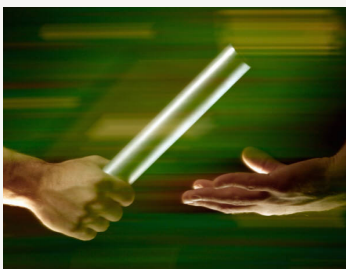


# DAKOTA COUNTY CTIC COMMUNITY TRANSITION INTERAGENCY

## Transition Resource Directory

This resource directory was compiled to help individuals, and their families prepare for Transition, from after high school to adult life. The transition planning process can be overwhelming with either too many resources to choose from or not enough support services due to eligibility etc. Often many of the agencies or service providers are not available until later in the high school years, but take note that these services may have a waiting lists, therefore; individuals may end up waiting for a service to become available.

Not all agencies or service providers listed in this resource directory will be applicable to every individual's situation or circumstance. It is important to use this information to help explore potential agencies or service providers as an appropriate resource for transition planning. It is important to start the transition planning early to ensure an efficient and effective process into adult life after high school.



Coming together is a beginning.  
Keeping together is progress.  
Working together is success.

*~Henry Ford~*

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## ADVOCACY (State & Local)

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| <p><b><u>Advocate for the Blind</u></b><br/>           Phone: 612-377-1788</p>  | <p>Free legal service for legally blind Minnesotans whose legal issues involves blindness.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Arc Greater Twin Cities</u></b><br/>           2446 University Ave W Ste 110<br/>           Saint Paul, MN 55114<br/>           952-920-0855<br/> <a href="http://www.arcgreatertwincities.org">www.arcgreatertwincities.org</a></p>   | <p>Advocacy, Resources, Community - For individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)</u></b><br/>           Minnesota<br/> <a href="http://www.mncec.org">http://www.mncec.org</a></p>   | <p>The mission of the Minnesota Council for Exceptional Children is to improve the practices and resources of persons working on behalf of individuals with exceptionality in the State of Minnesota.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Family Service, Inc.</u></b><br/>           166 4th St. E #200<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55101-1464<br/>           Phone: 651-222-0311 800-488-4395<br/>           V/TTY: 651-222-0175<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:kebrown@familyinc.org">kebrown@familyinc.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.familyinc.org">http://www.familyinc.org</a></p>   | <p>For over one hundred years, Children's Home Society &amp; Family Services (CHSFS) has been committed to representing the needs and interest of Minnesota children and families. Social and legislative advocacy arises from this commitment, and is manifest in program delivery and professional activity of advocates throughout the agency.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Metropolitan Center for Independent Living</u></b><br/>           1600 University Ave. W #16, St.<br/>           Paul, MN 55104-3834<br/>           Phone: 651-646-8342<br/>           Fax: 651-603-2006<br/>           V/TTY: 651-603-2001<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:mcil@mcil-mn.org">mcil@mcil-mn.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.macil.org">http://www.macil.org</a></p>                    | <p>The Minnesota Association of Centers for Independent Living (MACIL) is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to advocate for the independent living needs of people with disabilities who are citizens of the State of Minnesota, to develop new resources, identify and provide access to existing resources which provide the services needed by persons with disabilities so that they may live independently in the situation and community of their choice.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Minnesota Disability Law Center</u></b><br/>           430 First Ave. N Suite 300<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55401<br/>           Phone: 612-332-1441 800-292-4150<br/>           Fax: 612-334-5755<br/>           TTY: 612-332-4668<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:phoopes@midmnlegal.org">phoopes@midmnlegal.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.midmnlegal.org">http://www.midmnlegal.org</a></p> | <p>The Minnesota Disability Law Center (MDLC) addresses the unique legal needs of persons with disabilities. A statewide project, MDLC provides free civil legal assistance to individuals with disabilities on legal issues that are related to their disabilities.</p>   |

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| <p><b><u>PACER Center, Inc. (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights)</u></b><br/>       8161 Normandale Blvd.<br/>       Minneapolis, MN 55437-1098<br/>       Phone: 952-838-9000 800-537-2237<br/>       Fax: 952-838-0199<br/>       TTY: 952-838-0190<br/>       E-mail: <a href="mailto:pacer@pacer.org">pacer@pacer.org</a><br/>       Website: <a href="http://www.pacer.org">http://www.pacer.org</a></p>  | <p>With assistance to individual families, workshops, materials for parents and professionals, and leadership in securing a free and appropriate public education for all children, PACER's work affects and encourages families in Minnesota and across the nation.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>People First</u></b><br/>       2446 University Ave W Ste 110<br/>       Saint Paul, MN 55114<br/>       952-920-0855<br/>       Website: <a href="http://www.peoplefirstmn.org/">www.peoplefirstmn.org/</a></p>  | <p>People First is an ARC sponsored organization. This is a self-advocacy group. The program alternates locations between West St. Paul and Apple Valley. Some 20 to 25 participants usually attend any given meeting. Members decide when and what is to happen at each meeting. In addition to regular group discussions there are often field trips to Twins games, picnics or plays in the community. Busses have been used for this purpose, the costs shared by all. Ages Served: 18 and older</p> |
| <p><b><u>Reach for Resources</u></b><br/>       1001 State Hwy 7 #217<br/>       Hopkins, MN 55305-4723<br/>       Phone: 952-988-4177<br/>       Fax: 952-988-4020<br/>       E-mail: <a href="mailto:mp.whcs@juno.com">mp.whcs@juno.com</a><br/>       Website: <a href="http://www.reachforresources.org">http://www.reachforresources.org</a></p>  | <p>A non-profit organization that offers specialized services to meet the needs of youth and adults with a variety of cognitive and developmental disabilities, and provides support to their families.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Twin Cities Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)</u></b><br/>       Twin Cities CHADD<br/>       Phone: 952-922-5761<br/>       Website: <a href="http://www.chadd.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Chapter_Search_Display1&amp;state=mn">http://www.chadd.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Chapter_Search_Display1&amp;state=mn</a><br/>       8181 Professional Place - Suite 150<br/>       Landover, MD 20785<br/>       Business: 301-306-7070<br/>       Fax: 301-306-7090<br/>       E-mail: <a href="mailto:webmaster@chadd.org">webmaster@chadd.org</a><br/>       Website: <a href="http://www.chadd.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=About_CHADD">http://www.chadd.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=About_CHADD</a></p> | <p>CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) is the nation's leading non-profit organization serving individuals with AD/HD and their families. CHADD has over 16,000 members in 200 local chapters throughout the U.S. Chapters offer support for individuals, parents, teachers, professionals, and others.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>United Cerebral Palsy of Minnesota, Inc.</u></b><br/>       1821 University Ave. #219S<br/>       St. Paul, MN 55104-2892<br/>       Phone: 651-646-7588 800-328-4827 ext. 1437<br/>       Fax: 651-646-3045<br/>       E-mail: <a href="mailto:ucpmn@cpinternet.com">ucpmn@cpinternet.com</a><br/>       Website: <a href="http://www.ucp.org/ucp_local.cfm/90">http://www.ucp.org/ucp_local.cfm/90</a></p>  | <p>A leading source of information on cerebral palsy and is a pivotal advocate for the rights of persons with any disability. As one of the largest health charities in America, the UCP mission is to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities through an affiliate network.</p>   |

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| <p><b><u>Arc of the U.S.</u></b><br/>           The Arc of the United States<br/>           1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 650<br/>           Silver Spring, MD 20910<br/>           301-565-3842 / 800-433-5255<br/>           Fax: 301-565-3843 / 301-565-5342<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@thearc.org">info@thearc.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.thearc.org">http://www.thearc.org</a></p>  | <p>The Arc's vision is that every individual and family affected by intellectual disability in the United States has access to the information, advocacy, and skills they need to participate as active citizens of our democracy and active members of their community. We work to ensure that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families have the supports they need to live an ordinary, decent American life.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH)</u></b><br/>           1025 Vermont Ave., Floor 7<br/>           Washington, DC 20005<br/>           202-263-5600 Fax: 202-637-0138<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@tash.org">info@tash.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.tash.org">http://www.tash.org</a></p>   | <p>TASH is an international membership association leading the way to inclusive communities through research, education, and advocacy. TASH members are people with disabilities, family members, fellow citizens, advocates, and professionals working together to create change and build capacity so that all people, no matter their perceived level of disability, are included in all aspects of society.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law</u></b><br/>           1101 15th Street, NW<br/>           Suite 1212<br/>           Washington, DC 20005<br/>           202-467-5730 TDD: 202-467-4232<br/>           Fax: 202-223-0409<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:leec@bazelon.org">leec@bazelon.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.bazelon.org">http://www.bazelon.org</a></p>  | <p>Our advocacy is based on the principle that every individual is entitled to choice and dignity. For many people with mental disabilities, this means something as basic as having a decent place to live, supportive services and equality of opportunity.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Center for Law and Education</u></b><br/>           1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 510<br/>           Washington, DC 20009<br/>           Voice: 202-986-3000, Fax: 202-986-6648<br/>           37 Temple Place, suite 303<br/>           Boston, MA 02111<br/>           Voice: 617-451-0855, Fax: 617-451-0857<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:cle@cleweb.org">cle@cleweb.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.cleweb.org">http://www.cleweb.org</a></p>  | <p>The Center for Law and Education (CLE) strives to make the right of all students to quality education a reality throughout the nation and to help enable communities to address their own public education problems effectively, with an emphasis on assistance to low-income students and communities. For more than a quarter of a century, the Center for Law and Education has worked to bring about school- and district-wide change across the country in order to improve educational outcomes, particularly for low-income students</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)</u></b><br/>           8181 Professional Place - Suite 150<br/>           Landover, MD 20785<br/>           301-306-7070 Fax: 301-306-7090<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:webmaster@chadd.org">webmaster@chadd.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.chadd.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=About_CHADD">http://www.chadd.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=About_CHADD</a><br/>           Twin Cities CHADD<br/>           952-922-5761<br/>           Website:<br/> <a href="http://www.chaddonline.org/chapters/chadd172.html">http://www.chaddonline.org/chapters/chadd172.html</a></p> | <p>Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD), is a national non-profit, tax-exempt organization providing education, advocacy and support for individuals with AD/HD. In addition to our informative Web site, CHADD also publishes a variety of printed materials to keep members and professionals current on research advances, medications and treatments affecting individuals with AD/HD. These materials include Attention! magazine, the CHADD Information and Resource Guide to AD/HD, News From CHADD, a free electronically mailed current events newsletter, as well as other publications of specific interest to educators, professionals and parents.</p> |

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| <p><b><u>Children's Defense Fund</u></b><br/>           25 E Street N.W.<br/>           Washington, DC 20001<br/>           202-628-8787 800-233-1200<br/>           Fax: 202-662-3510<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:cdfinfo@childrensdefense.org">cdfinfo@childrensdefense.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.childrensdefense.org">http://www.childrensdefense.org</a></p>   | <p>CDF provides a strong, effective voice for all the children of America who cannot vote, lobby, or speak for themselves. We pay particular attention to the needs of poor and minority children and those with disabilities.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities</u></b><br/>           The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities<br/>           1660 L Street, NW, Ste. 700<br/>           Washington, DC 20036<br/>           202-783-2229 n Fax: 202-783-8250<br/>           Email: <a href="mailto:Info@c-c-d.org">Info@c-c-d.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.c-c-d.org">http://www.c-c-d.org</a></p>  | <p>The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities is a coalition of approximately 100 national disability organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the self determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)</u></b><br/>           1110 North Glebe Road, Suite 300,<br/>           Arlington, VA 22201<br/>           703-620-3660 Fax: 703-264-9494<br/>           TTY: 866-915-5000<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:service@cec.sped.org">service@cec.sped.org</a><br/>           Internet: <a href="http://www.cec.sped.org">www.cec.sped.org</a><br/>           Minnesota<br/> <a href="http://www.mncec.org">http://www.mncec.org</a></p> | <p>The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted. CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides continual professional development, advocates for newly and historically underserved individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)</u></b><br/>           Disability Rights Education &amp; Defense Fund<br/>           2212 Sixth Street<br/>           Berkeley, CA 94710<br/>           800-348-4232 (V/TTY) 510-644.2555 (V/TTY)<br/>           Fax: 510-841-8645<br/>           E-mail <a href="mailto:info@dredf.org">info@dredf.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.dredf.org">http://www.dredf.org</a></p>                              | <p>We represent clients in state and federal court, serve as co-counsel, and file <i>amicus curiae</i> briefs in appellate courts and the U.S. Supreme Court in high impact and law reform disability rights cases. We design and carry out strategies that strengthen public policy and that lead to the enactment of federal and state laws protecting and advancing civil rights for people with disabilities.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Families and Advocates Partnership for Education (FAPE)</u></b><br/> <i>PACER Center</i><br/>           8161 Normandale Boulevard<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55437-1044<br/>           952-838-9000 TTY: 952-838-0190<br/>           Fax: 952-838-0199<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:fape@fape.org">fape@fape.org</a><br/>           Web site: <a href="http://www.fape.org">www.fape.org</a></p>  | <p>The Families and Advocates Partnership for Education (FAPE) project is a partnership that aims to improve the educational outcomes for children with disabilities. It links families, advocates, and self-advocates to information about the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The project is designed to address the information needs of the 6 million families throughout the Country whose children with disabilities receive special education services.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health</u></b><br/>           9605 Medical Center Drive,<br/>           Suite 280<br/>           Rockville, MD 20850<br/>           703-684-7710 Fax: 703-836-1040<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:ffcmh@ffcmh.org">ffcmh@ffcmh.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.ffcmh.org">http://www.ffcmh.org</a></p>   | <p>The National family-run organization dedicated exclusively to helping children with mental health needs and their families achieve a better quality of life. We: Provide leadership to develop and sustain a nationwide network of family-run organizations. Focus the passion and cultural diversity of our membership to be a potent force for changing how systems respond to children with mental health needs and their families</p>   |



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| <p><b><u>Great Lakes ADA Center</u></b><br/>           University of Illinois at Chicago<br/>           Institute on Disability &amp; Human Development<br/>           (MC 728)<br/>           1640 West Roosevelt Road, Room 405<br/>           Chicago, IL 60608<br/>           312-413-1407 (V/TTY) 800-949-4232 (V/TTY)<br/>           Fax: 312-413-1856<br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.adagreatlakes.org/">http://www.adagreatlakes.org/</a></p> | <p>The DBTAC: Great Lakes ADA Center provides information, materials, technical assistance and training on the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Topics addressed includes the non-discrimination requirements in employment, the obligations of state and local governments and business to ensure that programs, services and activities are readily accessible to and useable by people with disabilities. This includes access to the information technology used by these entities including but not limited to web-sites, software, kiosks, etc.</p> |
| <p><b><u>International Dyslexia Association</u></b><br/>           40 York Rd., 4th Floor<br/>           Baltimore, MD 21204<br/>           410-296-0232 800-222-3123<br/>           Fax: 410-321-5069<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@interdys.org">info@interdys.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.interdys.org">http://www.interdys.org</a></p>   | <p>The purpose of IDA is to pursue and provide the most comprehensive range of information and services that address the full scope of dyslexia and related difficulties in learning to read and write. . . In a way that creates hope, possibility, and partnership. So that every individual has the opportunity to lead a productive and fulfilling life, and society benefits from the resource that is liberated.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>National Alliance for the Mentally Ill</u></b><br/>           2107 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300<br/>           Arlington, VA 22201-3042<br/>           703-524-7600 Fax: 703-524-9094<br/>           TDD: 703-516-7227<br/>           Help Line: 800-950-NAMI (6264)<br/>           Email: <a href="mailto:info@nami.org">info@nami.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.nami.org">http://www.nami.org</a></p>                                  | <p>NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons living with serious mental illness and their families. Founded in 1979, NAMI has become the nation's voice on mental illness, a national organization including NAMI organizations in every state and in over 1100 local communities across the country who join together to meet the NAMI mission through advocacy, research, support, and education.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc.</u></b><br/>           900 Second Street, NE, Suite 211<br/>           Washington, DC 20002<br/>           202-408-9514 Fax: 202-408-9520<br/>           TTY: 202-408-9521<br/>           Email: <a href="mailto:info@napas.org">info@napas.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.napas.org">http://www.napas.org</a></p>   | <p>The National Disability Rights Network serves a wide range of individuals with disabilities including, but not limited to, those with cognitive, mental, sensory, and physical disabilities by guarding against abuse; advocating for basic rights; and ensuring accountability in health care, education, employment, housing, transportation, and within the juvenile and criminal justice systems.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>National Council on Disability</u></b><br/>           1331 F St. NW Suite 850<br/>           Washington, DC 20004<br/>           202-272-2004 Fax: 202-272-2022<br/>           TTY: 202-272-2074<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:ncd@ncd.gov">ncd@ncd.gov</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.ncd.gov">http://www.ncd.gov</a></p>  | <p>The overall purpose of the agency is to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all people with disabilities, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability, and to empower them to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.</p>  |

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| <p><b><u>Office for Civil Rights-National Office, U.S. Department of Education</u></b><br/>           U.S. Department of Education<br/>           400 Maryland Avenue, SW<br/>           Washington, DC 20202<br/>           Phone: 1-800-872-5327<br/>           Spanish speakers available (se habla español)<br/>           Fax: 202-401-0689 TTY: 1-800-437-0833<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:ocr@ed.gov">ocr@ed.gov</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/ocr">http://www.ed.gov/ocr</a></p> | <p>We serve student populations facing discrimination and the advocates and institutions promoting systemic solutions to civil rights problems. An important responsibility is resolving complaints of discrimination. Agency-initiated cases, typically called compliance reviews, permit OCR to target resources on compliance problems that appear particularly acute. OCR also provides technical assistance to help institutions achieve voluntary compliance with the civil rights laws that OCR enforces. An important part of OCR's technical assistance is partnerships designed to develop creative approaches to preventing and addressing discrimination.</p> |
| <p><b><u>PACER Center, Inc. (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights)</u></b><br/>           8161 Normandale Blvd.<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55437-1098<br/>           952-838-9000 800-537-2237<br/>           Fax: 952-838-0199 TTY: 952-838-0190<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:pacer@pacer.org">pacer@pacer.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.pacer.org">http://www.pacer.org</a></p>  | <p>The mission of PACER Center is to expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Self-Help for Hard of Hearing (S.H.H.H.)</u></b><br/>           7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200<br/>           Bethesda, MD 20814<br/>           301-657-2248 (V/TTY) Fax: 301-913-9413<br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.shhh.org/">http://www.shhh.org/</a></p>  | <p>The Hearing Loss Association of America is the nation's largest organization for people with hearing loss. The Hearing Loss Association of America exists to open the world of communication for people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy and support.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Speaking for Ourselves</u></b><br/>           P.O. Box 1214<br/>           North Wales, PA 19454<br/>           610-825-4592 Fax: 610-825-4595<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@speaking.org">info@speaking.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.speaking.org">http://www.speaking.org</a></p>  | <p><b>Our Purpose</b> is to help our members run their organizations, develop leadership skills through real-life experiences, learn to work together collectively to address their own issues, and increase their own self-sufficiency and independence.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Spina Bifida Association of America</u></b><br/>           4590 MacArthur Boulevard, NW<br/>           Washington , DC 20007<br/>           202-944-3285 Toll Free: 800-621-3141<br/>           Fax: 202-944-3295<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:sbaa@sbaa.org">sbaa@sbaa.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.sbaa.org">http://www.sbaa.org</a></p>   | <p>The National Resource Center on Spina Bifida (NRC) provides high quality, confidential information and referral services. Every year the NRC responds to as many as 10,000 questions about health care, education, employment, benefits, and more. The National Resource Center on Spina Bifida is the only clearinghouse of information exclusively dedicated to Spina Bifida.</p>  |

