

# Faces at Home



Homecare workers are vital to thousands of seniors and people with disabilities across Pennsylvania who choose to live at home. These workers say they love their jobs, but struggle to make ends meet earning, on average, \$11 per hour. A Medicaid rate increase for homecare would allow agencies to offer competitive wages and attract more people to a career in caregiving.

## Meet Evelyn Holmes



Evelyn Holmes works as a homecare aide. But she also experiences the other side of this industry. Her daughter, Shawna, who was diagnosed with microencephaly when she was just a month old, receives services at home.

"It was the people who came into our home who brought us hope," she says, adding that they inspired her to work as a caregiver herself.

Evelyn, who lives in Columbia County, says she is passionate about her job, especially when she sees her clients be able to go out in their communities and stay independent. She believes more people need to understand all that homecare workers do.

They are being asked to work with people who sometimes have complex medical needs. Evelyn says "you can't get quality people who are invested unless you pay for it."

## TAKE ACTION!

Support a Medicaid rate increase in the 2019-20 state budget to support caregivers like Evelyn!