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## DSP Spotlight

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## **Edward Eason**







What do you like to do in your free time? When I'm not at work I like to read, spend time with my family, watch a movie, or cook.

How long have you worked as a Direct Support Professional? I've been a DSP for about 6 years now.

**How did you start in the field?** I picked this field while I was at a crossroad in my life. I didn't know what I wanted to do. I was talking to a friend about it and she suggested that I pick something that I like to do. I thought to myself I love helping people. I tend help others before I help myself so why not make a career out of it.

Has there ever been anyone that has stood out to you as a mentor in this field? I don't really just have one mentor, I have many. I pay attention to all DSP workers, how they interact with consumers, and how they continue to do an awesome job.

What is your favorite thing to do with the people you serve? My favorite thing to do with the individuals I serve are to take them to do their favorite activity. To see the smile and enjoyment on their face is enough fulfillment for a lifetime.

## What is your favorite part of being a Direct Support Professional?

My favorite part of being a DSP is making a positive difference in the lives of the people I serve.

What Makes Edward a Great DSP? Ed has been with CSS for over 3 years. He is the House Manager for 2 of our homes. He has grown as not only a person, but a person whom the individuals rely on. He has taught them to be independent, confident and is an ear when they need to talk. He is an amazing advocate for those who cannot verbalize their wants and needs. He is reliable when you need him. He teaches individuals how to communicate to others when they are in the community. Ed is compassionate and caring for individuals, when he thinks he's teaching them they are teaching him. He goes over and above for his individuals.

Thank you for your outstanding contributions to helping people with developmental disabilities and their families in Medina County. Thank you for sharing your dedication and commitment to making a difference in the lives of others every single day.



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