



Direct Care and Support Professional

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**COLLECTIVE VOICES:
MAINE'S FIRST-EVER
DIRECT CARE AND
SUPPORT
PROFESSIONAL
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MAINE'S INITIATIVE THAT
CONNECTS DIRECT CARE AND
DIRECT SUPPORT
PROFESSIONALS TO ADVOCATE
FOR POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE
CHANGES TO RECRUIT AND
RETAIN DIRECT CARE WORKERS
NEEDED TO MEET DEMAND FOR
QUALITY CARE!

Emily Curry

*Certified Residential Medication Aide (CRMA)
Direct Support Professional (DSP)
Personal Support Specialist (PSS)*



“I am hoping this council will be able to bring awareness to what an amazing and satisfying field healthcare can be, and get more people excited to do this important work. During this journey, I am hoping to gain leadership skills, and have our voices heard about the positive aspects of this work as well as bringing light to the challenges we face.”

Emily Skyers

Certified Residential Medication Aide (CRMA)



“I love what I do because I help to put a smile on someone’s face each day”



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