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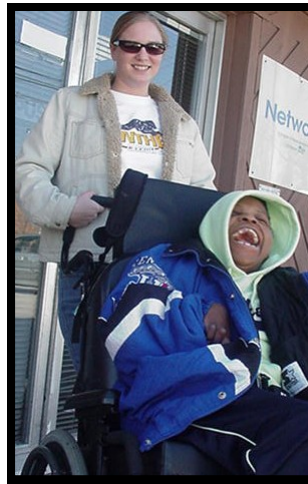
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preciate, train, celebrate;
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Who is a DSP?

Direct –care workers have many titles. Direct Support Professional, Personal and Home Care Aides, and Certified Nursing Assistants (CANs) to name a few.

Direct –care workers provide an estimated 70 – 80 percent of the hands-on long term 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 network with other DSPs, attend trainings, and special DSP appreciation events.

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

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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.**
- **Network, communicate, and celebrate with other DSPs.**
- **Stay current on state and national issues that affect DSPs and the people you support.**
- **Advocate on your behalf for a living wage commensurate to the work you do.**
- **Provide information through a quarterly newsletter**

