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DDS Recognizes Direct Support Professionals Week

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Commissioner Terrence W. Macy, Ph.D. would like to thank the thousands of Connecticut professionals who support individuals with intellectual disability during the national celebration of Direct Support Professionals Week.

“In Connecticut alone there are thousands of Direct Support Professionals who go to work every day with one purpose; to help the person they support become more independent and live a fulfilling life. These staff deserves our utmost respect and admiration,” said Commissioner Macy. “The professionals, both public and private are the backbone of DDS services and their work is far too often overlooked but it is vital to the persons and families they support.”

This week, Sept 9th through the 13th is set aside every year to highlight the vital role Direct Support Professionals play in the lives of persons with intellectual disabilities. The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) initiated the campaign more than a dozen years ago with the intent of developing a career path for Direct Support Professionals by championing wage legislation in Congress, advocating for additional federal Medicaid funding and educating elected officials on Direct Support Professionals workforce issues.

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