

**LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY**  
**House Bill 914**  
***Support our Direct Care Workforce***  
**Wednesday June 9, 2021**

A coalition of organizations across Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, Aging and Mental Health providing residential, home and community-based health services, will be rallying at the General Assembly in support of increased wages for direct support workers.

[HB 914 Support Our Direct Care Workforce](#) would increase the hourly wages of direct support staff across a variety of Medicaid services including Innovations and other home and community-based waivers, personal care services, ICFs, home health, nursing homes and other behavioral health community and residential facilities. This increased rate is intended to make sure that people who qualify for services have the direct support workforce they need. Increased rates mean providers can pay competitive wages, retain experienced Direct Support Workers, and people who need support can receive the help they need.

**WE NEED YOUR VOICE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!**

Reach out to the [legislators that represent you](#) but please also contact the key legislators who make the budget decisions listed below:

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## **Rally in Person:**

**Come to the General Assembly and talk with legislators in person to advocate for waivers and increased Direct Support Worker wages. Use the talking point sheet to guide you.**

1. Call your legislators' offices and ask for an appointment on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>
2. Can't get an appointment? Come to the NCGA, pick up the talking points in the 1300 quadrant of the Legislative Building on 16 West Jones Street (we will have a rep in a rally t-shirt stationed in that quadrant at a table with copies and can help you with directions), and drop them off at your legislators' offices. You may be able to catch them for a chat if they are in their office.
3. Attend a press conference on the bill Wed, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 at the press room located in the Legislative Building on 16 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC.

For parking information go to the [General Assembly Visitor Info](#). Note that there are security checkpoints at building entrances: please be prepared to have belongings scanned/checked and to wait as people go through metal detector scans.

## **Rally From Home:**

**If you cannot come to Raleigh in person, make your voice heard in other ways! Use your talking point sheet to guide you.**

1. Email or Call your NCGA members! BE BRIEF, BE RESPECTFUL.
  - Introduce yourself and how you are connected to this issue.
  - Tell them your story of how the low DSW wages are affecting you.
  - Tell them about the importance of high-quality, consistent, caring staff.
2. Record a short video talking about the impact of low DSW wages and post the video on your social media accounts and tag your NCGA elected officials.
3. Tweet your NCGA elected officials with the hashtags #invisibleheros.  
Some suggested tweets:
  - "Direct Support Workers need competitive wages."
  - "Support NCGA House Bill 914 #invisibleheros"
  - Or come up with your own!