



Caregiver Wage Funding Increases Included in Signed Budget Governor & Legislature Recognize and Act upon Caregiver Shortage Crisis

“DSPN members and our caregivers serving individuals with disabilities are truly appreciative of Governor Evers and the State Legislature for historic investments in our Long-Term Care Workforce. In what is a continued state of crisis for the long-term care profession, our state elected officials recognized and responded. The funding increase signed into law today is a much-needed investment in the most important factor to quality care – the actual hands-on caregivers.”

- Lisa Davidson, CEO

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WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL... The Disability Service Provider Network (DSPN) praises the actions by the Governor, the Joint Committee on Finance, and the State Legislature to increase investments in the Direct Care Workforce Fund. Established in 2017, this fund allows long-term care providers to recruit and retain staff caring for loved ones with disabilities in residential and non-residential settings. Governor Evers originally proposed an annual increase of \$15 million GPR, \$77.8 million (all funds), in the Family Care Direct Care Workforce Fund. The Republican led Joint Finance Committee and State Legislature increased the proposed investment to \$20 million GPR in each year, \$104 million (all funds) over the next biennium – which was approved and signed into law today by Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers.

At a time where workforce needs have reached critical mass, this funding demonstrates the commitment from the State of Wisconsin to our caregivers. DSPN looks forward to working with our partners to build career pathways to grow the profession of caregiving across Wisconsin.

About the Disability Service Provider Network

Every person deserves a place in their community and the opportunity to live a full, meaningful life. Our DSPN members help make this possible by providing residential and non-residential services that enable people with disabilities and economic disadvantages to live and work in their local communities. DSPN is the leading state trade association for disability service providers and exists to support and be a resource for member providers through advocacy and education resources so they can provide the highest quality and full array of services for those with disabilities throughout Wisconsin.

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