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| <p><b><u>Access Project</u></b><br/>         Independent School District 197<br/>         1897 Delaware Avenue<br/>         Mendota Heights, MN 55118<br/>         651-681-2389<br/> <a href="http://www.comed.isd197.org">www.comed.isd197.org</a></p>   | <p>Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion assistance for participation in any community education class.</li> <li>• Financial assistance for class fees and transportation.</li> <li>• Sign language interpreters/note takers.</li> <li>• Accessibility information.</li> <li>• Leisure and recreational activities in partnership with Special Olympics Minnesota.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b><u>Adaptive Recreation and Learning Exchange</u></b><br/>         1800 West Old Shakopee Road<br/>         Bloomington, MN 55431<br/>         952-563-8899 TTY: 952-563-8740<br/> <a href="http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us">http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us</a></p>   | <p>Adaptive Recreation &amp; Learning Exchange is a community-based resource for people with disabilities, serving Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina and Richfield. The Cities and school districts of Edina, Eden Prairie, Bloomington and Richfield work together to provide recreation and education for people with disabilities. This cooperative is known as the Adaptive Recreation &amp; Learning Exchange (AR&amp;LE).</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Burnsville-Eagan-Savage Community Education</u></b><br/>         Youth Enrichment/ ECFE, Tiny Tots,<br/>         Preschool/School Age Project K.I.D.S.<br/>         318 W. Burnsville Pkwy.<br/>         Burnsville, MN 55337<br/>         952-707-4150<br/> <a href="http://www.communityed191.org/insight/registry/classlist.asp?catID=250735">http://www.communityed191.org/insight/registry/classlist.asp?catID=250735</a></p> | <p>Persons with disabilities generally may register for any class or activity and bring a helper at no extra charge (Certain stipulations may apply). All our buildings are accessible. Written requests for interpreters must be made two weeks in advance. Disabled persons who need other special assistance or specific information about a particular activity should contact the Community Education office at 952.707.4110, or contact Project Explore directly, 952.431.8735 (or 952.431.8737 TTY).</p> |
| <p><b><u>Hastings Community Education</u></b><br/>         Westview Center<br/>         1355 So. Frontage Rd. Suite #150<br/>         Hastings, MN 55033<br/>         Phone 651-438-0880 Fax: 651-437-8081<br/> <a href="http://ce.hastings.k12.mn.us/Special_Services_Disabilities_Program.html">http://ce.hastings.k12.mn.us/Special_Services_Disabilities_Program.html</a></p>   | <p>Community Education Special Services actively seeks to improve the quality of life for learners with special needs by providing equitable and accessible lifelong learning opportunities.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>River Valley Project Explore</u></b><br/>         900 Garden View Drive<br/>         Apple Valley, MN 55124<br/>         952-431-8735 TTY: 952-431-8737<br/> <a href="http://www.district196.org/ce/projectexplore/">http://www.district196.org/ce/projectexplore/</a></p>   | <p>River Valley Project Explore is a program designed to serve adults with physical and developmental disabilities by encouraging inclusion in community activities and providing specialized educational, social and recreational opportunities.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>St Paul Community Education</u></b><br/>         Harding Senior High School<br/>         1540 E. Sixth St.<br/>         Saint Paul, MN 55106<br/>         651-293-8733 Fax: 651-293-6562<br/> <a href="http://www.commedprograms.spps.org/SPECIAL_NEEDS.html">http://www.commedprograms.spps.org/SPECIAL_NEEDS.html</a></p>  | <p>Provides specialized activities for adults with disabilities. Activities have a social and recreational focus.</p>   |



# COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

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| <p><b><u>Associated Clinic of Psychology</u></b><br/>                 Main Office<br/>                 Lake Pointe Corporate Center<br/>                 3100 West Lake Street, Suite 210<br/>                 Minneapolis, MN 55416<br/>                 612-925-6033 Fax: 612-925-8496<br/> <b>Apple Valley</b><br/>                 6950 West 146th Street, Suite 100<br/>                 Apple Valley MN 55124<br/>                 612-925-6033 Fax: 651-789-5615<br/> <b>St. Paul</b><br/>                 Bigelow Building<br/>                 450 North Syndicate Street Suite 385<br/>                 St. Paul MN 55104<br/>                 612-925-6033 Fax: 651-789-5615<br/> <b>West St. Paul</b><br/>                 1633 S. Roberts Street Suite A<br/>                 West St. Paul, MN 55118<br/>                 651-450-0860 Fax: 651-450-0759<br/> <a href="http://www.acp-mn.com/">www.acp-mn.com/</a></p> | <p>With a 27 year history the Associated Clinic of Psychology is known throughout Minnesota as a leader in preventing, diagnosing, and treating mental health issues. Our commitment to our clients is to provide a comprehensive suite of mental health services, a single source for all of your mental healthcare needs.</p> <p><b>With 85 clinicians, ACP provides:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual Psychotherapy</li> <li>• Marriage Counseling</li> <li>• Family Counseling</li> <li>• Group Counseling</li> <li>• Medication Management</li> <li>• Individual Counseling</li> <li>• Testing</li> <li>• Consulting</li> <li>• Workshops</li> <li>• Training</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b><u>Chicanos Latinos Unidos En Servicios (CLUES)</u></b><br/> <b>Minneapolis</b><br/>                 720 East Lake Street<br/>                 Minneapolis, MN 55407<br/>                 Phone: 612-746-3500 Fax: 612-871-1058<br/> <b>St. Paul</b><br/>                 797 East 7th Street<br/>                 St. Paul, MN 55106<br/>                 651-379-4200 Fax: 651-292-0347<br/> <b>Elder Wellness Office</b><br/>                 401 Concord Street<br/>                 St. Paul, MN 55107<br/>                 651-291-8174<br/> <a href="http://www.clues.org/">www.clues.org/</a></p>  | <p>CLUES is Minnesota’s premier provider of behavioral health and human services to the Latino community. A community builder and a catalyst for change, CLUES provides services that advance and enhance the quality of Latino’s lives in Minnesota. We provide a continuum of five core services: Mental Health, Chemical Health, Elder Wellness, Education and Employment and Elder Wellness to achieve the following:</p> <p>CLUES strengthens Latino families and individuals so that they are financially, mentally, and physically healthier. CLUES assists Latinos to increase their educational levels, improve their English language proficiency, and overcome other barriers to self-sufficiency. CLUES helps low-income Latinos to find and retain better jobs with benefits so that they are able support their families and become self-sufficient</p> |
| <p><b><u>Dakota County Crisis Response Unit</u></b><br/>                 Phone: 952-891-7171<br/> <a href="http://www.co.dakota.mn.us">www.co.dakota.mn.us</a></p>   | <p>24-hour phone line: <b>952-891-7171</b><br/>                 If a person is an immediate danger to self or others, call 911.<br/>                 The Dakota County Crisis Response Unit (CRU) provides 24-hour phone and face-to-face crisis intervention and consultation.<br/>                 CRU staff are able to hospitalize clients needing that level of care or utilize crisis beds available at a contracted residential treatment provider.</p>  |

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| <p><b><u>Dakota County Public Health</u></b><br/>           1 Mendota Rd W Ste 410<br/>           West St Paul MN 55118-4771<br/>           651-554-6100 Fax 651-554-6130<br/> <b>Western Service Center</b><br/>           14955 Galaxie Avenue<br/>           Apple Valley, MN 55124<br/>           952-891-7570<br/> <a href="http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Departments/PublicHealth/default.htm">www.co.dakota.mn.us/Departments/PublicHealth/default.htm</a></p> | <p>The Dakota County Public Health Department provides services to individuals, families and communities to <b>pre-vent</b> disease and disability and <b>promote</b> and <b>protect</b> the health of the residents of Dakota County. Our focus is to promote healthy families and communities; support disabled and elderly persons to live independently; and respond to emerging diseases and health threats. We partner with many organizations and community groups to address and resolve health issues and concerns.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Eagan Counseling Clinic</u></b><br/>           3450 O'Leary Lane<br/>           Eagan, MN 55123<br/>           651-454-0114 Fax: 651-454-3492<br/> <b>Lakeville Clinic</b><br/>           18586 Joplin Ave.<br/>           Lakeville, MN 55044<br/>           651-365-8222<br/> <a href="http://www.eagancounseling.com/about_clinic.htm">www.eagancounseling.com/about_clinic.htm</a></p>  | <p>The mission of Eagan Counseling - a division of MN Mental Health Clinics - is to be the leading provider of mental health services to clients in the Minneapolis and St. Paul metro area. By providing excellent, client centered service; Eagan Counseling promotes client stabilization and empowerment, community integration and helps clients achieve the highest level of functional capacity and personal growth.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Face to Face Health and Counseling Service</u></b><br/>           1165 Arcade Street<br/>           Saint Paul, MN 55106<br/>           651-772-5555 Fax 651-772-5566<br/> <a href="http://www.face2face.org/index.cfm">www.face2face.org/index.cfm</a></p>   | <p>To help youth overcome impediments Face to Face uses a holistic approach, serving the whole person. Face to Face staff are experts in dealing with youth and are committed to helping each young person who enters Face to Face move toward a healthy, mature, responsible and productive adulthood.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Hmong American Partnership</u></b><br/>           1075 Arcade Street<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55106<br/>           651-495-9160 Fax: 651-495-1699<br/> <a href="http://www.hmong.org/">www.hmong.org/</a></p>  | <p>Our mission is to help Hmong grow deep roots in America while preserving the strength of our culture. Services include Employment Assistance and Job Placement, Education and Training (ESL and computer classes), After School Enrichment, Mentoring and Youth Activities, Family Support, Counseling, and Elders Program.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Lao Family Community Of Minnesota</u></b><br/>           320 W. University Avenue<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55103<br/>           651-221-0069.<br/> <a href="http://www.laofamily.org/">www.laofamily.org/</a></p>  | <p>Responding to the unique needs of Hmong individuals and families, Lao Family's bilingual and bicultural programs strive to empower the Hmong to meet the many challenges of modern American life within a context that honors and preserves their traditions, values, and heritage.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Lupus Foundation of America</u></b><br/>           275 Market Street, Suite C19<br/>           Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55405<br/>           612 375-1131 Fax: 612 375-0102<br/>           2000 L Street, N.W., Suite 710<br/>           Washington, DC 20036<br/>           202-349-1155 Fax: 202-349-1156<br/> <a href="http://www.lupus.org">www.lupus.org</a></p>  | <p>Lupus is an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, heart, lungs, blood, kidneys and brain. Normally the body's immune system makes proteins called antibodies, to protect the body against viruses, bacteria, and other foreign materials. These foreign materials are called antigens.</p>  |

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| <b><u>The Minnesota Department of Human Services</u></b><br><a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us">www.dhs.state.mn.us</a>   | The Minnesota Department of Human Services helps people meet their basic needs by providing or administering health care coverage, economic assistance, and a variety of services for children, people with disabilities and older Minnesotans.   |
| <b><u>The Brain Injury Association of Minnesota</u></b><br>34 13th Avenue Northeast, Suite B001<br>Minneapolis, MN 55413-1005<br>612-378-2742 or 800-669-6442.<br><a href="http://www.braininjurymn.org/">http://www.braininjurymn.org/</a>  | Today it is still the only statewide nonprofit organization in Minnesota devoted solely to serving the needs of the estimated 100,000 Minnesotans (12,000 children and young adults) who live with disability due to brain injury, their families and the professionals who work with them.   |
| <b><u>Personal care assistance (PCA) program</u></b><br><a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_003867">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_003867</a>  | The personal care assistance program provides services to persons who need help with day-to-day activities to allow them be more independent in their own home. A PCA is an individual who is trained to help persons with some basic daily routines. A PCA may be able to help you if you have a physical, emotional or mental disability, a chronic illness or an injury.   |
| <b><u>Provider Care Provider Organizations (PCPO) – Statewide</u></b><br><a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_054350">www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_054350</a><br><b>Dakota County</b><br><a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/licensing/programlists/pdf/flwsdakota.pdf">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/licensing/programlists/pdf/flwsdakota.pdf</a> | The Minnesota Department of Human Services, in cooperation with counties, licenses approximately 26,400 service providers and monitors and investigates their compliance with Minnesota laws and rules. The purpose of licensing is to protect the health, safety and rights of those receiving services by requiring that providers meet minimum standards of care and physical environment.   |
| <b><u>Safe Haven</u></b><br>13780 McKenna Road NW<br>Shakopee, MN 55379<br>952-288-2688<br><a href="http://www.safehavenmn.org/">www.safehavenmn.org/</a>  | A residential group home in a suburban neighborhood in Scott County for Twin Cities area boys aged 10-18 who are in transition back into the community. We pride ourselves on being flexible to the needs of the community through focus groups and evaluation feedback from participants, regular contact with county and other nonprofit programs serving youth and creating programs and services in response to gaps in service. Partnerships play a central role in all of our programs. |
| <b><u>St. Mary's Health Clinics</u></b><br>1884 Randolph Avenue<br>St. Paul, MN 55105<br>651-690-7020 Fax: 651-690-7075<br><a href="http://www.stmaryshealthclinics.org/">http://www.stmaryshealthclinics.org/</a>   | For a decade and a half St. Mary's Health Clinics has provided free primary health care to the uninsured in the seven county metropolitan area of St. Paul, Minneapolis and their surrounding suburbs. In that time over 66,000 visits have been recorded at the St. Mary's Health Clinics.   |
| <b><u>Westside Dental</u></b><br>478 South Robert Street<br>Saint Paul, MN 55107<br>651-602-7575 Fax: 651-602-7518<br><a href="http://www.westsidechs.org/programs.php?clinic=6">www.westsidechs.org/programs.php?clinic=6</a>   | Most insurance plans are accepted including Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare, Health Partners, and Delta Dental. Sliding Fee Scale is a discount program available to assist those with no health insurance or high insurance deductibles. Sliding fees are based on your family size and income.  |

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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| <p><b>ArcShops</b><br/>           Arc Greater Twin Cities<br/>           2446 University Ave. W., Suite 110<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55114-1740<br/>           952-920-0855 Fax: 952-920-1480<br/>           www.arcgreatertwincities.org<br/> <a href="mailto:info@arcgreatertwincities.org">info@arcgreatertwincities.org</a></p>   | <p>Workshops and forums on guardianship, employment, housing, community inclusion, direct support workforce issues, making the transition to adulthood, aging concerns and more!</p>  |
| <p><b>Boy Scouts of America</b><br/> <b>Hulings Scout Service Center</b><br/>           393 Marshall Avenue<br/>           Saint Paul, MN 55102<br/> <b>Gabbert Scout Service Center</b><br/>           5300 Glenwood Avenue<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55422<br/>           763-231-7201 Fax: 763-231-7202<br/>           Toll Free: 877-231-7276<br/>           (numbers connect to both locations)<br/> <a href="http://www.northernstarbsa.org/">http://www.northernstarbsa.org/</a></p> | <p>Northern Star Council, headquartered in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul serves more than 113,000 young people in 21 counties across central Minnesota and four counties in Western Wisconsin. The council is among the five largest in the United States led by over 24,000 volunteers. More than 1,100 community organizations, representing educational, religious, non-profit, civic, and business organizations join in partnership with Northern Star Council by chartering 1,746 Scouting units (packs, troops, teams, crews, posts and groups). The Northern Star Council is the result of the July 1, 2005 merger of the former Viking (Minneapolis) and Indianhead (St. Paul) Councils.</p> |
| <p><b>Campfire USA St. Paul/Mpls Council</b><br/>           2610 University Avenue West,<br/>           Saint Paul, MN 55114-1090<br/>           Telephone: 1-888-335-8778 or 651-647-4407<br/>           651-632-9180 Fax: 651-647-5717<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@campfireusa-mn.org">info@campfireusa-mn.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://campfire.nonprofitoffice.com/">http://campfire.nonprofitoffice.com/</a></p>   | <p>Camp Fire USA's outcome-based programs include youth leadership, self-reliance, after school groups, camping and environmental education and child care. Serving youth from birth to 21, Camp Fire USA helps boys and girls learn - and play - side by side in comfortable, informal settings. Our coed programs allow parents to consolidate schedules for both their daughters and sons.</p>   |
| <p><b>Dakota County 4-H</b><br/>           UM Ext Dakota County<br/>           Suite 101<br/>           4100 220th St W<br/>           Farmington, MN 55024-9539<br/>           651-480-7700 Fax: 651-480-7794<br/>           email: <a href="mailto:mnext-dakota@umn.edu">mnext-dakota@umn.edu</a><br/> <a href="http://www.extension.umn.edu/county/template/index.aspx?pid=0&amp;countyID=19">http://www.extension.umn.edu/county/template/index.aspx?pid=0&amp;countyID=19</a></p>           | <p>The mission of Minnesota 4-H Youth Development is to engage youth, in partnership with adults, in quality learning opportunities that enable them to shape and reach their full potential as active citizens in a global community. This mission is achieved by offering out-of-school educational programs that stimulate youth to learn in subject areas they are interested in; engage youth in addressing community and youth-related issues; and encourage youth to reach their full potential in an ever-changing, diverse world.</p>  |

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| <p><b><u>Girl Scouts of America</u></b><br/>         Brooklyn Center, Minnesota 55429-3074<br/>         (763) 535-4602<br/>         Email: <a href="mailto:girlscouts@girlscoutsmpls.org">girlscouts@girlscoutsmpls.org</a><br/>         Web Site: <a href="http://www.girlscoutsmpls.org">http://www.girlscoutsmpls.org</a><br/>         Saint Paul, Minnesota 55107-2214<br/>         651-227-8835 800-845-0787<br/>         Email: <a href="mailto:girlscouts@girlscoutscv.org">girlscouts@girlscoutscv.org</a><br/>         Web Site: <a href="http://www.girlscoutscv.org">http://www.girlscoutscv.org</a></p> | <p>Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. In partnership with adult volunteers and the generous community, girls develop strong values, leadership skills, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth that will serve them all their lives.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Jewish Community Center</u></b><br/> <b>JCC of the Greater St. Paul Area</b><br/>         1375 St Paul Ave<br/>         St Paul, MN 55116-2798<br/>         651-698-0751 Fax: 651-698-8591<br/> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.stpauljcc.org">www.stpauljcc.org</a><br/>         Sabes JCC<br/>         4330 Cedar Lake Rd S<br/>         St Louis Park, MN 55416<br/>         952-381-3400 Fax: 952-381-3401<br/> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.sabesjcc.org">www.sabesjcc.org</a></p>   | <p>In the past, Jewish adults with developmental disabilities have been isolated from family and friends, and not connected with the Jewish community. Since 1990 Caring Connections has offered these men and women an opportunity to take part in Jewish study, holiday celebrations, recreation and social events. The program helps to connect these adults with their heritage and with the Jewish community. Caring Connections is a collaborative effort among JFCS, Jewish Family Service of St. Paul, Sabes Jewish Community Center and the St. Paul Jewish Community Center.</p> |
| <p><b><u>minnhelp.html</u></b><br/> <a href="http://www.geocities.com/jalars/minnhelp.html">http://www.geocities.com/jalars/minnhelp.html</a></p>   | <p>This MinnHelp (Minnesota Help) web page is a meta-listing of directories of organizations for those dealing with addictions, coping with difficult situations, mental health issues, etc. 12-step and non-12-step groups. Also, United Way 211 (Formerly First Call For Help).</p>  |
| <p><b><u>University of Minnesota-Institute on Community Integration</u></b><br/>         University of Minnesota<br/>         102 Pattee Hall, 150 Pillsbury Drive SE<br/>         Minneapolis MN 55455<br/>         612-624-6300 Fax: 612-624-9344<br/> <a href="http://ici.umn.edu/">http://ici.umn.edu/</a></p>  | <p>At the Institute, we believe that all persons with developmental and other disabilities should live as valued members of local communities. We seek to make this possible through improving the services and social supports available to individuals with disabilities and their families. The Institute carries out this mission through research, professional training, technical assistance, and publishing activities, in collaboration with others across the US and abroad.</p>   |



## AUTISM SERVICES

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| <p><b><u>Alternatives for People with Autism</u></b><br/>           5624 - 73rd Avenue North<br/>           Brooklyn Park MN 55429-1176<br/>           763-560-5330 Fax: 763-566-8426<br/> <a href="http://afpwa.org/about_autism.htm">http://afpwa.org/about_autism.htm</a></p>   | <p>Alternatives for People with Autism, Inc. ("Alternatives") is governed by a Board of members who, because we despised and feared an otherwise hopeless future for Minnesotans with autism, banded together with a covenant to create the first real living options in Minnesota for people severely afflicted with the devastating developmental disability known as "autism."</p>                         |
| <p><b><u>Arc Minnesota</u></b><br/>           770 Transfer Road, Suite 26<br/>           St. Paul MN 55114<br/>           651-523-0823 1-800-582-5256<br/> <a href="http://www.thearcofminnesota.org/">http://www.thearcofminnesota.org/</a></p>   | <p>The Arc of Minnesota is a private, non-profit, statewide voluntary organization. The mission of The Arc of Minnesota is to support and advocate for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families as they choose how they live, learn, work and play. We fight for persons with developmental disabilities so they can reach for a brighter, more inclusive future.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Autism Society of America</u></b><br/>           7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 300<br/>           Bethesda, Maryland 20814<br/>           301.657.0881 or 1.800.328.8476<br/>           Minnesota Chapter<br/>           2380 Wycliff Street, Suite 102<br/>           Saint Paul MN 55114-1257<br/>           651-647-1083 Fax: 651-642-1230<br/> <a href="http://www.ausm.org">http://www.ausm.org</a></p>                      | <p>ASA is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families and the professionals with whom they interact. The Society and its chapters share a common mission of providing information and education, and supporting research and advocating for programs and services for the autism community.</p>                          |
| <p><b><u>PACER Center, Inc. (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights)</u></b><br/>           8161 Normandale Blvd.<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55437-1098<br/>           Phone: 952-838-9000 800-537-2237<br/>           Fax: 952-838-0199 TTY: 952-838-0190<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:pacer@pacer.org">pacer@pacer.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.pacer.org">http://www.pacer.org</a></p> | <p>With assistance to individual families, workshops, materials for parents and professionals, and leadership in securing a free and appropriate public education for all children, PACER's work affects and encourages families in Minnesota and across the nation.</p>  |

Minnesota Department of Education (Autism)

[http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning\\_Support/Special\\_Education/Categorical\\_Disability\\_Information/Autism\\_Spectrum\\_Disorders/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning_Support/Special_Education/Categorical_Disability_Information/Autism_Spectrum_Disorders/index.html)

