

Recognizing Direct Support Professionals

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To: Intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) community members

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Hello there.

It's [Direct Support Professionals \(DSP\) Week](#)!

From all of us at ODDS, we thank you. We thank all support workers in Oregon. This includes:

- DSPs
- Personal support workers
- Caregivers
- Direct support crisis specialists
- Health crisis technicians

- All who provide support to individuals with I/DD.

Together, you serve nearly 42,000 individuals in Oregon.

We honor your hard work, commitment, skill, and empathy. We appreciate all you do to support people to thrive and live in their communities. Oregon is a better place because of you.

Community members, please join me in thanking Oregon's DSPs!

About DSP Week

Each September ANCOR, a national organization that advances services and supports people with I/DD, hosts DSP Week. ANCHOR publishes "[Recognizing Excellence](#)." This online magazine celebrates DSPs across the country.

If you have a DSP in your life, please thank them this week. If you post something on social media, ANCOR asks you to use #DSPRW2026.

Again, thank you, DSPs! Have a great week,



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