainings.
- A training manual with detailed step-by-step directions of the web portal.
- Access to our nurse consultants and team to troubleshoot any questions.

With Kinexion LTC Pharmacy's web portal, reordering medications can be done in only 15 minutes each week!

Call Us Today to Discover the Difference in Your Pharmacy Care.

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