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| <p><b><u>Arc Minnesota</u></b><br/>           770 Transfer Road, Suite 26<br/>           St. Paul MN 55114<br/>           651-523-0823 or 1-800-582-5256<br/> <a href="http://www.thearcofminnesota.org/">http://www.thearcofminnesota.org/</a></p>  | <p>The Arc of Minnesota is a private, non-profit, statewide voluntary organization. The mission of The Arc of Minnesota is to support and advocate for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families as they choose how they live, learn, work and play. We fight for persons with developmental disabilities so they can reach for a brighter, more inclusive future.</p>    |
| <p><b><u>Dakota County Social Services</u></b><br/>           Developmental Disabilities<br/>           1 Mendota Road West, Suite 300<br/>           West St. Paul, MN 55118-4770<br/>           Developmental Disabilities - Adults<br/>           651-554-6000<br/> <b><u>Western Service Center</u></b><br/>           14955 Galaxie Ave<br/>           Apple Valley MN 55124-8579<br/>           Developmental Disabilities - Children<br/>           952-891-7459<br/> <a href="http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Departments/SocialServices/default.htm">http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Departments/SocialServices/default.htm</a></p> | <p>Social Services provide assessment and case management to people who are vulnerable due to age or disability. Program areas include child protection (abuse or neglect), children's mental health, child care licensing, developmental disabilities for children and adults, adult mental health, chemical health, and long term care/waivered services.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Down Syndrome Association of Minnesota</u></b><br/>           656 Transfer Road<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55114<br/>           651-603-0720      800-511-3696<br/> <a href="http://www.dsamn.org/">http://www.dsamn.org/</a></p>  | <p>Welcome to the Down Syndrome Association of Minnesota. You will find good company here. The Association is composed of some 3,000 members; more than 900 people with Down syndrome, their families and friends, plus health-care, education and developmental professionals. We are the only organization in our region devoted exclusively to the needs of people with Down syndrome and their families.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Fraser Community Services</u></b><br/>           2400 W. 64th St<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55423<br/>           612-861-1688    Fax: 612-861-6050<br/> <a href="http://www.fraser.org/">http://www.fraser.org/</a></p>   | <p>A nationally renowned Minnesota nonprofit, Fraser serves children of all abilities and adults with special needs — through comprehensive education, healthcare and housing services. Our vision is a world where all people have equal opportunity and choice to realize their dreams to live, work, learn and play as members of our community.</p>  |

Minnesota Department of Education (DCD)

[http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Learning\\_Support/Special\\_Education/Categorical\\_Disability\\_Information/Developmental\\_Cognitive\\_Disabilities/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Learning_Support/Special_Education/Categorical_Disability_Information/Developmental_Cognitive_Disabilities/index.html)

## EMOTIONAL BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS (EBD)

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| <p><b><u>Behavioral Institute for Children and Adolescents</u></b><br/>                     3585 Lexington Ave. N, Suite 163<br/>                     Arden Hills, MN 55126<br/>                     651-484-5510 Fax: 651-483-3879<br/> <a href="http://www.behavioralinstitute.org/">http://www.behavioralinstitute.org/</a></p>                         | <p>Children and youth with emotional and behavioral challenges will have access to a full array of effective academic and functional services provided by highly qualified practitioners in school and community settings.<br/>                     Mission: The Institute promotes the well-being of children and youth with emotional and behavioral challenges through skill-based and transdisciplinary training.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Mental Health Association of Minnesota</u></b><br/>                     2021 East Hennepin Avenue, Suite 412<br/>                     Minneapolis, MN 55413-2726<br/>                     phone: 612-331-6840<br/>                     800-862-1799 Fax: 612-331-1630<br/> <a href="http://www.mentalhealthmn.org">www.mentalhealthmn.org</a></p> | <p>The Mental Health Association of Minnesota is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency that responds to the needs of individuals with mental illnesses, and their family members. We offer services in Advocacy and Education: individual advocacy case services, community support referrals, educational materials, workshops and community presentations.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health</u></b><br/>                     165 Western Avenue North<br/>                     Saint Paul, MN 55102<br/>                     Phone: 651-644-7333 1-800-528-4511<br/>                     Fax: 651-644-7391<br/> <a href="http://www.macmh.org/">http://www.macmh.org/</a></p>              | <p>The Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health (MACMH) began in 1989 as a small group of parents concerned about children with mental health disorders. Driven by the challenges of raising a child with one of the least understood and most stigmatized disabilities, these parents met regularly, defined their mission, and established a formal board of directors.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Minnesota Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders</u></b><br/> <a href="http://www.mnccbd.org">http://www.mnccbd.org</a></p>   | <p>The Minnesota Council for Children with Behavior Disorders is an organization of professionals dedicated to providing services to children and youth with behavioral disorders. Our Mission_Supporting Educators Through Professional Growth, Venues for Communication and Advocacy At All Levels for Children with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>National Alliance for the Mentally III-MN (NAMI-MN)</u></b><br/>                     800 Transfer Road Suite 7A<br/>                     Saint Paul, MN 55114<br/>                     651-645-2948 1-888-NAMI HELPS<br/>                     Fax: 651-645-7379<br/> <a href="http://www.namimn.org/">http://www.namimn.org/</a></p>              | <p>NAMI-Minnesota is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons with mental illness (brain disorders) and their families. NAMI-MN offers programs of education, support and advocacy, and supports research efforts. NAMI-MN vigorously promotes the development of community mental health programs and services, improved access to services, increased opportunities for recovery, reduced stigma and discrimination, and increased public understanding of mental illness.</p> |
| <p><b><u>PATH (Professional Association of Treatment Homes/Metro Office)</u></b><br/>                     2324 University Ave W, #120<br/>                     St Paul, MN 55114,<br/>                     651-646-3221 877-264-7284<br/>                     Fax: 651-641-0452<br/> <a href="http://www.pathinc.org">www.pathinc.org</a></p>              | <p>PATH (Professional Association of Treatment Homes), a nonprofit organization with a vision about a new, more personalized approach to foster care for children and youth with special emotional, behavioral and medical needs. They believed these children and youth could be better served in family-based settings, rather than in more restrictive institutional placements such as hospitals, group homes, and residential treatment centers.</p>   |

Minnesota Department of Education (Emotional Disabilities)  
[http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning\\_Support/Special\\_Education/Categorical\\_Disability\\_Information/Emotional\\_and\\_Behavioral\\_Disabilities/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning_Support/Special_Education/Categorical_Disability_Information/Emotional_and_Behavioral_Disabilities/index.html)

# LEARNING DISABILITIES

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| <p><b>Family Education Network</b><br/>                 501 Boylston St, Suite 900<br/>                 Boston, MA 02116<br/>                 212-641-6681<br/> <a href="http://www.familyeducation.com/">www.familyeducation.com/</a></p>   | <p>Launched in 1996 as the first parenting site on the Web, Family Education has become the Internet's most-visited site for parents who are involved, committed, and responsive to their families' needs. Parents find practical guidance, grade-specific information about their children's school experience, strategies to get involved with their children's learning, free email newsletters, and fun and entertaining family activities.</p>   |
| <p><b>Family Service, Inc</b><br/>                 430 North Canal Street<br/>                 Lawrence, MA 01840<br/>                 978-683-9505 Fax: 978-683-1026<br/> <a href="http://www.familyserviceinc.com">www.familyserviceinc.com</a></p>  | <p>Family Service, Inc. is a non-profit social service agency located in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Originally established in 1854 as a relief society for the area's newly arriving immigrant mill workers, Family Service has grown in recent years from a small mental health clinic (c.1985) to a large and dynamic organization providing over 20 programs and services.</p>   |
| <p><b>Learning Disabilities Association (LDA Learning Center)</b><br/>                 LDA of Minnesota<br/>                 5354 Parkdale Drive, Suite 200<br/>                 St. Louis Park, MN 55416<br/>                 952-922-8374 Fax. 952-922-8102<br/> <a href="http://www.ldaminnesota.org/">http://www.ldaminnesota.org/</a></p> | <p>The mission of Learning Disabilities Association is to maximize the potential of children, youth and adults with learning disabilities or related learning difficulties so that they and their families lead more productive and fulfilled lives.</p>  |
| <p><b>Minnesota Life College</b><br/>                 Minnesota Life College<br/>                 7501 Logan Avenue S., Suite 2A<br/>                 Richfield, MN 55423<br/>                 612-869-4008 Fax: 612-0869-0443<br/> <a href="http://www.mnlifecollege.org/">http://www.mnlifecollege.org/</a></p>                              | <p>Minnesota Life College is a three year postsecondary, life-skills training program for young adults with learning disabilities. Independent Living and Employment Readiness are at the heart of MLC's unique program; other key curriculum areas include: Decision-Making for Success, Social Skills Development, and Fitness and Wellness. MLC helps each student reach for his/her full potential by providing direct, professional instruction in a safe, easily accessible urban campus.</p> |
| <p><b>UMBIDA</b><br/>                 PMB 159<br/>                 5021 Vernon Avenue<br/>                 Minneapolis, MN 55436<br/>                 651-450-7589<br/> <a href="http://www.umbida.org/">http://www.umbida.org/</a></p>  | <p>The mission of the Upper Midwest Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (UMBIDA) is to inform and educate people about dyslexia and related difficulties in learning to read and write, in a way that supports and encourages, promotes effective change, and gives individuals the opportunity to lead productive and fulfilling lives, which benefits society with the resource that is liberated.</p>   |

Minnesota Department of Education (Autism)  
[http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning\\_Support/Special\\_Education/Categorical\\_Disability\\_Information/Specific\\_Learning\\_Disabilities/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning_Support/Special_Education/Categorical_Disability_Information/Specific_Learning_Disabilities/index.html)

## PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

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| <p><b><u>Courage Center</u></b><br/> 3915 Golden Valley Road<br/> Minneapolis, MN 55422<br/> 763-588-0811 Toll-free: 1-888-8INTAKE<br/> TTY: 763-520-0245<br/> <a href="http://www.courage.org/">www.courage.org/</a></p>   | <p>Courage Center offers comprehensive rehab services for people of all ages and abilities. We specialize in pain management, brain injury, spinal cord injury and congenital disabilities. We offer accessible fitness centers, aquatic therapy, vocational and community based services, a transitional rehab program, and sports, recreation and camping.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Little People of America, Twin Cities</u></b><br/> <a href="mailto:connor.anthony@gmail.com">connor.anthony@gmail.com</a><br/> <a href="http://www.lpadistrict9.org/content/">http://www.lpadistrict9.org/content/</a></p>   | <p>Little People of America (LPA). LPA is a non-profit organization which supports and provides information for short-statured individuals. District 9 is here to serve little people, their families, and their friends who live in the states of Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Muscular Dystrophy Association</u></b><br/> National Headquarters<br/> 3300 E. Sunrise Drive<br/> Tucson, AZ 85718<br/> 1-800-FIGHT-MD (344-4863)<br/> <a href="http://www.mdausa.org/">http://www.mdausa.org/</a></p>   | <p>The Muscular Dystrophy Association is a voluntary health agency -- a dedicated partnership between scientists and concerned citizens aimed at conquering neuromuscular diseases that affect more than a million Americans.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, Inc.</u></b><br/> 804 W. Diamond Ave, Suite 210<br/> Gaithersburg, MD 20878<br/> 301-947-0083 800-981-2663<br/> Fax: 301-947-0456<br/> <a href="http://www.oif.org">www.oif.org</a></p>  | <p>The Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, Inc. (OI Foundation) is the only voluntary national health organization dedicated to helping people cope with the problems associated with osteogenesis imperfecta. The Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life for people affected by OI through research to find treatments and a cure, education, awareness, and mutual support.</p>       |
| <p><b><u>United Cerebral Palsy of Minnesota, Inc.</u></b><br/> 1660 L Street, NW, Suite 700<br/> Washington, DC 20036<br/> 800-872-5827 202-776-0406<br/> Fax: 202-776-0414<br/> <a href="http://www.ucp.org/">http://www.ucp.org/</a><br/> 1821 University Avenue West #219 South<br/> St. Paul, MN 55104-2892<br/> Phone: 651-646-7588 Fax: 651-646-3045<br/> <a href="http://www.ucpmn.org/">http://www.ucpmn.org/</a></p> | <p>United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) is the leading source of information on <u>cerebral palsy</u> and is a pivotal advocate for the rights of persons with any disability. As one of the largest health charities in America, the UCP mission is to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities through an affiliate network. <u>Learn more about UCP...</u></p> |

Minnesota Department of Education (Physical)

[http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning\\_Support/Special\\_Education/Categorical\\_Disability\\_Information/Physically\\_Impaired/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning_Support/Special_Education/Categorical_Disability_Information/Physically_Impaired/index.html)



## SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS

| <u>Contact Information</u>   | <u>Description</u>  |
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| <p><b><u>Blind, Inc.</u></b><br/>           BLIND Inc.<br/>           100 East 22nd St.<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55404<br/>           612-872-0100 1-800-597-9558<br/>           Fax: 612-872-9358<br/> <a href="http://www.blindinc.org/">http://www.blindinc.org/</a></p>                              | <p>BLIND, Incorporated is an adjustment to blindness training center. We teach the skills that blind people need to become independent and employable such as Braille, home management, the use of the white cane, and computers with screen reading software, etc. But just as importantly, we instill in our students the confidence to put these skills into practice.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Communication Services for the Deaf (CSD of Minnesota)</u></b><br/>           2055 Rice Street<br/>           St. Paul, Minnesota 55113<br/>           Voice/TTY: 651-297-6700 Fax: 651-297-6766<br/> <a href="http://www.c-s-d.org/">http://www.c-s-d.org/</a></p>                                   | <p>CSD (also known as Communication Service for the Deaf, Inc.) is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing broad-based services, ensuring public accessibility and increasing public awareness of issues affecting deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Through global leadership and a continuum of quality communication services and human service programs, CSD provides the tools conducive to a positive and fully integrated life.</p> |
| <p><b><u>DeafBlind Services MN (formerly FIND, Inc.)</u></b><br/>           2344 Nicollet Ave. #420<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55404<br/>           612-871-4788<br/> <a href="http://www.deafblindinfo.org">www.deafblindinfo.org</a></p>   | <p>DeafBlindInfo.org contains: - An online introduction to deafblindness (combined vision and hearing losses of all kinds). - Information about Minnesota's resources for people who are DeafBlind, as well as resources throughout the USA and in other countries. - Empowerment for DeafBlind individuals, their families, and service providers, both in Minnesota and beyond.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota</u></b><br/>           2537 25th Avenue South<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55406<br/>           612-729-5986 TTY/Fax: 612-729-5914<br/> <a href="http://www.hsdm.org/">http://www.hsdm.org/</a></p>   | <p>Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people who are deaf, hard of hearing or disabled by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Interpreter Referral Services in Minnesota (MN Dept. of Human Services)</u></b><br/>           St. Paul office<br/>           651-297-1316 TTY: 866-206-6513<br/> <a href="mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us">dhhs.metro@state.mn.us</a></p>  | <p>People of any age can experience hearing loss. Some people are born with hearing loss, for others it develops later in life. Regardless of the type of hearing loss, all deaf and hard of hearing people have unique needs. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division (DHHSD), a division in the Minnesota Department of Human Services, is here to help.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Minnesota Association of the Deaf</u></b><br/>           1824 Marshall Ave.<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55104<br/>           Phone: 651-644-3455<br/> <a href="http://www.minndeaf.org/">http://www.minndeaf.org/</a></p>   | <p>Minnesota Association of Deaf Citizens (MADC) was established in 1885 and is a non-profit, 501(c)(4) organization. MADC advocates for and promotes a better quality of life and social wellness of Deaf people through its membership, activities and advocacy.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Minnesota Chemical Dependency Program for Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing Individuals (MCDPDHII)</u></b><br/>           2450 Riverside Avenue South<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55454.<br/>           1-800-282-3323 (V/TTY)<br/> <a href="http://www.mncd deaf.org/">http://www.mncd deaf.org/</a></p> | <p>The Minnesota Chemical Dependency Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals is an inpatient chemical dependency program located within the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview, at the Riverside campus in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Specialized in treatment for Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons, The Program has been providing services nationally since 1989.</p>   |

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| <p><b><u>Minnesota DeafBlind T.A. Project</u></b><br/>           4001 Stinson Blvd., Suite 210<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55421<br/>           612-638-1525 or 1526 800-848-4905<br/>           TTY: 612-706-0808 Fax: 612-706-0811<br/> <a href="http://www.dbproject.mn.org">http://www.dbproject.mn.org</a></p> | <p>The technical assistance team has been recognized nationally as a truly unique staff consisting of a parent, educator and pediatrician. This combination allows for a holistic look at each child, their family and education team. Project staff are available for on-site visits to homes or schools to provide technical assistance as needed.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Minnesota Speech-Language-Hearing Association</u></b><br/>           1821 University Ave W, Ste S256<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55104<br/>           651-999-5350 Fax: 651-917-1835</p>  | <p>Founded in 1936, the <b>Minnesota Speech-Language-Hearing Association</b> (MSHA) is a nonprofit professional organization of speech-language pathologists and audiologists that promotes the welfare of individuals with communication disorders and represents the professionals who serve them.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota Blind, Inc.</u></b><br/>           100 East 22nd Street<br/>           Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404<br/>           612-872-9363<br/> <a href="http://members.tcq.net/nfbmn/">http://members.tcq.net/nfbmn/</a></p>  | <p>The National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota (NFBM) is the state's largest and oldest organization of the blind. We provide individual counseling, advocacy, and education through a number of programs. Most of our members are blind, and our knowledge of blindness comes from our personal lives and our collective experience. We have learned that the real problem of blindness is not loss of eyesight, but the fear and misunderstandings that surround it. We believe that, if given training and opportunity, blind people can live full and productive lives.</p> |

Minnesota Department of Education (Blind-Visually Impaired)

[http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning\\_Support/Special\\_Education/Categorical\\_Disability\\_Information/Visually\\_Impaired/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning_Support/Special_Education/Categorical_Disability_Information/Visually_Impaired/index.html)

Minnesota Department of Education (Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

[http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning\\_Support/Special\\_Education/Categorical\\_Disability\\_Information/Deaf\\_Blind\\_Hard\\_of\\_Hearing/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning_Support/Special_Education/Categorical_Disability_Information/Deaf_Blind_Hard_of_Hearing/index.html)

Minnesota Department of Education (Deaf-Blind)

[http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning\\_Support/Special\\_Education/Categorical\\_Disability\\_Information/Deaf\\_Blind/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning_Support/Special_Education/Categorical_Disability_Information/Deaf_Blind/index.html)

Minnesota Department of Education (speech or Language)

[http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning\\_Support/Special\\_Education/Categorical\\_Disability\\_Information/Speech\\_or\\_Language\\_Impairments/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning_Support/Special_Education/Categorical_Disability_Information/Speech_or_Language_Impairments/index.html)

## OTHER DISABILITIES

| <u>Contact Information</u>   | <u>Description</u>  |
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| <p><b><u>Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota (ARRM)</u></b><br/>           1185 North Concord Street, Suite 424<br/>           South Saint Paul, Minnesota 55075<br/>           651-291-1086 800-551-2211<br/>           Fax: 651-293-9389<br/> <a href="http://www.armm.org/">http://www.armm.org/</a></p>  | <p>We are an association of 150 Minnesota providers that employ more than 25,000 Direct Support Professionals who provide services and supports for thousands of Minnesotans with disabilities. ARRM is committed to assuring that Minnesota has a viable private provider sector to promote consumer choice, adequate funding, and appropriate regulation. We have experienced staff members whose work is guided by committees of your colleagues.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>The Brain Injury Association of Minnesota</u></b><br/>           34 13th Avenue Northeast, Suite B001<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55413-1005<br/>           612-378-2742 or 800-669-6442.<br/> <a href="http://www.braininjurymn.org/">http://www.braininjurymn.org/</a></p>   | <p>In 1984 a small group of families and providers came together to form what is now the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota. It was a grassroots effort to advocate for services at a time when resources were limited at best for persons with brain injury and their families. Today it is still the only statewide nonprofit organization in Minnesota devoted solely to serving the needs of the estimated 100,000 Minnesotans (12,000 children and young adults) who live with disability due to brain injury, their families and the professionals who work with them.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)</u></b><br/>           8181 Professional Place - Suite 150<br/>           Landover, MD 20785<br/>           301-306-7070 Fax: 301-306-7090<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:webmaster@chadd.org">webmaster@chadd.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.chadd.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=About_CHADD">http://www.chadd.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=About_CHADD</a><br/>           Twin Cities CHADD<br/>           952-922-5761<br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.chadonline.org/chapters/chadd172.html">http://www.chadonline.org/chapters/chadd172.html</a></p> | <p>Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD), is a national non-profit, tax-exempt organization providing education, advocacy and support for individuals with AD/HD. In addition to our informative Web site, CHADD also publishes a variety of printed materials to keep members and professionals current on research advances, medications and treatments affecting individuals with AD/HD.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Council for Exceptional Children</u></b><br/>           1110 North Glebe Road, Suite 300,<br/>           Arlington, VA 22201<br/>           703-620-3660 TTY: 866-915-5000<br/>           Fax: 703-264-9494<br/> <a href="http://www.cec.sped.org">www.cec.sped.org</a></p>   | <p>The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted. CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides continual professional development, advocates for newly and historically underserved individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.</p>                |
| <p><b><u>Cystic Fibrosis Foundation</u></b><br/>           6931 Arlington Road<br/>           Bethesda, Maryland 20814<br/>           301-951-4422 800-344-4823<br/> <a href="http://www.cff.org/">http://www.cff.org/</a><br/>           Minnesota Chapter<br/>           1611 West County Road B, Suite 221<br/>           St. Paul, MN, 55113<br/>           651-631-3290 Fax: 651-631-3296<br/> <a href="http://www.cff.org/Chapters/minnesota/">http://www.cff.org/Chapters/minnesota/</a></p>  | <p>The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a non-profit donor-supported organization, is to assure the development of the means to cure and control cystic fibrosis and to improve the quality of life for those with the disease. The Foundation is the leading organization in the United States devoted to cystic fibrosis.</p>   |

