

Who is a Direct Care Worker?

Direct Care Work (DCW) is one of the most in-demand and essential jobs in the U.S., but few people know what DCW is or who DCWs are.

DCWs provide a **range of care** to members, or people who need assistance **with daily living tasks** due to physical, mental, medical, or other conditions.



DCWs work in people's homes, the community, and medical settings.

People may voluntarily provide direct care support to their family and loved ones.

Taking care of an older parent, running errands for a neighbor in need, or helping a friend organize their medication are all examples of commonly unpaid DCW.

DCWs, providing support that improves lives.

Learn more about DCW, its impacts, and how to become one. Visit HCPF.Colorado.gov/Direct-Care-Spotlight

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1. Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. Division of Labor Standards and Statistics. Healthcare. Direct Care. Accessed September 2023. <https://cdle.colorado.gov/dlss-home-page/healthcare/direct-care>



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