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## Wayne ARC Applauds Staff During National Direct Support Professionals Week September 11-17, 2016

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“Wayne ARC Direct Support Professionals, or DSPs, help individuals and families to turn abilities and barriers into opportunities every day,” said David Calhoun, Wayne ARC’s Executive Director. Wayne ARC employs 264 DSPs who provide daily services for over 1400 individuals and their families throughout Wayne County.

“National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week is a time to demonstrate our gratitude for the dedicated individuals who work at Wayne ARC,” Calhoun said. “These staff work amazingly hard, and they care very much for the people they support.”

Wayne ARC staff will have several activities to assure the DSPs feel recognized during this celebration week. The week will be full of acknowledgement in the form of food, fun and giveaways.

DSPs are the people who work as direct care workers, in-home support workers, personal assistants and attendants to ensure that people with disabilities are able to live independently in communities of their choosing. They not only attend to daily living needs but also assume the roles of advocate, encourager and friend. With an industry staff shortage, Wayne ARC is routinely looking for good, hardworking individuals to work as DSPs.

Wayne ARC is a private, not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization serving over 1600 people of all ages with and without developmental and intellectual disabilities throughout Wayne County. Wayne ARC is also a premier employer locally with over 550 employees. For more information regarding Wayne ARC please contact us at 315-331-7741, visit us on the web at [www.waynearc.org](http://www.waynearc.org) or connect with us on facebook. #BFair2DirectCare

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