

Do you consider yourself a kind, patient, hard-working individual? Maybe you should think about going in to a job as a direct support professional. The requirements are that you need your GED, to be over the age of 18, willing to participate in the random drug/alcohol testing program and background check.

### **Gain professional experience and training.**

A job in DSP requires training in first aid and CPR classes, medication distribution, lift training and all day-to-day occurrences. It will all be paid for you to begin your job. DSP is a great way to gain some knowledge and experience to launch a career in healthcare, social work, counseling, human services and special needs jobs.

### **Making someone's life easier and happier.**

Clients are depending on you to make their life as normal as possible. They are paying you to be their friend, go to and caretaker. The day-to-day work has a strong impact on the individuals being served. You will help them with their abilities to live an independent life.

### **Do Fun things!**

Also, take your clients out and about during the day. You could be going to lunch, a movie, the mall, bowling or anything you think your client might enjoy. Anything that they would like to do, you can and should take them to do.

### **Change of Perspective.**

As a DSP, you will be touched by your clients. Hopefully it will begin to change your perspective of the world. Becoming a DSP will give you a sense of accomplishment and self-fulfillment that you will most likely not find in other jobs.

**CSCS's philosophy starts with an emphasis on advocating with and for people with mental illness and intellectual/developmental disabilities by providing the support, assistance, and encouragement they need to**

**live and work as independently as possible in their community.**

