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Help us to support our DSP staff so that they can continue to care and support our family at Albertina Kerr Centers. Help them to be able to support their own families at home so that they can continue to care and support our families at Albertina.

Please support a minimum wage of \$25 per hour for all DSPs with a rate structure that includes an annual cost of living increases.

Please do not ignore what the DSPs do for the caring of our Developmentally Disabled citizens; both kids and adults that come to Albertina. Have you seen what they

do and accomplish here at Albertina? If you don't, come and see so that you can believe also. It is not easy work, but so very important. Not just anyone can do this work.

This wage increase means so much in recognizing the value but most of all retaining the DSPs and managers who have been committing to this work but need to be

able to support their own families. Please vote to support this invaluable workforce.