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DSP's are the backbone of our community and they need to be paid like they are. DSP's do important work with individuals of all ages; we help them learn life skills, become part of the community and anything else they need. IF you want to keep the good DSP's around, they need to be paid a wage they can actually live on. No DSP should be living paycheck to paycheck while we are taking care of your friends, family and children. Paying DSP's \$25 an hour will help retain employees and incentivize the GREAT ones to stay. I personally know so many people are planning to get different jobs because unless we work overtime, we live paycheck to paycheck and that wears on people. Please consider raising DSP wages to a minimum of \$25 an hour.