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Join us as we advocate for better pay for all of our direct care professionals!

#bFair2DirectCare



Direct Care Professionals provide critical services and deserve fair pay!

Racker Centers has joined other non-profit agencies around the state for #bFair2DirectCare, a state-wide initiative addressing the staffing crisis in programs for people with disabilities. We need to send a message to Albany and Governor Cuomo.

After eight years without a significant adjustment in wages, it's time for New York State to recognize the skills and knowledge of the staff that support people with disabilities. They deserve a wages that reflects the complexity of their work. We need the Governor to increase funding so we can increase salaries!

How can you help?

* **Call Governor Cuomo - (518) 474 -1041 and press 3 to speak to an assistant.**

Say: "

Governor Cuomo it's time to recognize the skills and knowledge of the staff that support people with disabilities with better wages! There is a staffing crisis as non-profit agencies struggle to staff programs. New York has promised to make these programs available. Be fair to direct care and put stabilization funding in your budget so programs for people with disabilities aren't in jeopardy!"

* **Send one of our printed, postage paid, postcards!**

Stop by any of the below Racker sites and pick up stamped postcards to send to Albany! The postcard addresses Governor Cuomo and the importance of raising wages. All you need to do is sign your name, list your return address and we'll pop in the mail for you. You can even take some to distribute to your friends and family!

o Administration: 3226 Wilkins Rd. Ithaca NY - Main Entrance Reception desk

o Cortland Preschool: 882 Rt. 13 Cortland NY - Main Entrance Reception Desk

o Washington-Gladden Bldg: 1277 Taylor Rd., Owego - Racker Centers East Wing

* **Write your own letter to Governor Cuomo tell him that New York State must stand by the workers that provide direct care to New York's most vulnerable citizens.**

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo Governor of New York State NYS
State Capitol Building Albany, NY 12224

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!