

DD CRISIS



WHAT IS OHIO'S DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CRISIS?

Ohioans with developmental disabilities cannot get the care and support they desperately need because of the unprecedented workforce shortage of Direct Support Professionals caused by extremely low wages.





These organizations banded together to address this crisis and, with the help of numerous supporting organizations and advocates, carefully crafted the following informational messaging.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Without Direct Support Professionals, many people with developmental disabilities cannot eat, go to the bathroom, bathe themselves or do the things we take for granted. Without Direct Support Professionals, people with developmental disabilities suffer!

Direct Support Professionals for people with developmental disabilities can't feed their families with what they are paid, and they are quitting the field every day at an alarming rate.

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WHAT IS THE CRISIS?

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HOW IS THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY WORKFORCE CRISIS DIFFERENT?

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Consequences of Inaction

PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE SUFFERING.

Family Members are quitting their jobs to provide 24/7 care. Many people with developmental disabilities and their families are sliding into poverty.

Ohio businesses that support people with Developmental Disabilities are closing.



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The need for 24/7 care for people with developmental disabilities from families means that many people are quitting their jobs. This also means that many struggling Ohio families are sliding into poverty.



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Negative impact of family members forced to quit jobs:

- Families don't have enough income to live.
- Families are forced to rely upon other expensive social services.
- Local communities are deprived of the labor and talents of otherwise willing and able working people.



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OHIO BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ARE CLOSING.



Businesses throughout Ohio that are dedicated to supporting people with developmental disabilities are presently closing due to this crisis. Many more will close.

When these Ohio businesses close:

- Thousands of Ohioans lose their jobs.
- Thousands of people with developmental disabilities and their families lose life-saving support.
- Increased pressure on the family structure itself.

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WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

Action by state legislators is the only way to raise the extremely low reimbursement rates set by the State of Ohio.



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The website will provide general information and speaking points that will assist you when you discuss this crisis with others. You will also have an opportunity to sign up for updates as it relates to this crisis and to sign an online petition of support.



SHARE YOUR STORY

Only by showing our state officials the true human cost of Ohio's Developmental Disability Crisis will we collectively move them to take meaningful action.

Head to OhioDDCrisis.com to share your story and tell legislators what's at stake for YOU.



OHIO'S DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CRISIS!



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Share YOUR Story

You'll find an easy-to-use web portal below where you can share YOUR story! That story may then be shared with key legislators so they understand the very real and immediate human impact of this crisis. Simply click **Share YOUR Story** below and follow the prompts in the online survey tool. There will be several survey questions and then you'll have an opportunity to share your story.

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