A Message for DSPs, Independent Providers

Now, more than ever, Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families need support from providers of service. Direct support professionals (DSP), including Independent Providers, are the essential ones providing that support across the state. Because the need for DSPs is so extraordinary during this time, many provider agencies throughout Ohio have reached out to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) for ideas on how to meet this demand.

For Independent Providers who are currently certified but no engaged in the delivery of services, or who may only be providing services on a part-time basis, there are many opportunities available to meet this high demand for service. You can:
- Notify the local county board of developmental disabilities (CBDD) of their willingness to assist more people
- Contract with an agency provider for services
- Be hired as an employee of an agency provider

To encourage these opportunities, DODD has been providing public contact information of certified Independent Providers to local CBDD and agency providers to encourage connections between Independent Providers available to provide supports and people who are looking for DSPs.

Right now, Independent Providers can make a difference in the lives of more people, in more communities, and more ways than ever before.

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