



MDS Thanks Direct Support Professionals in the Monadnock Region

September 20, 2007: On Friday September 28th, we have a chance to sing the praises of an underappreciated but overworked group. Direct support professionals, often referred to as caregivers, personal assistants or homecare aides, are unsung heroes in our lives - every one of us has had experience with these dedicated people who provide care for our loved ones in their time of need. Nearly 10 years ago, Governor Jeanne Shaheen proclaimed that, henceforth, the last Friday in September would be Direct Support Appreciation Day.

All of us at Monadnock Developmental Services (MDS) want to thank the hundreds of direct support professionals in the Monadnock region who are on the front lines making a huge difference every day in the lives of those for whom we provide services. On this occasion, we want to express our deepest appreciation for the dedication, compassion and outstanding effort of our remarkable staff members who work hard each day to provide supports and services for a group of people in need. Their efforts go a long way to making it possible for those with developmental and other disabilities to live, work and go to school in our communities. We thank you.

Monadnock Developmental Services (MDS) provides services to children and adults with developmental and other disabilities - 700 families, more than 1,000 individuals in the Monadnock region. MDS has as its mission to work toward inclusion, participation and mutual relationships for all people who are at risk of isolation from the community. For more information, please contact MDS at 603-352-1304 or visit their website at www.mds-nh.org.

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