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| <p><b><u>Epilepsy Foundation</u></b><br/>           8301 Professional Place<br/>           Landover, MD 20785<br/>           800-332-1000<br/> <a href="http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/">http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/</a><br/>           1600 University Ave W Suite 205<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55104<br/>           651-287-2300 1-800-779-0777<br/> <a href="http://www.efmn.org/">http://www.efmn.org/</a></p> | <p>The Epilepsy Foundation is the national voluntary agency solely dedicated to the welfare of the 3 million people with epilepsy in the U.S. and their families. The organization works to ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences; and to prevent, control and cure epilepsy through research, education, advocacy and services. In addition to programs conducted at the national level, epilepsy clients throughout the United States are served by local Epilepsy</p> |
| <p><b><u>Family Education Network</u></b><br/>           501 Boylston St, Suite 900<br/>           Boston, MA 02116<br/>           212-641-6681<br/> <a href="http://www.familyeducation.com/">www.familyeducation.com/</a></p>   | <p>Launched in 1996 as the first parenting site on the Web, Family Education has become the Internet's most-visited site for parents who are involved, committed, and responsive to their families' needs. Parents find practical guidance, grade-specific information about their children's school experience, strategies to get involved with their children's learning, free email newsletters, and fun and entertaining family activities.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Fraser Community Services</u></b><br/>           2400 W. 64th St<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55423<br/>           612-861-1688; Fax 612-861-6050<br/> <a href="http://www.fraser.org/">http://www.fraser.org/</a></p>   | <p>A nationally renowned Minnesota nonprofit, Fraser serves children of all abilities and adults with special needs — through comprehensive education, healthcare and housing services. Our vision is a world where all people have equal opportunity and choice to realize their dreams to live, work, learn and play as members of our community.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Goodwill Industries Inc., Easter Seal Society of Minnesota</u></b><br/>           553 Fairview Avenue North<br/>           St Paul, MN 55104<br/>           651-379-5800 Fax 651-379-5803<br/> <a href="http://www.mniges.easterseals.com">www.mniges.easterseals.com</a></p>  | <p>Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota provides services for people with barriers to education, employment and independence in achieving their goals. Adults with disabilities and other social and economic disadvantages looking for meaningful employment receive job training, placement and other employment services through Goodwill/Easter Seals.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota</u></b><br/>           Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota<br/>           2537 25th Avenue South<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55406<br/>           612-729-5986 Fax and TTY: 612-729-5914 <a href="http://www.hsdm.org/">http://www.hsdm.org/</a></p>  | <p>Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people who are deaf, hard of hearing or disabled by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>University of Minnesota-Institute on Community Integration</u></b><br/>           University of Minnesota<br/>           102 Pattee Hall, 150 Pillsbury Drive SE<br/>           Minneapolis MN 55455<br/>           612-624-6300 Fax: 612-624-8279<br/> <a href="http://ici.umn.edu/">http://ici.umn.edu/</a></p>  | <p>The Institute's focus is on developing strategies and resources that strengthen the ability of agencies, programs, and organizations to provide quality services and supports for persons with disabilities. While we do not provide direct services or advocacy for individuals, families, or organizations, we may be able to direct you to resources in your community that can.</p>  |

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| <p><b><u>March of Dimes National Foundation for Birth Defects</u></b><br/>           1275 Mamaroneck Avenue<br/>           White Plains, NY 10605<br/>           914-997-4488<br/> <a href="http://www.marchofdimes.com/">http://www.marchofdimes.com/</a><br/> <b><u>Minnesota Chapter</u></b><br/>           5233 Edina Industrial Boulevard<br/>           Edina, MN, 55439<br/>           952-835-3033 Fax: 952-835-8661<br/> <a href="http://www.marchofdimes.com/minnesota/">http://www.marchofdimes.com/minnesota/</a></p> | <p>Our mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. We carry out this mission through research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies' lives. March of Dimes researchers, volunteers, educators, outreach workers and advocates work together to give all babies a fighting chance against the threats to their health: prematurity, birth defects, low birth weight.</p>         |
| <p><b><u>Metropolitan Center for Independent Living</u></b><br/>           1600 University Ave. W., Suite 16<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55104-3834<br/>           651-646-8342 TTY: 651-603-2001<br/>           Fax: 651-603-2006<br/> <a href="http://www.mcil-mn.org/">http://www.mcil-mn.org/</a></p>   | <p>MCIL is a Twin Cities metro-based, non-profit 501.c.3 consumer-directed organization founded in 1981. MCIL is dedicated to the full promotion of the Independent Living (IL) philosophy by supporting individuals with disabilities in their personal efforts to pursue self-directed lives. Being "consumer-directed" means that the majority of decision-making employees (88%) and members of our board of directors (90%) are individuals with disabilities.</p> |
| <p><b><u>MINCEP Epilepsy Care</u></b><br/>           5775 Wayzata Boulevard<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55416<br/>           952-525-2400 Fax: 952-525-1560<br/> <a href="http://www.mincep.com/">http://www.mincep.com/</a></p>   | <p>Our Goal: No Seizures, No Side Effects</p>   |
| <p><b><u>National Multiple Sclerosis Society, MN Chapter</u></b><br/> <b>200 12th Avenue South</b><br/> <b>Minneapolis, MN 55415</b><br/> <b>Phone: 612-335-7900</b><br/> <a href="http://www.mssociety.org/">www.mssociety.org/</a></p>  | <p>Providing accurate, up-to-date information to individuals with MS, their families, and healthcare providers is central to our mission. Access information on a variety of MS-related basics—for those who are newly diagnosed as well as those who have been living with MS.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>PACER Center, Inc. (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights)</u></b><br/>           8161 Normandale Blvd.<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55437-1098<br/>           Phone: 952) 838-9000 800-537-2237<br/>           Fax: 952-838-0199 TTY: 952-838-0190<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:pacer@pacer.org">pacer@pacer.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.pacer.org">http://www.pacer.org</a></p>   | <p>With assistance to individual families, workshops, materials for parents and professionals, and leadership in securing a free and appropriate public education for all children, PACER's work affects and encourages families in Minnesota and across the nation.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Tourette's Syndrome Association of Minnesota</u></b><br/>           Tourette Syndrome Association of Minnesota<br/>           2233 University Avenue Suite 338<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55114<br/> <a href="http://www.tsa-mn.org/contact.html">http://www.tsa-mn.org/contact.html</a></p>  | <p>To assist Minnesotan's with Tourette syndrome in achieving their fullest potential through education, support and public awareness programs.</p>   |

Minnesota Department of Education (Other Health Disabilities)  
[http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning\\_Support/Special\\_Education/Categorical\\_Disability\\_Information/Other\\_Health\\_Disabilities/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning_Support/Special_Education/Categorical_Disability_Information/Other_Health_Disabilities/index.html)

Minnesota Department of Education (Traumatic Brain Injury)  
[http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning\\_Support/Special\\_Education/Categorical\\_Disability\\_Information/Traumatic\\_Brain\\_Injury/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning_Support/Special_Education/Categorical_Disability_Information/Traumatic_Brain_Injury/index.html)



# SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS

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| <p><b><u>Burnsville/Eagan/ Savage District 191</u></b><br/> Stephanie Corbey,<br/> Director Individualized Student Services<br/> Diamondhead Educational Center<br/> 202 W. Burnsville Parkway<br/> Burnsville, MN 55337<br/> 952-707-6261 Fax 952-707-6262<br/> Email: <a href="mailto:scorbey@burnsville.k12.mn.us">scorbey@burnsville.k12.mn.us</a><br/> <a href="http://www.isd191.org/se3bin/clientschool.cgi?schoolname=school80">http://www.isd191.org/se3bin/clientschool.cgi?schoolname=school80</a></p> | <p>"In our ever-changing world, the Burnsville-Eagan-Savage school district, in partnership with families and our community, is committed to providing a continuum of quality educational services that meet the unique needs of all children. We believe all children are entitled to a special education designed to develop skills and knowledge to become productive citizens."</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Farmington District 192</u></b><br/> <a href="mailto:cschulz@farmington.k12.mn.us">Carla Nohr Schulz</a>,<br/> Director of Special Services<br/> 421 Walnut Street<br/> Farmington, MN 55024<br/> 651-463-5020.<br/> Email: <a href="mailto:cschulz@farmington.k12.mn.us">cschulz@farmington.k12.mn.us</a><br/> <a href="http://www.farmington.k12.mn.us/">http://www.farmington.k12.mn.us/</a></p>  | <p>We, the Farmington Public Schools, believe all students with a variety of abilities have value, can learn and are entitled to a quality education. We are here to help those students develop a dream and believe in themselves.</p>  |
| <p>Hastings District 200<br/> Cory Graham,<br/> Director of Special Education<br/> 1000 West 11th Street<br/> Hastings, Minnesota 55033<br/> 651-438-0652 Fax: 651-437-3138<br/> E-mail: <a href="mailto:cgraham@hastings.k12.mn.us">cgraham@hastings.k12.mn.us</a><br/> Website: <a href="http://www.hastings.k12.mn.us">http://www.hastings.k12.mn.us</a></p>   | <p>The employees of District #200 will promote independence for children and youth with disabilities by, individualizing specially designed instruction and teaching and supporting pro-social behaviors in all educational environments.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Intermediate District 917</u></b><br/> Daniel Sullivan<br/> Director of Special Education<br/> 1300 145th Street East<br/> Rosemount, MN 55068-7768<br/> Phone: 651-423-8204 Fax: 651-423-8776<br/> E-mail: <a href="mailto:daniel.sullivan@isd917.k12.mn.us">daniel.sullivan@isd917.k12.mn.us</a><br/> Website: <a href="http://www.isd917.k12.mn.us">http://www.isd917.k12.mn.us</a></p>   | <p>The Special Education's mission is to provide special education program options and other services to students with low-incidence disabilities referred by the local school districts served by District 917. These programs and services are offered because the local school districts desire comprehensive and efficient special education services that can be offered cooperatively under the direction of District 917.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Inver Grove Heights District 199</u></b><br/> Jane Sansgaard<br/> Director of Special Education<br/> 2990 East 80th Street<br/> Inver Grove Heights Minnesota 55076<br/> Phone: 651-306-7827 Fax: 651-306-7295<br/> E-mail: <a href="mailto:sansgaaj@invergrove.k12.mn.us">sansgaaj@invergrove.k12.mn.us</a><br/> Website: <a href="http://www.invergrove.k12.mn.us/">http://www.invergrove.k12.mn.us/</a></p>   | <p>In Inver Grove Heights, a range of special education services are provided to students from birth to 22 years of age who have had a disability identified. Each building has a team that considers referrals, provides an assessment and then works with parents to develop an individualized education plan (IEP) that will meet the needs of the student.</p>   |

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| <p><b><u>Lakeville District 194</u></b><br/>           Renae M. Ouillette<br/>           Director of Special Services<br/>           8670 210th Street West<br/>           Lakeville, Minnesota 55044<br/>           952-469-7104 Fax: 952-469-6054<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:rmouillette@isd194.k12.mn.us">rmouillette@isd194.k12.mn.us</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.isd194.k12.mn.us/">http://www.isd194.k12.mn.us/</a><br/>           8670 210th Street West<br/>           Lakeville, Minnesota 55044</p> | <p>That all students who exit our programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have the academic, communication, and life skills necessary to reach their highest potential;</li> <li>• Are goal-directed and maintain a healthy balance of productivity, personal interests and lifelong learning;</li> <li>• Have the ability to develop and maintain meaningful interpersonal relationships;</li> <li>• Can pursue a vocation that is financially and/or emotionally satisfying;</li> <li>• Have developed a healthy belief system, positive self-awareness and the ability to self advocate;</li> <li>• Are adaptable problem-solvers who function effectively in a variety of settings and have the flexibility to withstand change; and</li> <li>• Have a sense of their place in and contribution to family and community.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b><u>Randolph District 195</u></b><br/>           Rick Green<br/>           Director of Special Education<br/>           Box 38, 29110 Davison Ave.<br/>           Randolph, MN 55065<br/>           507-263-2151<br/>           Email: <a href="mailto:rgreen@randolph.k12.mn.us">rgreen@randolph.k12.mn.us</a><br/> <a href="http://www.randolph.k12.mn.us/">http://www.randolph.k12.mn.us/</a></p>   | <p>The Randolph Community School, working in partnership with the family and the community, is dedicated to providing a caring, disciplined, challenging environment that enables students to become life-long learners who value themselves, contribute to their community, and succeed in a changing world.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Rosemount/Apple Valley/Eagan District 196</u></b><br/>           Mary Kreger,<br/>           Director of Special Education<br/>           14445 Diamond Path W.<br/>           Rosemount, MN 55068<br/>           651-423-7629 Fax: 651-423-7627<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:mary.kreger@district196.org">mary.kreger@district196.org</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.district196.org/">http://www.district196.org/</a></p>   | <p>State and federal special education mandates require the district to seek out, assess and appropriately serve students with disabilities. We use a comprehensive child study process to systematically screen, assess and, if appropriate, provide special education services to students. Students are entitled to a free appropriate public education in the "least restrictive environment" -- usually the school the child would attend if the child did not have a disability.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>South St. Paul District 06</u></b><br/>           Linda Gardner<br/>           Director of Special Services<br/>           104 Fifth Avenue South<br/>           South St. Paul, MN 55075<br/>           651-457-9466 Fax: 651-457-9485<br/>           Email: <a href="mailto:lgardner@sspps.org">lgardner@sspps.org</a><br/> <a href="http://www.sspps.org">http://www.sspps.org</a></p>  | <p>South St. Paul Public Schools provides opportunities for all learners. Through talented and caring staff, robust assistive technologies and a supportive community, we strive for excellence in meeting the needs of your child.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>West St. Paul District 197</u></b><br/>           Tom Schoepf,<br/>           Director of Special Education<br/>           1897 Delaware Avenue<br/>           Mendota Heights 55118<br/>           651-681-2393 Fax: 651-681-9102<br/>           E-mail: <a href="mailto:schoepft@isd197.k12.mn.us">schoepft@isd197.k12.mn.us</a><br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.isd197.k12.mn.us/">http://www.isd197.k12.mn.us/</a></p>   | <p>Special education is specially designed instruction based on the needs of an individual student. As required by law, Independent School District 197 provides a free, appropriate public education to about 900 students with disabilities from birth through age 21 who attend both public and private schools. A team develops, implements and reviews each student's individual program.</p>   |

# TRANSITION PROGRAMS

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| <p><b>ISD 191 - Burnsville-Eagan-Savage Transition Programs</b><br/>                 Stephanie Corbey,<br/>                 Director Individualized Student Services<br/>                 Diamondhead Educational Center<br/>                 202 W. Burnsville Parkway<br/>                 Burnsville, MN 55337<br/>                 952-707-6261<br/>                 Fax 952-707-6262<br/>                 Email: <a href="mailto:scorbey@burnsville.k12.mn.us">scorbey@burnsville.k12.mn.us</a><br/> <a href="http://www.isd191.org/se3bin/clientschool.cgi?schoolname=school80">http://www.isd191.org/se3bin/clientschool.cgi?schoolname=school80</a></p> | <p>It is our mission to educate young adults ages 18 -21 with special needs so that they realize their goals and potential and become productive workers and members of their family and community. The BEST Services is committed to providing a quality educational program focused on developing and enhancing student skills in the five key areas of transition: Jobs and Training, Recreation and Leisure, Community Participation, Home and Daily Living, and Post Secondary Training.</p>   |
| <p><b>Farmington District 192</b><br/> <a href="mailto:cschulz@farmington.k12.mn.us">Carla Nohr Schulz</a>,<br/>                 Director of Special Services<br/>                 421 Walnut Street<br/>                 Farmington, MN 55024<br/>                 (651) 463-5020.<br/>                 Email: <a href="mailto:cschulz@farmington.k12.mn.us">cschulz@farmington.k12.mn.us</a><br/> <a href="http://www.farmington.k12.mn.us/">http://www.farmington.k12.mn.us/</a></p>   | <p>At Farmington, we believe the goals of Transition Planning are a critical and continuous component to the success of each student. We believe special education students should experience a smooth transition from one grade, setting, program, building, case manager and/or community to another. Transition IEP's are written by the time a student reaches the age of fourteen to ensure students are receiving an education through academic and transition programming to better prepare them to move from high school to adult life. Educational planning is set up to build skills in five transition area to help prepare students for the challenges they will face in their future.</p>  |
| <p><b>Hastings District 200</b><br/>                 Cory Graham, Director of Special Education<br/>                 Phone: 651-438-0652<br/>                 Fax: 651-437-3138<br/>                 E-mail: <a href="mailto:cgraham@hastings.k12.mn.us">cgraham@hastings.k12.mn.us</a><br/>                 Website: <a href="http://www.hastings.k12.mn.us">http://www.hastings.k12.mn.us</a><br/>                 1000 West 11th Street<br/>                 Hastings, Minnesota 55033</p>   | <p>In addition to providing academic and behavioral support for students on IEP's, Hastings District #200 offers a number of transitional-focused opportunities. The Work Experience Program assists students in finding and keeping positions through school and community volunteer sites and paid employment with or without a job coach. A school store also provides the opportunity to learn and practice job skills. Home Living and Community Participation skills are emphasized in Home Management and Real Life classes. Recreation/Leisure activities are also explored. Through case management, students are assisted to plan for a variety of post secondary settings and connect with resource agencies or personnel. Self advocacy skills are practiced throughout all activities.</p> |

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| <p><b>Intermediate District 917</b><br/> Daniel Sullivan<br/> Director of Special Education<br/> 1300 145th Street East<br/> Rosemount, MN 55068-7768<br/> Phone: 651-423-8204<br/> FAX: 651-423-8776<br/> E-mail: <a href="mailto:daniel.sullivan@isd917.k12.mn.us">daniel.sullivan@isd917.k12.mn.us</a><br/> Website: <a href="http://www.isd917.k12.mn.us">http://www.isd917.k12.mn.us</a><br/> Assistant Director of Special Education<br/> Supervisor of TESA, PACES, and DASH<br/> Dr. Terri Trexler<br/> Phone: 651-423-8426<br/> Fax: 651/423-8052<br/> <a href="mailto:terri.trexler@isd917.k12.mn.us">terri.trexler@isd917.k12.mn.us</a></p> | <p>The District 917 TESA program provides special education services for students ages 14-21, with an emphasis on functional academics and transition skills. The purpose of the program is to provide instruction, guidance, and opportunities for students to achieve their maximum levels of independence, and to help students acquire a sense of confidence in daily life situations (home, school, community, and work environments). The involvement of the student, parents and care-givers in planning, implementing, and evaluating the individualized program is vital to student growth and success. TESA curriculum areas include: Career exploration and training, home living/independent living skills, communication, self-advocacy, social strategies, functional academics, recreation/leisure skills, and community participation. Speech and language services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and other support services are available as described by the student's IEP.</p> |
| <p><b>Inver Grove Heights District 199</b><br/> Jane Sansgaard<br/> Director of Special Education<br/> 2990 East 80th Street<br/> Inver Grove Heights Minnesota 55076<br/> Phone: 651-306-7827<br/> Fax: 651-306-7295<br/> E-mail: <a href="mailto:sansgaaj@invergrove.k12.mn.us">sansgaaj@invergrove.k12.mn.us</a><br/> Website: <a href="http://www.invergrove.k12.mn.us/">http://www.invergrove.k12.mn.us/</a></p>  | <p>Transitions - IGH Middle School and Simley Transition is a huge word for those of us who work in special education. From the time we identify students with special education needs, we begin working on goals that will help them to be more successful as they move through school. In early childhood we are looking toward the elementary years, in elementary we begin preparing our students for middle school and so it goes. Our ultimate goal is to do what is necessary to prepare each student for a successful future. What we do each year is building toward that future. Transition planning was designed to prepare students to make a smooth transition from the world of school to adulthood. Transition services are a coordinated set of activities based on the individual student's needs and takes into account the student's preferences and interests.</p>   |
| <p><b>Lakeville District 194</b><br/> Rena M. Ouillette<br/> Director of Special Services<br/> 8670 210th Street West<br/> Lakeville, Minnesota 55044<br/> Phone: 952-469-7104<br/> Fax: 952-469-6054<br/> E-mail: <a href="mailto:rmouillette@isd194.k12.mn.us">rmouillette@isd194.k12.mn.us</a><br/> Website: <a href="http://www.isd194.k12.mn.us/">http://www.isd194.k12.mn.us/</a><br/> 8670 210th Street West<br/> Lakeville, Minnesota 55044</p>  | <p>Lakeville begins preparing for transition by the time a student reaches the age of fourteen. We work very hard to assure that each students' individual educational plan reflects both their strengths and weaknesses. We also take into close consideration their own personal future goals and match the remaining school programming to help them achieve these individual goals. We work very hard with the students' team to assure the programming both in school and outside the school setting meets the needs of the student. In meeting those needs we collaborate with outside interagency that will play an important role in the students life during the transition years of middle school and high school along with the years after they leave public education. We want to give the students the skills to help them plan and achieve a successful future.</p>   |

