

# Finding and Deciding and Choosing...Oh My!

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Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) play a significant role in the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families. DSPs assist individuals with disabilities in activities of daily living, community interactions, social activities, personal contacts, coordination of health care, and much more.

The support they provide depends upon the needs of each person and can include a wide range of potential activities, such as helping to keep up a home, finding employment, providing transportation, making important decisions, taking medications, learning new skills, meeting friends, paying bills, budgeting funds and/or providing physical assistance. DSPs also facilitate connections to the people, resources and experiences necessary for families and individuals to live fully and safely in their neighborhoods and communities.

The quality of support individuals with disabilities receive from DSPs has a profound effect on the quality of their daily lives.

Different terms and titles are used for people who do such work, including “Personal Care Attendant (PCA)” or “Direct Support Worker.”



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Defining the type of person you want to work for your family member will help you find the right people for the job. Think about what your family member needs and wants from a DSP. How can you find and choose people who best fit what your family is looking for?

Join us on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm as we present a webinar with easy-to-use tips and strategies to help families of individuals with disabilities find, choose and keep high quality Direct Support Professionals.

Registering for this event is as easy as going here:

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