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I have been in the field for two years. I am a previous teacher, and love working with the DD clients. I have very close relationships with them. I have run two different work sites, and We are terribly short staffed, and if anyone takes off for illness there is no coverage.

We are only here because we care so much about the individuals. We care about our families too though, and there is no way we can support ourselves on the small wages offered in this system. I have worked for 3 different companies, and wages are the same. You cant expect staff to stay when 16 yr olds at Burger King are making 3 dollars more an hour. I have to work a second job just to try to make it. Wages are not reflective of the work and responsibility we do in the system.