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| <p><b>Randolph District 195</b><br/>Rick Green<br/>Director of Special Education<br/>Box 38, 29110 Davisson Ave.<br/>Randolph, MN 55065<br/>Phone: 507-263-2151<br/>Email: <a href="mailto:rgreen@randolph.k12.mn.us">rgreen@randolph.k12.mn.us</a><br/><a href="http://www.randolph.k12.mn.us/">http://www.randolph.k12.mn.us/</a></p>  | <p>Transition planning begins at age 14 to address the individual needs of students' IEP goals. The education activities and program targets those IEP goal to help students develop the skills needed for their future. The five areas of transition focuses on employment, post secondary, home and daily living, community participation and recreation and leisure.</p>   |
| <p><b>Rosemount/Apple Valley/Eagan District 196</b><br/>Mary Kreger,<br/>Director of Special Education<br/>14445 Diamond Path W.<br/>Rosemount, MN 55068<br/>Phone: 651-423-7629<br/>Fax: 651-423-7627<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:mary.kreger@district196.org">mary.kreger@district196.org</a><br/>Website: <a href="http://www.district196.org/">http://www.district196.org/</a></p> | <p>District 196 meets the transition needs of learners ages 14 to 21 in a variety of ways. 'Targeting Transition Rubrics', a survey completed by the learner, family members, and licensed staff helps identify strengths and needs of learners in the transition areas. Additional transition assessment tools are used to address individual learner needs. The assessment information is used to develop transition programming for each learner. The district also has transition programs for learners 18 -21 years of age. Participation in the programs is based on individual needs outlined in the IEP.</p>  |
| <p><b>South St. Paul District 06</b><br/>Linda Gardner<br/>Director of Special Services<br/>104 Fifth Avenue South<br/>South St. Paul, MN 55075<br/>Phone: 651-457-9466<br/>Fax: 651-457-9485<br/>Email: <a href="mailto:lgardner@sspps.org">lgardner@sspps.org</a><br/><a href="http://www.sspps.org">http://www.sspps.org</a></p>  | <p>South St. Paul School district begins planning for transition by the time a student reaches the age of fourteen. A student receiving special education will continue to have the opportunity for appropriate academic classes, but in addition will have individual transition needs identified in one or more of the five transition areas. Identified transition needs will lead to the development of an Individual Education Plan (IEP) to help strengthen the area or areas of needs and lead to appropriate and successful future outcome.</p>   |
| <p><b>W. St. Paul District 197</b><br/>Tom Schoepf,<br/>Director of Special Education<br/>1897 Delaware Avenue<br/>Mendota Heights 55118<br/>Phone: 651-681-2393<br/>Fax: 651-681-9102<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:schoepft@isd197.k12.mn.us">schoepft@isd197.k12.mn.us</a><br/>Website: <a href="http://www.isd197.k12.mn.us/">http://www.isd197.k12.mn.us/</a></p>                   | <p>Transition planning begins at age 14 for students receiving special education in the West St. Paul, Mendota Heights, and Eagan School District. The student's IEP team designs a graduation plan; identify the student's interests, preferences and skills in the areas of home living, community participation, post-secondary education, employment, and leisure time activities. For most students they will complete their graduation plan in four years by completing the standard graduation requirements at Henry Sibley High School and any additional requirements established by their IEP Team. For students not meeting the standard high school graduation requirements they will work on completing an alternative graduation plan established through the IEP process. The additional programs and/or activities will have a focus on one or more of the five transition areas as described in the student's IEP.</p> |



## POST SECONDARY EDUCATION RESOURCE

<http://www.isd917.k12.mn.us/Post%20Secondary%20Education-edit%202.pdf>

This booklet is designed to be a resource for Parents/guardians and more importantly students to continue to use throughout a student's high school years along with their post secondary education experiences.

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Everything you want to know about the ACT Assessment - students with disabilities, test prep, test sites and dates, college search, financial aid information, and much more.

<http://www.collegeboard.com/splash/>

Everything you want to know about the SAT Assessment - students with disabilities, test prep, test sites and dates, college search, financial aid information, and much more.

[www.collegeboard.com/highered/apr/accu/accu.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/highered/apr/accu/accu.html)

Provides general information related to the ACCUPLACER assessment used by most community and technical colleges to determine a student's ability to benefit from educational programs. There are many free online sample test sites. Simply enter "ACCUPLACER" into Google or similar search engine and choose the site you prefer.

[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

A valuable resource about all social security programs. Apply for benefits, get addresses of local offices, request forms, and make connecting links to other social security online services.

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

FAFSA stands for "Free Application for Federal Student Aid." It is easier and quicker to complete, and response is much faster if submitted online though paper copy is also available. The form is very similar to completing an income tax form and information is required on parents and the student. Completing this form can qualify a student for federal grants, loans, or work study. It should be completed as early as possible after the first of the year.

[www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html)

Government website provides information on the rights and responsibilities of a student with a disability upon entering a postsecondary educational institution.

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html>

Office of Civil Rights

[www.mnscu.edu/campuses/index.html](http://www.mnscu.edu/campuses/index.html)

A state map with the location of all Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Click on the site of interest and it will provide you with information and web links related to the school, its programs, and services.

[www.washington.edu/doit/brochures/academics/cprep.html](http://www.washington.edu/doit/brochures/academics/cprep.html)

Preparing for College: an Online Tutorial -- Many resources on the Internet can be used to help high school students with disabilities prepare for college, but they can be difficult to locate. A new DOIT publication guides students through a set of preparatory experiences.

[www.c3online.org](http://www.c3online.org)

Maps and provides access information for services for youth with disabilities within the state of Minnesota.

[www.apprenticeship.org](http://www.apprenticeship.org)

Describes apprenticeships. Provides requirements in a variety of fields. Gives contact information by location in state, and links to similar sites.

<http://www.isd917.k12.mn.us/ctic.htm>

Dakota County Community Transition Interagency Committee (CTIC)

<http://iseek.org>

Minnesota's gateway to career, education, employment and business information

**Workforce Center**

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is for people with disabilities who need our services to prepare for work, or to find and keep a job.

Minnesota Workforce Center - Dakota County-Western Area

MN Workforce Center  
Rehabilitation Services  
South Cross Commons Center IV  
2900 W County Road 42, Suite 140  
Burnsville, MN 55306  
952-895-7600 Voice  
952-895-7661 TTY  
952-895-7625 FAX

Minnesota Workforce Center - Dakota County-Northern Area

MN Workforce Center  
Rehabilitation Services  
1 Mendota Road West, Suite #170  
West Saint Paul, MN 55118-4768  
651-554-5955 Voice  
651-554-5914 TTY  
651-554-6565 FAX

# EXPLANATION OF EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS AND PROGRAMS

## **Rehabilitation Services**

Rehabilitation Services works with individuals who have disabilities, providing a variety of services. The services include but are not limited to: vocational planning, employment information and referral services. They also provide guidance in maintaining employment.

Services are delivered by 355 branch staff and 140 state certified community agencies through three major state-wide programs.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Services:** basic vocational rehabilitation services to consumers including vocational counseling, planning, guidance and placement. specialized services based on individual needs are also provided.

**Extended Employment:** on-going employment support services to individuals in a variety of work settings including community rehabilitation program sites, community-based group sites, and community-based individual sites.

**Independent Living:** comprehensive services to people with severe disabilities to enhance their ability to live independently, function in their homes and with their families and to participate in their communities.

**Funding Source and Allocation:** Funding is through federal grants, [Department of Education](#) funds, and state and local funds.

**Statutory Authority :** [Minnesota Statutes 268A](#) and the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended; and the Social Security Act.

**For More Information** on [Rehabilitation Services Programs near you click here](#), or contact:

Kimberley Peck, Director

## **Department of Employment and Economic Development**

Rehabilitation Services Branch

First National Bank Building

332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200

St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

651-259-7366 800-328-9095 Fax 651-297-5159

TTY 651-296-3900 800-657-3973

800-627-3529 Minnesota Relay Service 877-672-3848 Speech-to-Speech Telephone Re-Voice

**Website:** <http://www.deed.state.mn.us/rehab/rehab.htm>

## **What is Supported Employment?**

Supported employment facilitates competitive work in integrated work settings for individuals with the most severe disabilities (i.e. psychiatric, mental retardation, learning disabilities, traumatic brain injury) for whom competitive employment has not traditionally occurred, and who, because of the nature and severity of their disability, need ongoing support services in order to perform their job. Supported employment provides assistance such as job coaches, transportation, assistive technology, specialized job training, and individually tailored supervision.

Supported employment is a way to move people from dependence on a service delivery system to independence via competitive employment. Recent studies indicate that the provision of on-going support services for people with severe disabilities significantly increases their rates for employment retention. Supported employment encourages people to work within their communities and encourages work, social interaction, and integration.

### **Definitions**

**A job coach** is a person who is hired by the placement agency to provide specialized on-site training to assist the employee with a disability in learning and performing the job and adjusting to the work environment.

**Natural supports** are support from supervisors and co-workers, such as mentoring, friendships, socializing at breaks and/or after work, providing feedback on job performance, or learning a new skill together at the invitation of a supervisor or co-workers. These natural supports are particularly effective because they enhance the social integration between the employee with a disability and his/her co-workers and supervisor. In addition, natural supports may be more permanent, consistently and readily available, thereby facilitating long-term job-retention.

**Basic Components** Supported employment services should achieve the following outcomes: opportunity to earn equitable wages and other employment-related benefits, development of new skills, increased community participation, enhanced self-esteem, increased consumer empowerment, and quality of life. The types of supported employment services used depend on the needs of individual consumers. The following are the basic components of supported employment:

**Paid Employment**--Wages are a major outcome of supported employment. Work performed must be compensated with the same benefits and wages as other workers in similar jobs receive. This includes sick leave, vacation time, health benefits, bonuses, training opportunities, and other benefits. Employment must be for at least 18 hours per week.

**Integrated Work Sites**--Integration is one of the essential features of supported employment. Individuals with disabilities should have the same opportunities to participate in all activities in which other employees participate and to work alongside other employees who do not have disabilities.

**Ongoing Support**--A key characteristic which distinguishes supported employment from other employment programs is the provision of ongoing support for individuals with severe disabilities to maintain employment.

**Supported Employment Models**

Several supported employment models are being used to provide the benefits of work for people with severe disabilities.

**Individual Placement Model**--A person with a disability is placed in a job in a community business which best suits his/her abilities and preferences. Training is provided on the job site in job skills and work related behaviors, including social skills, by a job coach. As the employee gains skills and confidence, the job coach gradually spends less time at the worksite. Support is never completely removed. The private or public vocational rehabilitation agency furnishing the job coach is always available to the employer for retraining for new assignments, assisting in dealing with challenging behaviors, supplying periodic consultations with co-workers and employer, giving orientation and training for co-workers.

**Mobile Work Crew**--A small crew of persons with disabilities (up to 6) works as a distinct unit and operates as a self-contained business that generates employment for their crew members by selling a service. The crew works at several locations within the community, under the supervision of a job coach. The type of work usually includes janitorial or grounds keeping. People with disabilities work with people who do not have disabilities in a variety of settings, such as offices and apartment buildings.

**Small Business Model**--Within a small business, there may be up to six employees with disabilities, but not more than the number of employees without disabilities. The small business operates like any business, generating work and paying employees from revenues received. The small business is located within the community.

Benefits to Employers; no fee to employer, thoroughly screened applicants, employees' abilities matched to job Requirements, on-site job training by professionals, additional training, as necessary, follow-up services for the duration of employment

**Website:** <http://www.dol.gov/odep/archives/fact/supportd.htm>

## Where Can I Go for Additional Information?

*Rehabilitation Services Administration*  
Switzer Building  
330 C Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20202  
202-205-9297

*Virginia Commonwealth University*  
Rehabilitation Research and Training Center  
on Supported Employment  
1314 West Main Street; P.O. Box 842011  
Richmond, VA 23284-2011  
804-828-1851

*Office of Disability Employment Policy*  
1331 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20002  
202-376-6200 TTY: 202-376-6205

*Administration on Developmental Disabilities*  
Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201  
202-690-5504

*Children's Hospital*  
Institute for Community Inclusion  
200 Longwood Avenue  
Boston, MA 02115  
617-735-6506

## **EXPLANATION OF EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS AND PROGRAMS** *Continued*

### **Day Training and Habilitation (DT&H)**

#### **What is Day Training and Habilitation?**

Day Training and Habilitation (DT&H) are licensed supports to help adults:

- Develop and maintain life skills
- Participate in community life
- Engage in proactive and satisfying activities of their own choosing

DT&H services are located in 81 counties in Minnesota and serve over 12,000 persons.

#### **Who is eligible for DT&H services?**

Eligibility for DT&H services is determined through a screening process. To be eligible for DT&H services a person must meet all of the following conditions:

- Be 18 years of age or older and have a diagnosis of mental retardation or a related condition
- Receive a screening for home and community-based services or reside in an Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Mental Retardation or Related Conditions (ICF/MR)
- Have their health and safety in the community addressed in their plan of care
- Make an informed choice to receive DT&H as part of their Individual Service Plan (ISP)

For persons who receive DT&H services under the MR/RC Waiver, they must have at least one residential service offered through the waiver.

Persons who reside in an ICF/MR now have a choice of day services as do persons who receive a home and community-based waiver.

#### **What services are provided by a DT&H?**

- Supervision, training and assistance in the areas of self-care, communication, socialization and behavior management
- Supported employment and work-related activities
- Community integrated activities, including the use of leisure and recreation time
- Training in community survival skills, money management and therapeutic activities that increase the adaptive living skills of an individual
- Non - medical transportation services to enable persons to participate in above listed services (DT&H sites have a separate transportation rate.)

#### **How can I get more information about DT&H services?**

Persons who are interested in DT&H services should contact their local county social services agency. For more information, [contact your local county agency](#).

**Website:** <http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?>

[IdcService=GET\\_DYNAMIC\\_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=id\\_003515](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=id_003515)

## Extended Employment

### **Welcome to Extended Employment - Ongoing Supports for Minnesotans with Disabilities**

We are excited about the employment services in Minnesota, our partners in the public and private sectors, and the outstanding opportunities that Minnesota's healthy economy offers to so many people who want to work, but require ongoing supports to be successful. David Sherwood-Gabrielson Director, Community Partnerships

#### **Mission**

The purpose of Extended Employment is to provide the ongoing support services necessary for Minnesotans with disabilities and other significant barriers to employment to maintain and advance in jobs and careers. To learn more about how we accomplish this mission, select [Services](#).

For an overview of Extended Employment programs, legislative appropriations, outcomes, publications, and statutory authority, select [Programs](#).

#### **A Community of Partnerships**

We share a commitment to Minnesotans who require ongoing support services to work and fully participate in their communities; to employers who rely on extended employment program providers for a reliable source of well-

matched, trained, and supported workers; and to the private, nonprofit community rehabilitation organizations that satisfy the business needs of local employers while teaching persons with disabilities to recognize their own strengths, abilities and interests through person-centered planning, performance measurement, and feedback on goals. There is no charge to Minnesota residents for these services. The person served is the key participant in the vocational rehabilitation process and we welcome and encourage the participation of persons served, parents and advocacy organizations as we continue to develop statewide policy and procedures for state-of-the-art employment services. To deliver statewide services we contract with a network of [29 community rehabilitation organizations](#) to provide the individualized ongoing employment support services necessary. There is no charge to Minnesotans for these services. Our public partners include local workforce centers, county social services agencies, the Department of Children, Family and Learning, the Department of Human Services, and the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, also within the Department of Employment and Economic Development, Rehabilitation Services.

### **Quality and Accountability**

Service providers must be certified annually and are required to achieve and maintain the highest levels of service standards and accountability to the persons served.

#### **[Application for State Certification of Extended Employment Providers](#)**

The certification process includes obtaining and maintaining national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). CARF is considered the preemptive national standard-setting and accrediting body in the United States for vocational rehabilitation programs. CARF's *Employment and Community Services Standards* are reviewed and updated annually to reflect best practices obtained from service providers and national affiliates. For more information, visit the [CARF Homepage](#).

Organizations providing Extended Employment services are audited annually by independent certified public accountants in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards contained in AICPA professional standards. Download the [report of compliance and outcomes](#) for persons served for the past state fiscal year, ending June 30, 2006.

Download [Extended Employment Audit Standards](#) for the current state fiscal year, ending June 30, 2007.

### **More Information**

The Extended Employment Program is a statewide service that operates in a public arena. Information collected and produced is available to the public, with the exception of data that falls under the provisions of the Minnesota Data Privacy Act.

We also have staff available to answer your questions. You can reach us by telephone, TTY, email, or U.S. postal service. We are here to assist you if:

- You are having difficulty keeping a job
- You are an employer looking for dedicated people who want to work
- You are employed by community rehabilitation organization in Minnesota
- You are receiving services from a community rehabilitation organization
- You are unhappy with your current community rehabilitation organization
- You want to learn about Extended Employment in Minnesota

### **Department of Employment and Economic Development**

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St. Paul, Minnesota 55101  
651-259-7366  
800-328-9095  
651-296-3900 TTY  
800-657-3973 TTY  
651-297-5159 Fax  
800-627-3529 Minnesota Relay Service  
877-672-3848 Speech-to-Speech Telephone Re-Voice



## EMPLOYMENT DT&H

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| <p><b><u>CHRESTOMATHY OF DAKOTA COUNTY</u></b><br/>         1820 E 122ND ST<br/>         BURNSVILLE, MN 55337<br/>         952-974-0339<br/> <a href="http://www.chrestomathyinc.org">http://www.chrestomathyinc.org</a></p>  | <p>Chrestomathy is a day training and habilitation service for adults with developmental disabilities. The three program sites are located in Minneapolis, Minnesota and in the nearby suburbs of Eden Prairie and Burnsville. The staff ratio is enriched: one staff for every two clients. Unlike most other programs serving this population, Chrestomathy is a specialized and relatively small company. In total, Chrestomathy serves a little over 100 individuals across all three sites. Founded in 1985, our success can be attributed to our commitment to excellence, our commitment to working with individuals with complex needs and our positive, proactive approach to working with the individuals we serve.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>East Suburban Resources</u></b><br/>         1754 Washington Ave.<br/>         Stillwater, MN 55082<br/>         651-351-0190 Fax: 651-351-0192<br/> <a href="http://www.esrworks.org/">http://www.esrworks.org/</a></p>   | <p>Empowering adults with disabilities through community supported employment is one of the ways in which East Suburban Resources changes lives each and every day. Our belief that people who want to work should have the opportunity to do so has propelled the agency into the top tier of service providers in the metro area. Established in 1964, the agency serves adults with developmental disabilities and other special needs by meeting their individual employment goals and helping them become more fully integrated into their community. Our highly trained and dedicated staff focus on really getting to know the person before developing a job that meets that individual's desires and abilities. Skills training, goal setting and ongoing job coaching are just a few of the ways ESR partners with consumers to increase their self-sufficiency, their self-worth and assist them in contributing to their communities.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Kaposia, Inc.</u></b><br/>         380 East Lafayette Freeway South<br/>         Suite 212<br/>         St. Paul, MN 55107-1216<br/>         651-224-6974 Fax: 651-224-7249<br/> <a href="http://www.kaposia.com/">http://www.kaposia.com/</a></p>   | <p>Kaposia provides comprehensive, customized employment, training and consultation services to individuals with barriers to successful employment, employers and other customers. Connecting job seekers with jobs, employers with workers and providing ongoing support to both is the primary business focus. Retirement services assist customers in connecting with their communities as they leave the workforce or reduce their work focus. Support services assist all customers in achieving success.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>LIFEWORKS</u></b><br/>         Administrative office<br/>         2965 Lone Oak Drive, Ste. 160 Po<br/>         Eagan, MN 55121<br/>         651-454-2732 Fax: 651-454-3174<br/> <b>Burnsville</b><br/>         12237 Wood Lake Drive<br/>         Burnsville, MN 55337<br/>         952-808-1483 Fax: 952-808-9174<br/> <b>Eagan</b><br/>         2965 Lone Oak Drive, Ste. 160 Po<br/>         Eagan, MN 55121<br/>         651-365-3794 Fax: 651-365-3792<br/> <b>Hastings</b><br/>         Westview Center<br/>         1355 South Frontage Road, #101<br/>         Hastings, MN 55033<br/>         651-437-8762 Fax: 651-437-7239</p> | <p>Lifeworks is a nonprofit organization that helps people with disabilities live fuller lives that are integrated into the flow of community experience. Through employment at area businesses, social enrichment opportunities, and customized support services, Life works provides the tools clients need to build the lives they want to live. For more than 40 years, we have collaborated with employers, volunteers, and government agencies to create expanded opportunities for people with disabilities.</p>   |

