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I have worked for the Opportunity Foundation for 17 years as a DSP. I worked at one of their thrift stores for 14 years and was a supervisor for 4 years until Covid where I moved to residential because the store closed for awhile. I have been in residential since that time.

I have seen many changes, many hardships since working here from lack of funding etc.

I started out not making much money and did not get a raise for seven years at one point. After 17 years I'm making \$22 an hour. That's not bad but as a DSP there is a lot involved. It can be very rewarding work but also stressful, draining and exhausting. I deal with everything from personal care to behaviors to giving medications. Every day is different and one never knows what will happen. I believe that DSP's work very hard, do a job that not everyone can do and should be compensated fairly for that.

Thank you and have a blessed day!