



Direct Support Professional Recognition Week 2017

September 10-16, 2017

Join the Maryland Department of Disabilities and the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)

Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) are vital to the life experiences of many people with disabilities in Maryland. From employment support to community living assistance, DSPs are many times the key difference between community participation and isolation for those with disabilities.

The Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD) and the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) join others throughout the United States in marking September 10th through September 16th, 2017 as DSP Recognition Week. MDOD and DDA plan to travel the state thanking Direct Support Professionals for their dedication and expertise. **Join us in our celebration by nominating an outstanding DSP or employer for recognition.** If chosen, your nominee could receive a visit from department staff and a Governor's Citation as we travel throughout Maryland. One nominee in each category will be selected for a photo opportunity in Annapolis!

Nominate a Direct Support Professional or employer in the following areas who provides an example of service which supports and encourages **full community participation** for those with disabilities in Maryland.

1. **Employment Support Professional**-A DSP who goes above and beyond to support integrated community employment for those with disabilities
2. **Community Living Professional**– A DSP who goes above and beyond to support full community participation and membership for those with disabilities
3. **Maryland business or employer**– A business or organization which employs someone or multiple individuals with disabilities in an inclusive environment and utilizes the unique skills of the employee(s) to benefit Maryland's economic and business climate

Complete the attached form and return to Carrie McGraw at carrie.mcgraw@maryland.gov or 217 East Redwood Street, Suite 1300, Baltimore MD 21202 by August 19th



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Nomination Form

Check one:

Employment DSP _____

Community Living DSP _____

Business/Employer _____

Name of Nominee:

Employer of Nominee (if applicable):

Maryland County Where Services Are Provided/Organization Is Located:

Name of Person Completing Form:

Place of Business of Person Completing Form:

Email of Person Completing Form:

Phone Number of Person Completing Form:

Relationship of Person Completing Form with Nominee:

Please indicate how your nominee provides an example of service which supports and encourages full community participation for those with disabilities in Maryland. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

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