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As a DSP of 3+ years, I can confidently say that one of the biggest factors in client growth is consistency. I have seen a client that would never do physical activity and sit on the couch all day start to take an interest in the outdoors and going for long walks. I have a client that used to be unable to do physical activity for any period of time longer than 5-10 minutes become able to take 30-40 minute walks, or go to the park and play catch for hours. This progress is due to the ability of myself and other DSP's being a consistent positive presence in clients lives. The only way I have been able to do this job that is so vital to our community for the last 3 years is that I receive financial support from my parents. I am well aware that many of my coworkers do not have the same opportunities that I have been given, and have seen many DSP's with the same passion for our clients as myself have to leave this line of work simply because they did not make enough. Our clients are a population that is frequently overlooked and forgotten about, and those who are kind, caring and tough enough to do this job deserve fair compensation for the incredible work they do on a daily basis.