

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

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During the recent Summit, hosted by Iowa Department of Public Health, it immediately became apparent that I was surrounded by brilliant minds and individuals who were seeking validation for their concerns around Health Care Workers in the State of Iowa and as importantly, making this group of people be pivotal in the Workforce opportunities.

I had the privilege to present my personal experiences with Caregivers for my Mom (and Dad) over the past three years. It is obvious to me that the needs, for everyone, are great and growing. There is importance to be stressed that Home Care Aides or Direct Care Workers are important to older Iowans (and their families) which is my perspective. The State of Iowa has a successful history in caring for Older Iowans which needs to continue by placing a priority on ensuring we have Educated, Skilled, Compensated and Prepared Direct Care Workers.