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| <p><b><u>MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES</u></b><br/> 900 Ocean Street<br/> St. Paul, MN 55106<br/> 651-778-1000 Fax: 651-772-4352<br/> <b>Apple Valley</b><br/> 14779 Energy Way<br/> Apple Valley, MN 55124<br/> 952-891-5345 Fax: 952-891-1922<br/> <b>Eagan</b><br/> 3265 Northwood Circle Suite 180<br/> Eagan, MN 55121<br/> 651-454-9010 Fax: 651-454-9011<br/> <a href="http://www.mwsservices.org/">http://www.mwsservices.org/</a></p>  | <p>We have grown over the years from a small storefront on Saint Paul's east side to five locations, serving more than 400 individuals each year. We remain focused on meeting the needs and aspirations of each person we serve.</p> <p>Our vision for the agency is to be the premier provider of vocational and day training services for adults with disabilities. To this end, we never stop looking for ways to improve the quality of our programs. Our customer service philosophy is to hire the most qualified and committed staff, listen closely to our stakeholders, and strive to always be one step ahead of your expectations.</p> |
| <p><b><u>MRCI-Burnsville</u></b><br/> 15191 Boulder Court<br/> Rosemount , MN 55068<br/> 651-423-8900</p>  | <p>MRCI WorkSource is currently the largest provider of both community-based supported employment and center-based extended employment in Minnesota. We offer more than 65 distinct programs that serve more than 3,000 people from Southern Minnesota and the Southern Metro areas. Of that number a record 517 people were employed last year in the competitive job market and were able to leave MRCI WorkSource services and 1137 additional people worked in supported employment.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Minnesota State Operated Community Services (MSOCS)</u></b><br/> 444 Lafayette Road N.<br/> St Paul, MN 55155-3818<br/> 651-634 2300 TTY: 1-800-627-3529<br/> <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;Redirected=true&amp;dDocName=id_003503">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;Redirected=true&amp;dDocName=id_003503</a></p> | <p>Serving the people of Minnesota. Building community capacity to support people at home, at work and in the community. MSOCS strives to provide the best in consumer-directed community supports that are tailor-made for each individual's needs. We focus on people, not programs. We are responsible for the common good. We recognize and act upon our mutual responsibility to each other. We provide safety nets and ladders up for the people we support. We are partners with communities to mobilize supports that help people function and succeed</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Opportunity Partners</u></b><br/> 5500 Opportunity Court<br/> Minnetonka, MN 55343<br/> 952-938-5511 Fax: 952-930-4279<br/> TTY: 952-930-4293<br/> <a href="http://www.opportunities.org/">http://www.opportunities.org/</a></p>  | <p>Opportunity Partners supports people with disabilities and other special needs in their effort to improve their self-sufficiency at work, at home, and in the community. Every day, Opportunity Partners provides personalized employment, housing and education services to more than 1,300 individuals in the Twin Cities with developmental disabilities, brain injury, autism and other special needs. We empower individuals with disabilities and special needs to achieve maximum self-sufficiency in the community.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>PROACT INC</u></b><br/> 3195 Neil Armstrong Blvd.<br/> Eagan, MN 55121<br/> 651-686-0405 Fax: 651-686-0312<br/> <a href="http://www.proactinc.org/">http://www.proactinc.org/</a></p>   | <p>ProAct is an organization dedicated to serving people with disabilities and other challenges with a range of client services that enhance employment skills and self-sufficiency capabilities. At the same time, ProAct provides employers located along the Mississippi River corridor, from Minnesota's Twin Cities into Wisconsin and southern Minnesota with quality workplace employees and assembly, packaging and light manufacturing products and services. Headquartered in Eagan, Minn., the organization has two additional key Minnesota facilities in Red Wing and Zumbrota.</p>   |

## OTHER EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS

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| <p><b><u>Access to Employment</u></b><br/> <b><u>Access to Employment Too, Inc.</u></b><br/>         5075 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 180<br/>         Golden Valley, MN 55416<br/>         763-543-6980<br/> <a href="http://www.deed.state.mn.us/rehab/crp/accesstoo.htm">www.deed.state.mn.us/rehab/crp/accesstoo.htm</a></p> | <p>This Operating Agreement pertains to the expenditure of Vocational Rehabilitation funds governed by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the arrangements under which services are purchased for consumers of that program.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>AccessAbility, Inc.</u></b><br/>         360 Hoover Street NE<br/>         Minneapolis, MN 55413<br/>         612-331-5958 Fax: 612-331-2448</p>   | <p>AccessAbility, Inc. is a not-for-profit, diversified training, employment and production facility. We provide training, work and recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities and economic disadvantages who have barriers to employment and community inclusion. Our goal is self-sufficiency.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Association for Persons in Supported Employment</u></b><br/>         1627 Monument Ave.<br/>         Richmond, VA 23220<br/>         804-278-9187 Fax: 804-278-9377<br/> <a href="http://www.apse.org/">http://www.apse.org/</a></p>   | <p>Supported employment (SE) enables people with disabilities who have not been successfully employed to work and contribute to society. SE focuses on a person's abilities and provides the supports the individual needs to be successful on a long-term basis. It allows people experiencing disabilities, their families, businesses, and their communities to experience the successes of people with disabilities. The partnership that SE has established between individuals experiencing disabilities and their communities is having a lasting impact on the way the public perceives people with disabilities. SE affords the public the opportunity to see the person for who they are rather than seeing the disability.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Career Builder</u></b><br/>         866-438-1485<br/>         Website: <a href="http://www.careerbuilder.com">http://www.careerbuilder.com</a></p>   | <p>We are changing the way companies around the world recruit their most important asset: their people. Our mission is to be the global leader in online recruitment advertising by being an employee-driven, customer-focused organization that provides the best rate of return to our shareholders.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Courage Center</u></b><br/>         3915 Golden Valley Road<br/>         Golden Valley, MN 55422<br/>         612-588-0811 Fax: 612-520-0577<br/>         Website: <a href="http://www.courage.org/">http://www.courage.org/</a></p>   | <p>Since 1928, Minneapolis-based Courage Center, a non-profit rehabilitation and resource center, has had a legacy of advancing the lives of people experiencing barriers to health and independence. Our continuum of care includes rehabilitation therapies, transitional rehabilitation, pain management, vocational and community-based services, and camping and sports and recreation programs for people of all ages and abilities.</p>  |

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| <p><b><u>East Suburban Resources</u></b><br/> 1754 Washington Ave.<br/> Stillwater, MN 55082<br/> 651-351-0190 Fax: 651-351-0192<br/> <a href="http://www.esrworks.org/">http://www.esrworks.org/</a></p>   | <p>Empowering adults with disabilities through community supported employment is one of the ways in which East Suburban Resources changes lives each and every day. Our belief that people who want to work should have the opportunity to do so has propelled the agency into the top tier of service providers in the metro area. Established in 1964, the agency serves adults with developmental disabilities and other special needs by meeting their individual employment goals and helping them become more fully integrated into their community. Our highly trained and dedicated staff focus on really getting to know the person before developing a job that meets that individual's desires and abilities. Skills training, goal setting and ongoing job coaching are just a few of the ways ESR partners with consumers to increase their self-sufficiency, their self-worth and assist them in contributing to their communities.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Goodwill Industries Inc./Easter Seals</u></b><br/> 553 Fairview Avenue<br/> St. Paul, MN 55104<br/> 651-646-2591 Fax: 651-649-0302<br/> Website: <a href="http://mnges.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=MNDR_services">http://mnges.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=MNDR_services</a></p> | <p>Adults with disabilities and other social and economic disadvantages looking for meaningful employment receive job training, placement and other employment services through Goodwill/Easter Seals.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Iseek</u></b><br/> Toll-free 1-800-657-8372<br/> Website: <a href="http://WWW.ISEEK.org">WWW.ISEEK.org</a></p>   | <p>Minnesota's gateway to career, education, employment and business information</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Kaposia, Inc.</u></b><br/> 380 East Lafayette Freeway South<br/> Suite 212<br/> St. Paul, MN 55107-1216<br/> 651-224-6974 Fax: 651-224-7249<br/> <a href="http://www.kaposia.com/">http://www.kaposia.com/</a></p>   | <p>Kaposia provides comprehensive, customized employment, training and consultation services to individuals with barriers to successful employment, employers and other customers. Connecting job seekers with jobs, employers with workers and providing ongoing support to both is the primary business focus. Retirement services assist customers in connecting with their communities as they leave the workforce or reduce their work focus. Support services assist all customers in achieving success.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Lambert Vocational Services</u></b><br/> 375 East Kellogg Boulevard<br/> Saint Paul, Minnesota (MN)<br/> 55101-1411<br/> 651-225-9425</p>  | <p>Lambert Vocational Services is dedicated to assisting individuals who have a disability, have been injured, or are disadvantaged, to obtain and maintain enriching career opportunities that enhance the quality of their life. Lambert Vocational Services is an innovative leader in the field of vocational rehabilitation. We serve individuals, employers, insurers, government agencies, health care providers and attorneys by providing expert and ethical, timely and respectful case management.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Lifetrack Resources</u></b><br/> 709 University Avenue West<br/> St. Paul, MN 55104<br/> 651-227-8471 Fax: 651-227-0621<br/> Website: <a href="http://www.lifetrackresources.org">http://www.lifetrackresources.org</a></p>  | <p>As a community-based service organization, Lifetrack Resources has distinguished itself in our ability to work holistically with individuals, families and children to change lives and create new possibilities. Lifetrack's strategies for improving lives come from our core competency in serving people overcoming multiple obstacles such as physical and mental disabilities, poverty, lack of education, trauma and isolation.</p>   |

**OTHER EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS** *continued*

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| <p><b><u>LIFEWORKS DAKOTA REGION</u></b><br/> <b>Administrative office:</b><br/> Lifeworks Services, Inc.<br/> 1120 Centre Pointe Drive, #100<br/> Mendota Heights, MN 55120<br/> 651-454-2732 Fax: 651-454-3174<br/> <a href="http://www.lifeworks.org">http://www.lifeworks.org</a><br/> <b>Burnsville</b><br/> 12237 Wood Lake Drive<br/> Burnsville, MN 55337<br/> 952-808-1483 Fax: 952-808-9174<br/> <b>Hastings</b><br/> Westview Center<br/> 1355 South Frontage Road, #101<br/> Hastings, MN 55033<br/> 651-437-8762 Fax: 651-437-7239<br/> <b>Mendota Heights</b><br/> 1120 Centre Pointe Drive, #400<br/> Mendota Heights, MN 55120<br/> 651-365-3790 Fax: 651-365-3792</p> | <p>Our mission is to serve our community and people with disabilities as we live and work together. We are passionately committed to fostering a greater understanding of people with disabilities so that they are heard, their interests are respected, and their contributions valued. Lifeworks provide customized services for people with disabilities that help them to live full and meaningful lives. We do this by listening to the people we serve and their families to determine what is important to them. We understand that in order to listen we must first learn how each person communicates. We plan with each person in order to follow their lead, rather than direct their path. We consider their interests and gifts, and build relationships with their families and friends, employers, coworkers, funders, and the community. A meaningful life means something different for every person and encompasses time and experiences beyond just the hours that we spend with them. We must look at the whole person, and connect them to resources and relationships beyond what Lifeworks provides.</p> |
| <p><b><u>MRCI-Burnsville</u></b><br/> 15191 Boulder Court<br/> Rosemount , MN 55068<br/> 651-423-8900</p>  | <p>MRCI WorkSource is currently the largest provider of both community-based supported employment and center-based extended employment in Minnesota. We offer more than 65 distinct programs that serve more than 3,000 people from Southern Minnesota and the Southern Metro areas. Of that number a record 517 people were employed last year in the competitive job market and were able to leave MRCI WorkSource services and 1137 additional people worked in supported employment.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Midwest Special Services</u></b><br/> 14779 Energy Way<br/> Apple Valley, MN 55124<br/> 952-891-5345 Fax: 952-891-1922<br/> MSS Eagan Center<br/> 3265 Northwood Circle Suite 180<br/> Eagan, MN 55121<br/> 651-454-9010 Fax: 651-454-9011<br/> Website: <a href="http://www.mwsservices.org/">http://www.mwsservices.org/</a></p>  | <p>Job Search &amp; Placement assists people who want to work at a competitive level in the community. Candidates for whom this program works best, have already acquired job skills and are ready to find and keep the job that best suits their interests and abilities.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Minnesota Jobs.com</u></b><br/> Trumor Inc.<br/> MinnesotaJobs.com Division<br/> 607 Hwy 10, Suite 204<br/> Blaine, MN 55434<br/> Toll-free: 866-801-9182<br/> Website: <a href="http://www.minnesotajobs.com/">http://www.minnesotajobs.com/</a></p>   | <p>We are honored to be a valuable part of the community since 1995. We have helped thousands of job seekers and employers make employment connections over the years. Our easy to use employment advertising resource continues to be the top in our market as we strive to provide impeccable customer service, promote our service extensively and make your success as job seeking and employment clients our highest priority.</p>  |



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| <p><b><u>Minnesota Workforce Centers</u></b><br/>           Dakota County-Northern Area<br/>           1 Mendota Road W., Suite 170<br/>           West St. Paul, MN 55118<br/>           651-554-5955 Fax: 651-554-5928<br/>           TTY: 651-554-5914<br/>           Dakota County-Western Area<br/>           Southcross Commons Center IV<br/>           2900 W County Road 42, Suite 140<br/>           Burnsville, MN 55337<br/>           952.895.7600 Fax: 952.895.7660<br/>           TTY: 952-895-7661<br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.mnwfc.org/">http://www.mnwfc.org/</a></p>   | <p>Minnesota's WorkForce Center System is the product of government agencies rethinking of how to deliver employment and training services. It is the result of an analysis of the structures and systems which too frequently were characterized by fragmentation and duplication, and which frustrated potential users by a bureaucratic maze of programs and services. From the analysis of workforce development structures and service delivery system, a vision emerged in which comprehensive, integrated, individualized services would be the outcome. WorkForce Centers represent a move from red tape to results, focusing on providing information and resources that enable individuals to achieve economic security and employers to successfully compete in today's economy.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Minnesota Department of Rehabilitation Services</u></b><br/>           Dakota County-Northern Area<br/>           1 Mendota Road W., Suite 170<br/>           West St. Paul, MN 55118<br/>           651-554-5955 Fax: 651-554-5928<br/>           TTY: 651-554-5914<br/>           Dakota County-Western Area<br/>           Southcross Commons Center IV<br/>           2900 W County Road 42, Suite 140<br/>           Burnsville, MN 55337<br/>           952-895-7600 Fax: 952-895-7660<br/>           TTY: 952-895-7661<br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.deed.state.mn.us/rehab/">http://www.deed.state.mn.us/rehab/</a></p> | <p>You may be able to get vocational rehabilitation services from Rehabilitation Services (RS) if you have a disability that makes it hard for you to get a job. VR is for people with disabilities who need our services to get ready for work, or to find or keep a job. To help decide if you can get services, your counselor will ask you if it's okay to look at reports from your doctor or other people who may know about you.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>National Center on Secondary Education and Transition</u></b><br/>           Institute on Community Integration<br/>           University of Minnesota<br/>           6 Pattee Hall<br/>           150 Pillsbury Drive SE<br/>           Minneapolis MN 55455<br/>           612-624-2097 Fax: 612-624-9344<br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.ncset.org/">http://www.ncset.org/</a></p>   | <p>The National Center on Secondary Education and Transition (NCSET) was established to create opportunities for youth with disabilities to achieve successful futures. NCSET provides technical assistance and disseminates information focused on four major areas of national significance for youth with disabilities and their families.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability (NCWD) For Youth</u></b><br/>           c/o Institute for Educational Leadership<br/>           1001 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 310<br/>           Washington, DC 20036<br/>           Toll-free: 877-871-0744 TTY: 877-871-0665<br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.ncwd-youth.info">http://www.ncwd-youth.info</a></p>  | <p>The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth) assists state and local workforce development systems to better serve youth with disabilities. NCWD/Youth strives to ensure that youth with disabilities are provided full access to high quality services in integrated settings in order to maximize their opportunities for employment and independent living.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Opportunity Partners</u></b><br/>           5500 Opportunity Court<br/>           Minnetonka, MN 55343<br/>           952-938-5511 Fax: 952-930-4279<br/>           TTY: 952-930-4293<br/> <a href="http://www.opportunities.org/">http://www.opportunities.org/</a></p>  | <p>Opportunity Partners supports people with disabilities and other special needs in their effort to improve their self-sufficiency at work, at home, and in the community. Every day, Opportunity Partners provides personalized employment, housing and education services to more than 1,300 individuals in the Twin Cities with developmental disabilities, brain injury, autism and other special needs. We empower individuals with disabilities and special needs to achieve maximum self-sufficiency in the community.</p>  |

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| <p><b><u>Pathways to Employment (PTE)</u></b><br/> <a href="http://www.deed.state.mn.us/pte/">http://www.deed.state.mn.us/pte/</a></p>   | <p><i>The mission of Pathways to Employment is to increase competitive employment of people with disabilities and meet Minnesota's workforce needs by bringing together people with disabilities, employers, businesses, government and providers. Three Minnesota state agencies (Minnesota Department of Human Services, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, and the Minnesota State Council on Disability) have partnered to develop and implement Pathways to Employment, a comprehensive employment Medicaid infrastructure grant funded through the Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Improvement Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-170).</i></p> |
| <p><b><u>PROACT INC</u></b><br/> 3195 Neil Armstrong Blvd.<br/> Eagan, MN 55121<br/> 651-686-0405 Fax: 651-686-0312<br/> <a href="http://www.proactinc.org/">http://www.proactinc.org/</a></p>   | <p>ProAct is an organization dedicated to serving people with disabilities and other challenges with a range of client services that enhance employment skills and self-sufficiency capabilities. At the same time, ProAct provides employers located along the Mississippi River corridor, from Minnesota's Twin Cities into Wisconsin and southern Minnesota with quality workplace employees and assembly, packaging and light manufacturing products and services. Headquartered in Eagan, Minn., the organization has two additional key Minnesota facilities in Red Wing and Zumbrota.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Resource, Inc.</u></b><br/> 1900 Chicago Ave. S.<br/> Minneapolis, MN 55404<br/> 612-752-8000 Fax: 612-752-8001<br/> Website: <a href="http://www.resource-mn.org/">http://www.resource-mn.org/</a></p>                               | <p>Our organization is shaped by real people, connecting with each other to change lives. Our enthusiastic and dedicated team of 260 staff people works in close collaboration with hundreds of donors and volunteers to provide meaningful and effective services to more than 16,000 people a year. Our mission is to empower people to achieve greater personal, social and economic success. We are committed to undoing racism and promoting diversity.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>RISE, INC</u></b><br/> 8406 Sunset Road NE<br/> Spring Lake Park, MN 55432-1387<br/> 763-786-8334 TTY Fax: 763-786-0008<br/> Website: <a href="http://www.rise.org/">http://www.rise.org/</a></p>                                     | <p>Rise supports people who have disabilities and other barriers to employment in attaining their personal measure of safe and affordable housing, vocational achievement, self-sufficiency, and belonging in their communities. Rise is dedicated to building a community which is more accepting of all of its citizens and we support the development of creative partnerships with businesses, government agencies, and the general public to meet</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Tasks Unlimited</u></b><br/> 2419 Nicollet Avenue South<br/> Minneapolis, MN<br/> 55404-3450<br/> Phone: 612-871-3320 Fax: 612-871-0432<br/> Website: <a href="http://www.tasksunlimited.org/">http://www.tasksunlimited.org/</a></p> | <p>Tasks Unlimited is a group of not-for-profit organizations committed to helping adults with serious and persistent mental illness and brain disorder improve their status by promoting their self-sufficiency. Programs serve residents of Minnesota and are located in Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin and Ramsey Counties.</p>  |

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| <p><b><u>Tree Trust</u></b><br/> 2350 Wycliff Street Suite 200<br/> Saint Paul, MN 55114<br/> 651-644-5800 Fax: 651-644-1469<br/> Website: <a href="http://www.treetrust.org/">http://www.treetrust.org/</a></p>  | <p>Tree Trust has a variety of training programs for youth and adults with special needs living in the Twin Cities metro area. These are actual work or service experiences. Some pay wages. All help participants learn basic job skills while they serve their communities by carrying out community projects. Our training programs are well-known for the quality work our trainees do in the fields of landscape installation, landscape construction and tree care.</p> |
| <p><b><u>TSE Inc.</u></b><br/> Administration office<br/> 2027 Rice St.<br/> Roseville, MN 55113<br/> 651- 489-2595 Fax: 651-489-0410<br/> Work Ahead St Paul<br/> 1919 University Ave. Suite 116<br/> St. Paul, MN 55101<br/> 651-379-5290 Fax: 651-379-5292<br/> Website: <a href="http://www.tse-inc.org/">http://www.tse-inc.org/</a></p> | <p>TSE strives to actively involve individuals in their communities. This includes regular and meaningful interaction with non-disabled peers who are not their paid service providers. TSE also provides opportunities to enhance a person's independence with age appropriate and functional training in the least restrictive environment.</p>   |

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Additional supported employment services licensed by Minnesota Department of Human Services

**Vocational Support Services, Inc.**  
 1680 E Cliff Road  
 Burnsville, MN 55337  
 952-736-1600  
**Dungarvin Minnesota, LLC**  
 1110 Centre Point Curve, Suite 100  
 Mendota Heights, MN 55120  
 651-699-6050  
**Dakota Communities, Inc.**  
 680 O'Neill Dr  
 Eagan, MN 55121  
 651-688-8808  
**Allen's Community Service, Inc.**  
 14350 Eveleth Ave.  
 Apple Valley, MN 55124  
 952-431-1664

**Supported Employment Services** Supported employment services are provided to people for whom competitive employment at or above the minimum wage is unlikely, and who, because of their disabilities, needs intensive ongoing support to perform in a work setting. The person receiving services must be in a paid employment situation.

