

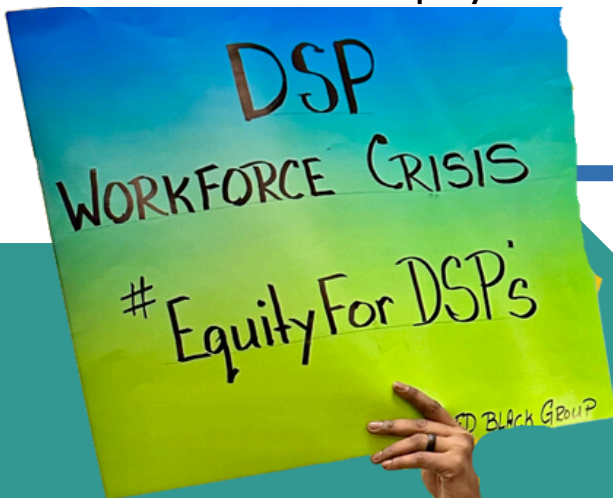
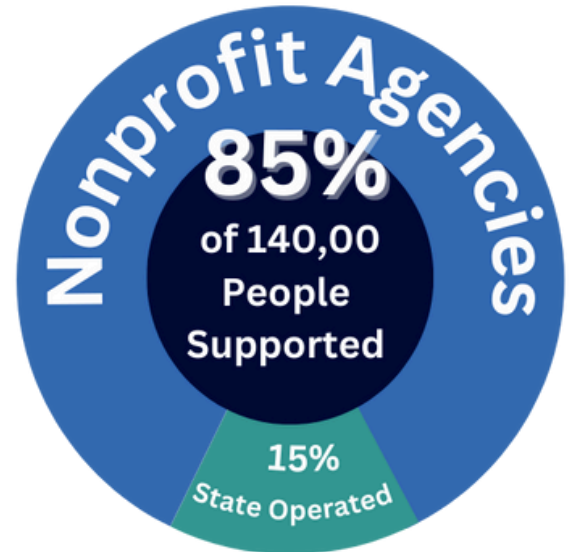
DEMAND EQUITY FOR DSPs!

NEW YORK'S STATE AND NONPROFIT PROVIDERS WORK IN PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT ALL NEW YORKERS WITH I/DD.

New York state provides supports and services to 140,000 citizens with I/DD.

Both state and nonprofit agencies are funded through Medicaid and overseen by OPWDD.

Even though nonprofit agencies support 85% of New Yorkers with disabilities, their staff are compensated at a much lower rate than their state-employed counterparts!



NEW YORK'S DSPs DESERVE EQUITY

While wages for direct support staff at nonprofit providers stagnated, the state provided significant increases for staff doing the same work at state-operated providers.

DSPs at nonprofit providers make 30% LESS than their peers at state programs!

\$23.75

\$16.14

\$15 MINIMUM WAGE

STATE-OPERATED PROGRAMS

NONPROFIT PROVIDERS

STATE OPERATED PROVIDERS

58%

ABOVE MINIMUM WAGE
NONPROFIT PROVIDERS

7%

ABOVE MINIMUM WAGE

**SUPPORT STAFF BY SUPPORTING THE SYSTEM!
WE NEED A 7.8% MEDICAID RATE INCREASE!**

SAME JOB, DIFFERENT PAY

NYS OPWDD FACILITIES

VS

NYS NONPROFIT AGENCIES

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Even including New York's state-run Developmental Centers like Valley Ridge and Sunmount, Nonprofit Providers support more individuals with complex behaviors than state-operated programs. This requires additional staff resources for supporting those with complex needs, including enhanced behavioral supports, crisis intervention and de-escalation.

STATE-OP STARTING WAGE

\$23.75/hour



NONPROFIT STARTING WAGE

\$16.14/hour