## Maryland COVID-19 Crisis Support Program: Free Mental Health for Direct Support Professionals and other Frontline Workers

The Maryland COVID-19 Crisis Support Program is a new program that provides free, confidential mental health support to employees of Maryland's long-term health care facilities and congregate living settings impacted by the coronavirus.

Direct Support Professionals have been on the front-lines during this pandemic, serving as Healthcare Heroes. Their dedication to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families cannot be matched. **Thank you for your work during this challenging time.** 

We encourage you to take care of yourself. Free mental health services include:

- Individual counseling support for employees
- Self-care and stress management education via health and wellness webinars
- Management consultation focused on building employee morale and sustaining longterm wellbeing
- Group support for specific workgroups/teams/shifts
- Group critical incident debriefings focused on specific traumatic events
- Bereavement coaching
- Facilitated wellness and stress management discussions open to all employees

Services will be provided virtually by licensed mental health clinicians provided by the Workplace Trauma Center (WTC). MIEMSS staff are available to visit the site to facilitate virtual services, including technical support if needed.

## **Get Help Now**

To receive mental health services for yourself or your organization visit: <u>bit.ly/marylandcovidsupport</u>

If you have an urgent request please contact MIEMSS at 1-800-648-3001. For general inquiries email <u>miemss.crisisresponse@maryland.gov.</u>

Please note: To be eligible for this service you must work for a Maryland long-term care facility, congregate living setting, or any other agency eligible through the State of Maryland.

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