

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



Learn more at pgprovidercouncil.org