The following is a list of CARF accredited Community Rehabilitation Programs with whom Vocational Rehabilitation Services has an Operating Agreement. Each program's page contains Informed Choice and a summary of services purchased by Vocational Rehabilitation, and a link to Extended Employment.

| Community Rehabilitation Program                            | Location          | Performance-Based Agreements Approved | Extended Employment |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <a href="#">Ability Building Center</a>                     | Rochester, MN     | Yes                                   | <a href="#">Yes</a> |
| <a href="#">Access to Employment</a>                        | Minneapolis, MN   | Yes                                   |                     |
| <a href="#">Access to Employment Too, Inc.</a>              | Golden Valley, MN | Yes                                   |                     |
| <a href="#">AccessAbility</a>                               | Minneapolis, MN   | Yes                                   | <a href="#">Yes</a> |
| <a href="#">Achieve Services, Inc</a>                       | Blaine, MN        | Yes                                   |                     |
| Business Partners Network (See <a href="#">Susan Luce</a> ) | Afton, MN         |                                       |                     |
| <a href="#">Cedar Valley Services</a>                       | Austin, MN        | Yes                                   | <a href="#">Yes</a> |
| <a href="#">Choice Unlimited</a>                            | Duluth, MN        | Yes                                   |                     |
| <a href="#">Christensen, Nancy</a>                          | N Hudson, WI      | Yes                                   |                     |
| <a href="#">Complete Career Services</a>                    | St. Cloud, MN     | Yes                                   |                     |
| <a href="#">Courage Center</a>                              | Golden Valley, MN | Yes                                   | <a href="#">Yes</a> |
| <a href="#">East Suburban Resources, Inc.</a>               | Stillwater, MN    | Yes                                   |                     |
| <a href="#">Epic Enterprises, Inc</a>                       | Dundas, MN        | Yes                                   |                     |
| <a href="#">Functional Industries</a>                       | Buffalo, MN       | Yes                                   | <a href="#">Yes</a> |
| <a href="#">Goodwill/Easter Seals</a>                       | St. Paul, MN      | Yes                                   | <a href="#">Yes</a> |
| <a href="#">Goodwill/GIVE</a>                               | Duluth, MN        | Yes                                   | <a href="#">Yes</a> |
| <a href="#">Guild, Inc.</a>                                 | West St. Paul, MN | Yes                                   |                     |
| <a href="#">Hennepin County Vocational Services</a>         | Minneapolis, MN   | Yes                                   | <a href="#">Yes</a> |
| <a href="#">Human Development Center</a>                    | Duluth, MN        | Yes                                   |                     |

| <b>Community Rehabilitation Program (cont)</b>                 | <b>Location</b>       | <b>Performance-Based Agreements Approved</b> | <b>Extended Employment</b> |
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| <a href="#">Independent Vocational Services</a>                | Rochester, MN         | Yes  |                            |
| <a href="#">Industries, Inc.</a>                               | Mora, MN              | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Jewish Vocational Services</a>                     | Minnetonka, MN        | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Jones, Liz and Associates</a>                      | Little Canada, MN     | Yes  |                            |
| <a href="#">Kaposia, Inc.</a>                                  | St. Paul, MN          | Yes  |                            |
| <a href="#">K.C.Q., Inc.</a>                                   | Faribault, MN         | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Le Sueur County DAC</a>                            | Waterville, MN        |  |                            |
| <a href="#">Lifetrack Resources (Formerly S.P.R.C.)</a>        | St. Paul, MN          | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Lifeworks</a>                                      | Mendota Heights, MN   | Yes  |                            |
| <a href="#">MRCI</a>   | Mankato, MN           | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Midway Training Services</a>                       | St. Paul, MN          | Yes  |                            |
| <a href="#">Midwest Special Services</a>                       | St. Paul, MN          | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Minnesota State Operated Community Services</a>    | St. Paul, MN          | Yes  |                            |
| <a href="#">Occupational Development Center</a>                | Thief River Falls, MN | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Opportunity Partners, Inc.</a>                     | Minnetonka, MN        | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Opportunity Services</a>                           | Red Wing, MN          | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">O.R.C. - Winona</a>                                | Winona, MN            | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Phase, Inc.</a>                                    | Sandstone, MN         | Yes  |                            |
| <a href="#">ProAct, Inc</a>                                    | Eagan, MN             | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Productive Alternatives</a>                        | Fergus Falls, MN      | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Resources, Inc.</a>                                | Minneapolis, MN       | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Rise, Inc.</a>                                     | Spring Lake Park, MN  | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Rising Phoenix</a>                                 | Wadena, MN            | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Riverfront, Inc.</a>                               | La Crosse, WI         | Yes  |                            |
| <a href="#">Service Enterprises, Inc.</a>                      | Redwood Falls, MN     | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Susan Luce, Business Partners Network</a>          | Afton, MN             |  |                            |
| <a href="#">Tasks Unlimited</a>                                | Minneapolis, MN       | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Transitional Supported Employment of Minnesota</a> | Moorhead, MN          | Yes  |                            |
| <a href="#">TSE, Inc.</a>                                      | St. Paul, MN          | Yes  |                            |
| <a href="#">Wacosa</a>   | Sauk Centre, MN       | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Webber Placement Services</a>                      | St. Paul, MN          | Yes  |                            |
| <a href="#">West Central Industries, Inc.</a>                  | Willmar, MN           | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |
| <a href="#">Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center</a>             | Rochester, MN         | Yes  | <a href="#">Yes</a>        |



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| <p><b><u>Dakota County Collaborative</u></b><br/>           Dakota County Western Service Center<br/>           Social Services<br/>           14955 Galaxie Ave.<br/>           Apple Valley, MN 55124<br/>           Phone: 952-891-7449 Fax: 952-891-7473<br/>           Web Site: <a href="http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/CaringFor/InfoForParents/Collaboratives.htm">www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/CaringFor/InfoForParents/Collaboratives.htm</a></p> | <p>The Dakota County Collaborative is an integrated Children's Mental Health and Family Services collaborative. Partners include parents, community agencies, schools, and County staff. The purpose of the Dakota County Collaborative is to establish an integrated system of services for children. The partnership was formed more than ten years ago to enhance the stability and health of children and families.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (CADI) Waiver</u></b><br/>           Dakota County Community Services Administration<br/>           Northern Service Center<br/>           1 Mendota Rd W., Ste 500<br/>           W St. Paul, MN 55118-4773<br/>           651-554-5611 Fax: 651-554-5948<br/>           Web Site <a href="http://www.co.dakota.mn.us">www.co.dakota.mn.us</a></p>   | <p>The Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals Waiver provides funding for home and community-based services for children and adults, who would otherwise require the level of care provided in a nursing facility. CADI Waiver services may be provided in a person's own home, in his/her biological or adoptive family's home, in a relative's home (e.g. sibling, aunt, grandparent etc.), a family foster care home or corporate foster care home, a board and lodging facility or in an assisted living facility. If married, a person may receive CADI Waiver services while living at home with his or her spouse.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Community Alternative Care (CAC) Waiver</u></b><br/>           Dakota County Community Services Administration<br/>           Northern Service Center<br/>           1 Mendota Rd W., Ste 500<br/>           W St. Paul, MN 55118-4773<br/>           651-554-5611 Fax: 651-554-5948<br/>           Web Site <a href="http://www.co.dakota.mn.us">www.co.dakota.mn.us</a></p>   | <p>The Community Alternative Care Waiver provides funding for home and community-based services for children and adults who are chronically ill. The CAC Waiver is designed to serve persons with disabilities who would otherwise require the level of care provided in a hospital. CAC Waiver services may be provided in a person's own home, in his/her biological or adoptive family's home, in a relative's home (e.g. sibling, aunt, grandparent etc.), in a family foster care home or corporate foster care home. If married, a person may receive CAC Waiver services while living at home with his or her spouse.</p>       |
| <p><b><u>Consumer Support Grant (CSG)</u></b><br/>           DHS Central Office<br/>           444 Lafayette Road North<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55155<br/>           651-297-3933 TDD: 1-800-627-3529<br/> <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/</a></p>   | <p>The Consumer Support Grant program is a state-funded alternative to Medicaid home care services of home health aide, <a href="#">personal care assistance</a> and/or <a href="#">private duty nursing</a>. The Consumer Support Grant Program allows a recipient to convert the state portion of payments for specific home care services into a cash grant. Eligible participants receive monthly cash grants to replace fee-for-service home care services payments.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Developmental Disability Waiver</u></b><br/>           Dakota County Community Services Administration<br/>           Northern Service Center<br/>           1 Mendota Rd W., Ste 500<br/>           W St. Paul, MN 55118-4773<br/>           651-554-5611 Fax: 651-554-5948<br/>           Web Site <a href="http://www.co.dakota.mn.us">www.co.dakota.mn.us</a></p>   | <p>The DD Waiver provides funding for home and community-based services for children and adults with mental retardation or related conditions. Assessed waiver service needs, as identified in the person's service plan, may be provided in a person's own home, in his/her biological or adoptive family's home, in a relative's home (e.g., sibling, aunt, grandparent, etc.), in a family foster care home or corporate foster care home.</p>  |

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| <p><b><u>Family Support Grant (FSG)</u></b><br/> DHS Central Office<br/> 444 Lafayette Road North<br/> St. Paul, MN 55155<br/> 651-297-3933 TDD: 1-800-627-3529<br/> <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/</a></p>  | <p>The Family Support Grant program provides state cash grants to families of children with certified disabilities. The goal of the program is to prevent or delay the out-of-home placement of children with disabilities and promote family health and social well-being by facilitating access to family-centered services and supports.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>General Assistance Medicare Care</u></b><br/> DHS Central Office<br/> 444 Lafayette Road North<br/> 651-431-2670 TTY: 800-627-3529 or 711<br/> <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/</a></p>   | <p>Minnesota's General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) program pays for medical care for some 27,000 low-income Minnesotans who don't qualify for Medicaid or other state or federal health care programs — primarily low-income adults between the ages of 21 and 64, who don't have dependent children. GAMC is 100 percent state-funded. The Minnesota Department of Human Services oversees the program, administered locally by counties.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MA-EPD)</u></b><br/> DHS Central Office<br/> 444 Lafayette Road North<br/> St. Paul, MN 55155<br/> 651-431-2670 TTY: 800-627-3529 or 711<br/> <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/</a></p> | <p>Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities is a work incentive that promotes <a href="#">competitive employment</a> and the economic self-sufficiency of people with disabilities by assuring continued access to Medical Assistance for necessary health care services. MA-EPD allows working people with disabilities to qualify for MA under higher income and asset limits than standard MA. The goal of the program is to encourage people with disabilities to work and enjoy the benefits of being employed.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>MinnesotaCare</u></b><br/> DHS Central Office<br/> 444 Lafayette Road North<br/> St. Paul, MN 55155<br/> 651) 297-3862 (Twin Cities metro area)<br/> 800-657-3672 (outside Twin Cities metro area)<br/> 651-282-5100 (fax)<br/> TTY: 800-627-3529 or 711</p>                       | <p>MinnesotaCare is a subsidized health care program for people who live in Minnesota and do not have access to health insurance. There are no health condition barriers, but applicants must meet income and program guidelines to qualify.<br/> Enrollees pay a monthly premium for their health coverage. The premium is based on income and family size.<br/> Enrollees get all their services from a health care plan, which they choose when they enroll in the program.<br/> Coverage includes medical care (clinic and hospital), dental care, mental health and chemical dependency services, and prescription drugs.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association</u></b><br/> Customer Service, Mail Route CP555<br/> 401 Carlson Parkway<br/> Minnetonka, MN 55305-5387<br/> <a href="http://www.mchamn.com/html/contact.php">http://www.mchamn.com/html/contact.php</a></p>                            | <p>MCHA was established in 1976 by the Minnesota Legislature to offer policies of individual health insurance to Minnesota residents who have been turned down for health insurance by the private market, due to pre-existing health conditions. MCHA is sometimes referred to as Minnesota's "high risk pool" for health insurance or health insurance of last resort. Currently, about 30,000 Minnesota residents are insured by MCHA throughout the State of Minnesota.</p>  |

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| <p><b><u>Minnesota Children with Special Health Needs (MCSHN)</u></b><br/>           Minnesota Children with Special Health Needs<br/>           Minnesota Department of Health<br/>           85 East Seventh Place / P.O. Box 64882<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55164-0882<br/>           651-201-3650 or 1-800-728-5420<br/>           website: <a href="http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fh/mcshn/contact.htm">http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fh/mcshn/contact.htm</a></p>                 | <p>Finding necessary services for children with special health needs can be a puzzling job. The MCSHN Information and Assistance Line can help you find the right resources to meet special needs. The service is free and confidential. The Information and Assistance Line is for families, health care providers, public health nurses, teachers, social workers and anyone who needs help identifying and locating resources for children with special health needs. It offers information on services and resources provided by public and private agencies. Both national and state information is available.</p>                    |
| <p><b><u>Minnesota Department of Human Services - Medical Assistance (MA) (Minnesota's Medicaid Program)</u></b><br/>           DHS Central Office<br/>           444 Lafayette Road North<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55155<br/>           651-431-2670 TTY: 800-627-3529<br/>           website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/</a></p>   | <p>Medical Assistance is Minnesota's Medicaid program for low-income families with children, seniors and people with disabilities. Children, parents and pregnant women make up the largest MA group (70 percent), but they account for only 25 percent of expenditures. The remaining 75 percent of expenditures is for people who are elderly or have a disability. MA is funded jointly with state and federal funds.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Minnesota's home and community-based waivers</u></b><br/>           DHS Central Office<br/>           444 Lafayette Road North<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55155<br/>           651-297-3933 TDD: 1-800-627-3529<br/>           website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/</a></p>  | <p>Minnesotans with disabilities or chronic illnesses who need certain levels of care may qualify for the state's home and community-based waiver programs. Minnesota has chosen to enter into a number of waiver agreements in order to provide Minnesotans with more choice in their services. There are some differences in the services available in each waiver and the amount of money that a person can use to purchase supports.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Minnesota Supplemental Aid (MSA)</u></b><br/>           DHS Central Office<br/>           444 Lafayette Road North<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55155<br/>           651-297-3933 TDD: 1-800-627-3529<br/>           website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/</a></p>  | <p>Minnesota Supplemental Aid (MSA) is a state funded program that provides a monthly cash supplement to people who are aged, blind or disabled and who receive federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. Some recipients who do not receive SSI because their other income is too high may still be eligible for MSA if they meet MSA eligibility criteria and their income is below the MSA standard. MSA participants are also eligible for help with medical costs through the Medical Assistance (MA) program and for Food Support. Applications for MSA must be made through your local county human services agency.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Rehabilitation Services</u></b><br/>           Department of Employment and Economic Development<br/>           Rehabilitation Services Branch<br/>           First National Bank Building<br/>           332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200<br/>           St. Paul, Minnesota 55101<br/>           651-259-7366 Fax: 651-297-5159<br/>           TTY: 651-296-3900 or 800-657-3973<br/>           website: <a href="http://www.deed.state.mn.us/rehab/">www.deed.state.mn.us/rehab/</a></p> | <p>Rehabilitation Services helps people with disabilities to achieve their employment and independent living goals. These services are available through Minnesota Workforce Centers across the state. You may be eligible for VR if you have a physical or mental disability which makes it difficult for you to find or keep a job, and if you require VR services to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment.</p>   |

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| <p><b><u>Semi-Independent Living Services</u></b><br/> DHS Central Office<br/> 444 Lafayette Road North<br/> St. Paul, MN 55155<br/> 651-297-3933 TDD: 1-800-627-3529<br/> <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/</a></p>   | <p>Semi-independent living services are services that include training and assistance in managing money, preparing meals, shopping, personal appearance and hygiene and other activities needed to maintain and improve an adult with mental retardation's capacity to live in the community. A goal of SILS is to support people in ways that will enable them to achieve personally desired outcomes and lead self-directed lives.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Social Security</u></b><br/> Social Security Administration<br/> Office of Public Inquiries<br/> Windsor Park Building<br/> 6401 Security Blvd.<br/> Baltimore, MD 21235<br/> 1-800-772-1213 TTY 1-800-325-0778<br/> Local Contact:<br/> Social Security<br/> 190 5th St. E STE 800<br/> St. Paul, MN 55101<br/> Website: <a href="http://www.ssa.gov/">http://www.ssa.gov/</a></p> | <p>Social Security pay disability benefits under two programs: The Social Security disability insurance program pays benefits to you and certain family members if you worked long enough and paid Social Security taxes. Your adult child also may qualify for benefits on your earnings record if he or she has a disability that started before age 22. The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program pays benefits to disabled adults and children who have limited income and resources. SSI benefits also are payable to people 65 and older without disabilities who meet the financial limits.</p>                                   |
| <p><b><u>Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</u></b><br/> Social Security<br/> 190 5th St. E STE 800<br/> ST PAUL, MN 55101<br/> 1-800-772-1213 TTY 1-800-325-0778<br/> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/index.htm">http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/index.htm</a></p>   | <p>Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a cash assistance program funded and administered by the Federal Government. The program is authorized by Title XVI (Supplemental Security Income for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled) of the Social Security Act. Beginning in January 1974, SSI replaced the Federal/State matching grant program of adult assistance to the aged, blind, and disabled. Under SSI, there is no minimum age limit for establishing eligibility based on blindness or disability.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver</u></b><br/> Dakota County Community Services Administration<br/> Northern Service Center<br/> 1 Mendota Rd W., Ste 500<br/> W St. Paul, MN 55118-4773<br/> 651-554-5611 FAX: 651-554-5948<br/> Web Site <a href="http://www.co.dakota.mn.us">www.co.dakota.mn.us</a></p>   | <p>The Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver provides funding for home and community-based services (HCBS) for children and adults who have an acquired or traumatic brain injury. TBI Waiver services may be provided in a person's own home, in his/her biological or adoptive family's home, in a relative's home (e.g. sibling, aunt, grandparent etc.), in a family foster care home, in a corporate foster care home, in a board and lodging facility or in an assisted living facility. If married, a person may receive TBI Waiver services while living at home with his or her spouse.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>TEFRA (Tax Equity and Financial Responsibility Act of 1982)</u></b><br/> DHS Central Office<br/> 444 Lafayette Road North<br/> St. Paul, MN 55155<br/> 651-296-7675 TTY: 800-627-3529 or 711<br/> Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/</a></p>  | <p>Children with disabilities who live with their families. To qualify for TEFRA, a child must meet ALL of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• live with at least one parent</li> <li>• be under 18,</li> <li>• have a disability determination from the State Medical Review Team,</li> <li>• need a certain level of home health care to stay at home which compares to the level of care provided in a hospital, nursing home or an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded</li> <li>• the cost for home care must not be more than the cost for care in a medical institution.</li> </ul> |

# DAKOTA COUNTY SERVICES

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| <p><b><u>Dakota County Collaborative<br/>County Adult Mental Health Services</u></b><br/>14955 Galaxie Ave<br/>Apple Valley MN 55124-8579</p> <p><b>Dakota County Main Numbers</b><br/>651-437-3191 800-247-1056</p> <p><b>Social Services</b><br/>952-891-7400 952-891-7459<br/>Fax: 952-891-7473</p> <p><b>Collaborative Coordinator</b><br/>952-891-7449</p> <p><u>24 Hour Crisis Response Line 952-891-7171</u><br/><u>Dakota County Attorney's Office</u></p> <p>651-438-4438 Fax: 651-438-4499</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/CaringFor/InfoForParents/Collaboratives.htm">http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/CaringFor/InfoForParents/Collaboratives.htm</a></p> | <p>The Dakota County Collaborative is an integrated Children's Mental Health and Family Services collaborative. Partners include parents, community agencies, schools, and County staff. The purpose of the Dakota County Collaborative is to establish an integrated system of services for children. The partnership was formed more than ten years ago to enhance the stability and health of children and families.</p> <p><b>Programs &amp; Services Supported by the Collaborative</b><br/>Each year the Dakota County Collaborative will distribute funding to support early intervention and prevention services for children and families in Dakota County. The following are services and programs that the Collaborative supports:</p> <p><b>NAMI – Minnesota</b><br/>Support, education and leadership training for families of children with mental illness. For more information go to <a href="http://www.namimn.org/">http://www.namimn.org/</a> or contact the Dakota County Parent Organizer at 651-645-2948 x102 or at <a href="mailto:sscheele@nami.org">sscheele@nami.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Wraparound</b><br/>A family-driven team process of working with children and their families to plan supports for child's mental health or behavioral issues. Dakota County Social Services, Wrap Access Coordinator, 952-891-7425.</p> <p><b>Dakota Healthy Families</b><br/>Countywide home visiting program supporting families from pregnancy through the preschool years. Contact Dakota County Public Health at 651-554-6219 for more information.</p> <p><b>Early Intervention Mental Health Services</b><br/>Mental health services for children, age newborn to 6 years old, with emotional or behavioral difficulties. For more information, contact your school district Early Childhood Special Education department or CAP Agency Head Start Program.</p> <p><b>Partner's for Success® Family Support Workers</b><br/>Family support workers bridge the gap between home and school by providing resources, services and support to families. Go to <a href="http://www.communityactioncouncil.org/">http://www.communityactioncouncil.org/</a> or contact the Community Action Council at 952-985-5300.</p> <p><b>Information and Referral</b><br/>Collaborative members help families find resources and services in the community.<br/>For more information about contacts in your area, <a href="mailto:">e-mail</a> the Collaborative Coordinator or call 952-891-7449.</p> |
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**Youth Transitioning to Adult Mental Health Services**

14955 Galaxie Ave  
Apple Valley MN 55124-8579

**Dakota County Main Numbers**

651-437-3191 800-247-1056

**Social Services**

952-891-7400 952-891-7459  
Fax: 952-891-7473

**Children's Mental Health Intake Reporting**

952-891-7459

**Adult Mental Health Intake Reporting**

651-554-6424

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24 Hour Crisis Response Line  
952-891-7171

Website: <http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/CaringFor/FIndMH/YouthTransitionProgram.htm>

**Youth Transitioning to Adult Mental Health Services**

Children and Family Services provides assistance to adolescents until they are 18 years of age. These services can be extended until they are 21 years old if the adolescent is attending high school or an equivalent educational program.

