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Left photo: Liberty ARC Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) enjoyed a BBQ luncheon and t-shirt giveaway as part of the agency's week-long celebration. **Right photo:** Pictured is Liberty ARC CEO Jennifer Saunders with a Direct Support Professional at the agency's coffee bar, which was one of the special ways DSPs where celebrated during a week of national recognition.

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Liberty ARC celebrates direct support professional staff

Liberty ARC recently wrapped up a week-long celebration of their direct support workforce during National Direct Support Professional (DSP) Recognition Week,

Liberty ARC thanked direct support staff for their unwavering commitment to providing top-quality supports and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the designated week. DSPs provide support 24 hours a day, seven days a week in residential homes, as well as in the agency's days support programs and community settings working with people of different ages and abilities. Their selfless roles include providing physical assistance, helping people fulfill their goals in life, and finding ways to engage the people they support within their community.

Camping was this year's theme of Liberty ARC's celebration with the slogan, "Supporting Lives, Positive Vibes, and Happy Times." Liberty ARC thanked their DSPs in special ways across Montgomery and Schenectady Counties for the top-quality support they provide with a week full of activities, including a coffee bar, a cookout, apple cider and donuts, a t-shirt giveaway, a scavenger hunt, and several raffles.

ABOUT LIBERTY ARC

Liberty ARC, a chapter of The Arc New York, is a not-for-profit agency that provides top-quality supports and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Montgomery and Schenectady Counties. We are proud of our six decades of bringing these innovative and valuable programs to those most vulnerable in our community. While staying committed to our framework the agency has grown our employment, residential, day supports, family support and health-related programming throughout the years. Our mission- Together we support people with disabilities to achieve a quality of life each person values — together with our Values make up the foundation on which our culture is framed. We are extremely proud to be a pioneering agency, which coupled with a dynamic workforce and our person-centered mission makes Liberty ARC a standout in our field.

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During National Direct Support Professional (DSP) Recognition Week, Liberty ARC celebrated its Awake Night staff with apple cider and donuts.