COVID-19 6 month follow up survey announcement

1. EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENT TO DSPS (send this out to individual DSPs)

DSP Survey: How Are You Doing?
November 20, 2020

After more than eight months since a national emergency was declared due to the COVID-19 pandemic, how are you coping on the job? What do you need? Are you working more hours? The National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals (NADSP), in partnership with the Institute on Community Integration at the University of Minnesota, is conducting a survey on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on direct support professionals. Your responses will help us identify the most effective ways to protect DSPs and the people you support.

If you provide direct support to people with disabilities, please click here to take the survey. Your answers will be anonymous. National and state-specific results from the survey will be shared widely in March 2021.

A similar survey was conducted by ICI and NADSP in the spring of 2020 and completed by more than 9,000 DSPs. Those results are available here. The new survey is for both DSPs who completed the earlier survey and those who did not.

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2. **EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENT TO SERVICE PROVIDERS** (please send this out to providers in your network/state)

Providing Support During the COVID-19 Pandemic:
Direct Support Professionals Survey, November 2020
November 20, 2020

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Please forward this survey to the direct support professionals that you employ. Their answers will be anonymous. National and state-specific results from the survey will be shared widely in March 2021.

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3. EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENT TO GOVERNMENT AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS (please send to contacts in organizations with whom you work)

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Dear _____,

Please share the following announcement widely within your network. For this survey, we are seeking at least 200 responses from every state. We will share both national and state-specific results with you in March 2021. The survey will be open through January 4.

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Direct Support Professionals can complete the survey here. Their answers will be anonymous. National and state-specific results from the survey will be shared widely in March 2021.

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Email announcement to Families (ICI will send this out)

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After more than eight months into the COVID-19 pandemic, the direct-support professionals in your life are facing high risks of infection, financial hardship, and exhaustion. Show them you care about checking in on their well-being by passing along this confidential survey.

This survey, to be completed by direct support professionals, is being conducted by the Institute on Community Integration at the University of Minnesota in partnership with the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals. We would like to understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on direct support professionals and identify the most effective ways to protect DSPs and the people they support.

Please forward this survey to those who provide paid support to your family member. Their answers will be anonymous. National and state-specific results from the survey will be shared widely in March 2021.

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