

Press Release
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DSPAM (Direct Support Professional Association of Minnesota) is commemorating **National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week** by sponsoring **Making Changes Together**. The event will be held on **September 13, 2009** from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the great room at the **Columbia Golf Manor** located at 3300 Central Avenue N.E., Minneapolis (approximately 2 miles south of 694 and Central Avenue). **National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week** is to recognize and celebrate the essential support direct support professionals; direct care workers, personal care assistants, personal attendants, in-home support workers, and paraprofessionals who provide quality support to individuals with disabilities. This year's kick-off event, **Making Changes Together**, will include an award ceremony, free picnic food and beverages, free hair cuts, manicures, and make-overs by **Spa Blu** from St. Louis Park, door prizes, games for the kids, and entertainment. The event also serves as the annual membership drive with a special one day fee of only \$10.00 to not only become a member of DSPAM but also NADSP (National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals) and DCA (Direct Care Alliance). Direct support professionals, human service providers, advocates, persons with disabilities, and family members are all welcome to attend. What better way to recognize and value direct support professionals throughout the state of Minnesota? For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help at the event or make a donation, please contact Muhannah S. Kakish at (651) 755-1513, mskeyesltd@yahoo.com or Colleen Timbers at (651) 789-6230, colleent@merrickinc.org.