

Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) work to ensure that people with IDD are safe and able to experience meaningful lives in our community.

What if There Were No DSPs?

Here's what happens:

Immediate Crisis in Daily Care



- Interrupted medications & meals
- Unsafe bathing, dressing, mobility
- Risk of injury or hospitalization



Hospitals & Emergency Services Overwhelmed



- Overflowing ERs & crisis centers
- More preventable hospitalizations
- Surge of behavioral & medical emergencies



Financial Fallout for the County



- Higher costs for institutional care (e.g. nursing home)
- Family members may have to leave jobs to provide supports
- Lost economic contribution from individuals with IDD



Collapse of Community Living



- Closed community-based supported living
- Loss of daily support services
- No more supports to secure and maintain employment



Erosion of Independence & Dignity



- Loss of independence & choice
- Social isolation & vulnerability
- Greater risk of abuse and neglect



DSPs are Essential

They support **safety**

They support **community**

They support Prince George's County



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