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I work hard long hours, the hours i work are anywhere from 12 hour shift to 36 hours shifts, on top of this i am in remission from uterine cancer and i am a full time student and a mother of three. I also deal with being dyslexic so it take me a lttle longer to do paper works, I have cursed at, yelled at, called names, hit, threated, spit at, talked down to, stuuf's been thrown at me, some management or leads think that they can treat or do whatever they want to staff or client so i don't only have to stand up for my self i have to stand up for my client which i have in the past i have advocated for my client and then been targeted afterword because the so called Lead got in trouble. so these are just a few of the things that us DSP workers deal with at work, at home is a different story my kids are mad at me because i can not be home to help them with homework or tuck them in at night, i sleep during the day so i can not take them to the park to play like i did before, My kids say i wanna hang out with my client more then i do them, so no they don't understand that i work to provide for them all they understand is that their mommy is gone taking care of someone else and hanging out with the other person and not them, my husband wants intimacy but how when i pretty much live at work. I hardly make any money and when i do work all this over time taxes just taken it out of my check anyways so whats the point, i usually get mandated because we are always so under staffed due to everyone quitting because the pay is so low and the behaviors are so high, people at amazon make more money then us, UPS, FEDEX make more money then care takers/ DSP workers, and especially with the rise of everything like food, gas, and bills! my rent is \$1650 a month yet i only make \$17.75hr for a family of 5

so ya its exhausting and annoying that we work so hard for hardly any pay!