

The National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (www.nasdsp.org)

[The National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals \(NADSP\)](#) is a national non-profit whose mission is to elevate the status of direct support professionals by improving practice standards; promoting system reform; and advancing the knowledge, skills and values of direct support professionals. The vision of the NADSP is a world with a highly qualified and professional direct support workforce that partners with, supports and empowers people with disabilities to lead a life of their choosing.

The NADSP values the full participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life through the provision of person-centered supports. The NADSP believes that high quality support requires all professionals to follow the individual path suggested by the unique gifts, preferences, and needs of each person they support, and to walk in partnership with the person, and those who love him or her, toward a life of opportunity, well-being, freedom, and contribution.

The NADSP encourages direct support professionals to improve supports provided to people with disabilities through adherence to the [NADSP Code of Ethics](#) and development of skills outlined in the [NADSP Core Competency Areas](#). The NADSP has launched the [NADSP e-Badge Academy](#), which offers direct support professionals the ability to earn electronic badges as a way to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and values on the job. These electronic badges recognize and celebrate the professional development that might otherwise go unacknowledged.

Additionally, the NADSP offers the [NADSP Accredited Education Curricula](#) which includes offerings such as:

- [Informed Decision-Making Curriculum](#)
- [Frontline Supervisor Curriculum](#)
- [Career Ladders Training](#)
- [Culture of Competency Training](#)
- [And more!](#)