

Hi, my name is Shane Clay. I have been living in group homes and have had DSP supported services for 8 + years.

I had a severe medical condition and was in the hospital. If it wasn't for the Group Homes and their DSP staff, I don't know where I would be today. I needed a lot of support to get where I am today. I get to go to concerts with their support to keep me safe.

My staff work really hard to support me for the life I want to live, and they can barely afford to come in to work on current wages, they can't pay their bills with the price of everything.

Staff have introduced me to other people who are now my friends, take me places I enjoy, help me with my health and physical fitness.

Staff have empowered me to get involved in advocacy and interviewing potential new staff not only in my home but for county mental health another agency I am even starting a part time job to earn money to do things I like/enjoy.

I want to keep my staff but with current wages several people are looking at other types of jobs to survive. I just get to know someone and they leave. The turnover is high!