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and Independent Direct
Support Professionals**

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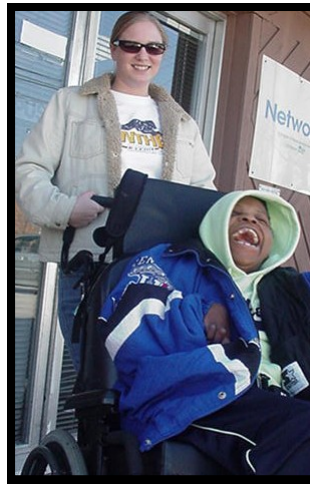
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**An association for DSPs
designed to honor,
appreciate, train,
celebrate, and advocate
on behalf of Direct
Support**



Who is a DSP?

Those who provide supports to family members, friends or consumers for pay are identified by the Bureau of Labor as Direct Support Workers or Direct Support Professional, Personal and Home Care Aides, and/or paid Caregivers to name a few.

Direct-care workers provide an estimated 70–80 percent of the hands-on care and support received by Americans who are elderly or living with a disabilities or other chronic conditions.



SPEAK is the Kentucky State Chapter of the National Alliance of Direct Support.

What is SPEAK?

SPEAK is an association offering meaningful supports to DSPs in Kentucky. As a member of this association, DSPs are given many opportunities to meet and build relationships with other DSPs, attend trainings, and participate in special DSP appreciation events.

As an independent DSP, you may be providing supports through Consumer Directed Option (CDO). Your employer may be a family member, friend, neighbor, or someone living on their own who hired you through an advertisement.



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Association of Kentuckiana**

How can SPEAK help You?

SPEAK can help you in a variety of ways:

- **Learn new skills to be more effective in your role.**
- **Grow professionally through meeting people and training.**
- **Communicate, and celebrate with other DSPs.**
- **Stay current on state and national issues that affect DSPs and the people you support.**
- **Assist and participate in grass roots advocacy work on your behalf for a living wage commensurate to the work you do.**
- **Provide information through a quarterly newsletter and website**