**SELF Program**

The SELF Program is a Transition program designed to work with adolescents who are 16 and older and are in permanent long-term placement settings. The focus of this program is to assure smooth transition into an appropriate adult program upon turning 18. Many times this is needed because most of these youth have varying degrees of disabilities and needs, or have no community supports upon leaving the child welfare system.

**QUEST Program**

The Quest Program is an independent living skills program for older adolescents who have experienced an out-of-home placement, and is sponsored by the SELF Program. The focus of this program is to help the adolescent prepare for independent living.

**Transition Team**

Dakota County Social Services has established a Transition Team directed to facilitate effective transition from child to adult services and to identify needed resources. The Transition Team has representation from following Dakota County departments or divisions:

- Children and Family Services
- Adult Mental Health
- Adult Protection
- Developmental Disabilities
- Corrections
- Planning and the Supportive Housing Unit.

The Transition Team plans for youth exiting the child welfare system, homeless youth, and vulnerable youth. The Team identifies the needs of youth and young adults and initiates action to expand resources in the community. Services and resources will be tailored to meet the specific goals and needs of each youth/young adult.

# MINNESOTA SERVICES

## Contact Information

## Description

### **Chemical health**

651-431-2460

### **Minnesota Department of Human Services**

444 Lafayette Road

St. Paul, MN 55155-3814

651-297-1316 Fax 651-215-6388

TTY: 1-888-206-6513

Email: [dhhs.metro@state.mn.us](mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us)

### **Minnesota Prevention Resource Center (MPRC)**

2720 Highway 10

Mounds View, MN 55112

763-427-5310 800-782-1878

Email: [mprc@miph.org](mailto:mprc@miph.org)

### **Chicano/Latino Resource Center**

Chicano Latinos Unidos En Servicio (CLUES)

Chicano Latino Resource Center

797 East 7th Street

[St. Paul, MN 55106](http://www.clues.org)

651-379-4200

### **African American Resource Center**

2616 Nicollet Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55408

612-871-7878

### **Southeast Asian Resource Center**

Lao Family SEAPIN Resource Center

320 West University Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55103

651-221-0069

### **Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center**

2300 15th Avenue

Minneapolis, MN 55404

612-728-2000

Website: <http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?>

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The Chemical Health Division is the state alcohol and drug authority responsible for defining a statewide response to drug and alcohol abuse. This includes providing basic information on chemical health. It also includes planning a broad-based community service system, evaluating the effectiveness of various chemical dependency services, and funding innovative programs to promote reduction of alcohol and other drug problems and their effects on individuals, families and society.

### **Information and resources**

Minnesota has resource centers that offer prevention services statewide. The services offered range from prevention materials and resources to guidance on access to treatment, with a few resource centers focusing on specific communities of people. Minnesota has also dedicated funding to a variety of other prevention and treatment support projects throughout the state.

### **Assessment**

According to a national survey, more than 4.6 million Americans who meet the criteria for needing treatment do not recognize they have a problem. Frequently it is family and friends of the person needing alcohol or drug treatment that identify the chemical abuse. Chemical dependency is an illness that usually requires treatment. The best way to determine if someone's use/abuse of chemicals requires treatment is to get a chemical dependency assessment through a professional. If you have talked to your family member or friend about seeking treatment and they are resistive, there are intervention professionals and resources that can help.

### **Where do you begin?**

Many family members and friends of chemically dependent people may try to talk with the person about their chemical use and have been met with resistance. Oftentimes, family and friends try to connect with the person on different levels before going to a more formal resource, like an intervention. They call on friends and associates in their immediate surroundings to get information and discuss how to help their family member/friend. They may reach out to other resources, such as a school counselor, church pastor or coach to get help. When those options do not work they turn to more formal approaches to get help. The Department of Human Services also funds programs that are designed to serve specific populations. Find out more about the programs available to these populations. There are many places you can start: your physician, employee assistance programs, health plans, county, treatment facilities and information and referral services.

### **Counties**

In Minnesota, the county is responsible for providing public chemical dependency treatment services. County staff can help you identify where to begin and have staff knowledgeable about providers in your county and the services they provide.

For more information call your county or visit their Web site

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| <p><b>C<sup>3</sup>MN</b><br/>                 Website: <a href="http://www.c3mn.org/">http://www.c3mn.org/</a></p>   | <p>C<sup>3</sup>MN, an interactive resource map that connects youth, families, professionals and employers to local opportunities that can help transition age youth be more successful after high school.</p>  |
| <p><b>Consumer Support Grant (CSG) Program<br/>                 Minnesota Department of Human Services</b><br/>                 444 Lafayette Road<br/>                 St. Paul, MN 55155-3814<br/>                 651-297-1316 Fax 651-215-6388<br/>                 TTY: 1-888-206-6513<br/>                 Email: <a href="mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us">dhhs.metro@state.mn.us</a></p> <p><b>Dakota County Social Services<br/>                 Northern Service Center</b><br/>                 1 Mendota Rd W<br/>                 West St Paul MN 55118<br/>                 651-554-6000</p> <p><b>Western Service Center</b><br/> <b>14955 Galaxie Ave</b><br/> <b>Apple Valley MN 55124-8579</b><br/> <b>County Main Numbers</b><br/>                 952-891-7400 952-891-7459<br/>                 Fax: 952-891-7473</p> <p>Dakota County Main Numbers<br/>                 651-437-3191 800-247-1056</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_004735">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_004735</a></p> | <p><b>Consumer Support Grant (CSG) Program<br/>                 Background</b><br/>                 The Consumer Support Grant program is a state-funded alternative to Medicaid home care services of home health aide, personal care assistance and/or private duty nursing. Medicaid is a service system that mixes together both state and federal money. The Consumer Support Grant Program allows a recipient to convert the state portion of payments for specific home care services into a cash grant. Eligible participants receive monthly cash grants to replace fee-for-service home care services payments. With county assistance, consumers can manage and pay for a variety of home and community-based services. The CSG Program provides consumers with greater flexibility and freedom of choice in service selection, payment rates, service delivery specifications and employment of service providers. Parents, spouses, family members, trusted neighbors or friends can be paid for service, as well as employees of traditional home care provider agencies.</p> <p><b>Who is eligible for the Consumer Support Grant?</b><br/>                 To be eligible for CSG, a person must meet all these criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be recipients of or eligible for Medical Assistance</li> <li>• Be eligible to receive home care services from the Medical Assistance Home Care Program</li> <li>• Demonstrate limitations in everyday functioning, such as, self-care, language, learning, mobility, self direction, capacity for independent living and economic self-sufficiency</li> <li>• Require ongoing supports to live in the community</li> <li>• Live in a natural home setting</li> </ul> <p>Consumers cannot concurrently receive the Consumer Support Grant and coverage through the state's managed care program, a Home and Community-Based Service Waiver, Alternative Care or private duty nursing, personal care assistant or home health aide services through the Medical Assistance Home Care Program.</p> <p>For more information, contact your local county agency.</p> |

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**Developmental Disabilities**

**Northern Service Center**

1 Mendota Rd W  
West St Paul MN 55118  
651-554-6000

**Western Service Center**

14955 Galaxie Ave  
Apple Valley MN 55124-8579  
County Main Numbers  
952-891-7400 952-891-7459  
Fax: 952-891-7473

**Developmental Disabilities - Adults**

651-554-6000

**Developmental Disabilities - Children**

952-891-7459

**24 Hour Crisis Response Line**

952-891-7171

<http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/CaringFor/CareForDD/default.htm>

**Eligibility for Developmental Disability Services**

Dakota County can assist families with developmentally disabled adults or children based on eligibility for services.

**Children ages 0 to 5 Years**

Children in this age group are considered eligible for county services when they have:

Test scores showing a risk of mental retardation, **OR**  
A diagnosis of significant developmental delays, **OR**

Limitations in three or more of the following:

- Self care
- Understanding and use of language
- Learning
- Mobility
- Self direction or judgment
- Daily living skills **OR**

Diagnosis of a **Related Condition**

**Related Conditions** may include:

- Cerebral Palsy
- Autism
- PDD
- Epilepsy
- Prader-Willi Syndrome
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) or Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE)

**Children Ages 5 to 18 Years**

Children over 5 years must have an IQ Test showing a score of 70 or lower or be diagnosed with a **Related Condition** (see above). IQ testing may be available through your school district or private medical insurance, or by contacting our intake screeners at 952-891-7459.

**Adults (Over 18 Years)**

To be eligible for county services, and adult must be a person with mental retardation or a **Related Condition** (see above). Mental retardation means the person has a IQ under 70 and has limited functioning before the age of 22.

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| <p><b><u>Disability Services Division collaboratives and initiatives</u></b><br/>                     444 Lafayette Road<br/>                     St. Paul, MN 55155-3814<br/>                     651-297-1316 Fax 651-215-6388<br/>                     TTY: 1-888-206-6513<br/>                     Email: <a href="mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us">dhhs.metro@state.mn.us</a></p> <p><b><u>Dakota County Social Services Northern Service Center</u></b><br/>                     1 Mendota Rd W<br/>                     West St Paul MN 55118<br/>                     651-554-6000</p> <p><b><u>Western Service Center</u></b><br/>                     14955 Galaxie Ave<br/>                     Apple Valley MN 55124-8579<br/>                     County Main Numbers<br/>                     952-891-7400 952-891-7459<br/>                     Fax: 952-891-7473</p> <p><b><u>Dakota County Main Numbers</u></b><br/>                     651-437-3191 800-247-1056</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectio nMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_017354">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectio nMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_017354</a></p> | <p>Minnesota has a strong commitment to providing home and community-based support options for persons with disabilities and special health care needs. Over the last 20 years, the Minnesota Department of Human Services has created a long-term care system of supports so people with disabilities could live where they choose in the community and with whom they choose. An effort to provide a consumer driven support system in which people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose how they want to live their lives</li> <li>• Control how they use resources</li> </ul> <p><b>Why use a consumer-driven support system?</b><br/>                     People are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hire workers and decide how much to pay them</li> <li>• Hire workers that know their own language, culture and traditions</li> <li>• Hire family, friends, neighbors and others, as well use provider agencies</li> <li>• Plan their services with help if needed</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b><u>Family Support Grant (FSG) Program Minnesota Department of Human Services</u></b><br/>                     444 Lafayette Road<br/>                     St. Paul, MN 55155-3814<br/>                     651-297-1316 Fax 651-215-6388<br/>                     TTY: 1-888-206-6513<br/>                     Email: <a href="mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us">dhhs.metro@state.mn.us</a></p> <p><b><u>Dakota County Social Services Northern Service Center</u></b><br/>                     1 Mendota Rd W<br/>                     West St Paul MN 55118<br/>                     651-554-6000</p> <p><b><u>Western Service Center</u></b><br/>                     14955 Galaxie Ave<br/>                     Apple Valley MN 55124-8579<br/>                     County Main Numbers<br/>                     952-891-7400 952-891-7459<br/>                     Fax: 952-891-7473</p> <p><b><u>Dakota County Main Numbers</u></b><br/>                     651-437-3191 800-247-1056</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectio nMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_004736">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectio nMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_004736</a></p> | <p>The Family Support Grant program provides state cash grants to families of children with certified disabilities. The goal of the program is to prevent or delay the out-of-home placement of children with disabilities and promote family health and social well-being by facilitating access to family-centered services and supports.</p> <p><b>Who is eligible for the Family Support Grant?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Families of children with a certified disability, under age 21 years, living in their biological or adoptive home</li> <li>• Children currently residing in a licensed residential facility who would return to their family home if a grant was awarded are also eligible. As of Jan. 1, 2008, families with an annual adjusted gross income of \$88,170 or less are eligible for the FSG Program except in cases where extreme hardship is demonstrated. Considerations may include size of the family, presence of a disability in other family members and substantial debt due to the child's disability. Children who are on a Community Alternative Care, Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals or Traumatic Brain Injury waiver can receive a Family Support Grant if they meet the eligibility criteria for the grant. Currently, families receiving home and community-based waiver services for persons with developmental disabilities (DD Waiver) are NOT eligible for the Family Support Grant. A family receiving services under the DD Waiver may apply for a Family Support Grant. However, if a grant becomes available to the family and they choose to participate in the program, they must discontinue receiving services under the DD Waiver.</li> </ul> |



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| <p><b><u>Federally funded initiatives</u></b><br/> <b>Minnesota Department of Human Services</b><br/>                     444 Lafayette Road<br/>                     St. Paul, MN 55155-3814<br/>                     651-297-1316 Fax 651-215-6388<br/>                     TTY: 1-888-206-6513<br/>                     Email: <a href="mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us">dhhs.metro@state.mn.us</a></p> <p><b>Dakota County Social Services</b><br/> <b><u>Northern Service Center</u></b><br/>                     1 Mendota Rd W<br/>                     West St Paul MN 55118<br/>                     651-554-6000</p> <p><b><u>Western Service Center</u></b><br/>                     14955 Galaxie Ave<br/>                     Apple Valley MN 55124-8579<br/>                     County Main Numbers<br/>                     952-891-7400 952-891-7459<br/>                     Fax: 952-891-7473</p> <p><b>Dakota County Main Numbers</b><br/>                     651-437-3191 800-247-1056</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectio nMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_003729">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectio nMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_003729</a></p> | <p>Disability Services Division is currently engaged in three initiatives through federal grant funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services:<br/>                     Stay Well, Stay Working: Minnesota's Demonstration to Maintain Independence and Employment<br/>                     The Minnesota Department of Human Services received a \$54 million grant from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to fund Stay Well, Stay Working: Minnesota's Demonstration to Maintain Independence and Employment. Stay Well, Stay Working is a research initiative that provides a comprehensive set of health care and employment-related supports to employed people with serious mental illness.</p> <p>Pathways to Employment<br/>                     Pathways to Employment is a collaboration with consumers, advocates and other stakeholders to help Minnesotans with disabilities successfully enter the workforce and retain health care access. The Department of Human Services Disability Services Division manages publicly funded programs that support people with a wide variety of disabilities including developmental disabilities, chronic medical conditions, acquired or traumatic brain injuries and physical disabilities.</p> <p>Pathways to Choice<br/>                     The Consumer-Directed Personal Assistance Program and Systems Change Initiative Grants have ended. Final reports and materials have been developed and are now available.</p> |

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| <p><b><u>Home Care Services</u></b><br/> <b>Minnesota Department of Human Services</b><br/>                     444 Lafayette Road<br/>                     St. Paul, MN 55155-3814<br/>                     TTY: 1-888-206-6513<br/>                     Email: <a href="mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us">dhhs.metro@state.mn.us</a></p> <p><b>Dakota County Social Services</b><br/> <b><u>Northern Service Center</u></b><br/>                     1 Mendota Rd W<br/>                     West St Paul MN 55118<br/>                     651-554-6000</p> <p><b><u>Western Service Center</u></b><br/>                     14955 Galaxie Ave<br/>                     Apple Valley MN 55124-8579<br/>                     County Main Numbers<br/>                     952-891-7400 952-891-7459<br/>                     Fax: 952-891-7473</p> <p><b>Dakota County Main Numbers</b><br/>                     651-437-3191 800-247-1056</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectio nMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_003725">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectio nMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_003725</a></p> | <p>Home care provides medical and health-related services and assistance with day-to-day activities to people in their home. It can be used to provide short-term care for people moving from a hospital or nursing home back to their home, or it can also be used to provide continuing care to people with ongoing needs. Home care services may also be provided outside the person's home when normal life activities take them away from home.</p> <p>Medical Assistance covers the following home care services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment and supplies, such as wheelchairs and diabetic supplies</li> <li>• Home health aide</li> <li>• Personal care assistant</li> <li>• Private duty nursing</li> <li>• Skilled nursing visits, either face to face or via telehome care technology</li> <li>• Therapies (occupational, physical, respiratory and speech)</li> </ul> <p>All home care services require authorization from the Department of Human Services except for home care therapy services (physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and respiratory therapy) and the first nine skilled nurse visits per calendar year.</p> |



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| <p><b><u>Minnesota’s Home and Community-Based Waivers</u></b><br/> <b>Minnesota Department of Human Services</b><br/>                     444 Lafayette Road<br/>                     St. Paul, MN 55155-3814<br/>                     651-297-1316 Fax 651-215-6388<br/>                     TTY: 1-888-206-6513<br/>                     Email: <a href="mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us">dhhs.metro@state.mn.us</a></p> <p><b>Dakota County Social Services Northern Service Center</b><br/>                     1 Mendota Rd W<br/>                     West St Paul MN 55118<br/>                     651-554-6000</p> <p><b>Western Service Center</b><br/>                     14955 Galaxie Ave<br/>                     Apple Valley MN 55124-8579<br/>                     County Main Numbers<br/>                     952-891-7400 952-891-7459<br/>                     Fax: 952-891-7473</p> <p><b>Dakota County Main Numbers</b><br/>                     651-437-3191 800-247-1056</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectonMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_003726">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectonMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_003726</a></p> | <p>Minnesotans with disabilities or chronic illnesses who need certain levels of care may qualify for the state’s home and community–based waiver programs.</p> <p>What are the home and community-based waiver programs available in Minnesota?</p> <p>Minnesota has chosen to enter into a number of waiver agreements in order to provide Minnesotans with more choice in their services. There are some differences in the services available in each waiver and the amount of money that a person can use to purchase supports. Home and community-based waiver programs available to persons who meet the eligibility criteria include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternative Care is a program that supports certain home and community-based services for older Minnesotans, age 65 years and over, who are at risk of nursing home placement and have low levels of income and assets (AC is administered by the DHS Aging and Adult Services Division)</li> <li>• Community Alternative Care (CAC) Waiver for chronically ill and medically fragile persons who need the level of care provided in a hospital</li> <li>• Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (CADI) Waiver for persons with disabilities who require the level of care provided in a nursing facility</li> <li>• Elderly Waiver (EW) for people over the age of 65 years who require the level of care provided in a nursing facility (EW is administered by the DHS Aging and Adult Services Division)</li> <li>• Mental Retardation or Related Condition (MR/RC) Waiver for persons with mental retardation or a related condition who need the level of care provided in an Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Mental Retardation or Related Conditions (ICF/MR)</li> <li>• Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver for persons with acquired or traumatic brain injuries who need the level of care provided in a nursing facility that provides specialized (cognitive and behavioral supports) services for persons with brain injury or neurobehavioral hospital.</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b><u>Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Mental Retardation or Related Conditions (ICF/MR)</u></b><br/> <b>Minnesota Department of Human Services</b><br/>                     444 Lafayette Road<br/>                     St. Paul, MN 55155-3814<br/>                     651-297-1316 Fax 651-215-6388<br/>                     TTY: 1-888-206-6513<br/>                     Email: <a href="mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us">dhhs.metro@state.mn.us</a></p> <p><b>Dakota County Social Services</b><br/> <b><u>Northern Service Center</u></b><br/>                     1 Mendota Rd W<br/>                     West St Paul MN 55118<br/>                     651-554-6000<br/> <b><u>Western Service Center</u></b><br/>                     14955 Galaxie Ave<br/>                     Apple Valley MN 55124-8579<br/>                     County Main Numbers<br/>                     952-891-7400 952-891-7459<br/>                     Fax: 952-891-7473<br/> <b>Dakota County Main Numbers</b><br/>                     651-437-3191 800-247-1056<br/>                     Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectio nMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_016996">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectio nMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_016996</a></p> | <p>An Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Mental Retardation or Related Conditions is a residential facility licensed to provide services to persons who have mental retardation or a related condition as a supervised living facility under Minnesota Statute. ICF/MRs are located in 62 counties in Minnesota and serve from four to 64 persons.</p> <p><b>What services are provided in an ICF/MR?</b><br/>                     An ICF/MR must provide a continuous active treatment program that includes outcome-based services in response to the consumer's identified needs as specified in the Individual Service Plan. Services must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be based on the needs and preferences and personal goals of the consumer</li> <li>• Be consistent with the principles of the least restrictive environment and self-determination</li> <li>• Include opportunities to participate in the community</li> <li>• Include functional skill development, reduced dependency on care providers and opportunities for the development of decision-making skills</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b><u>Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MA-EPD)</u></b><br/> <b>Minnesota Department of Human Services</b><br/>                     444 Lafayette Road<br/>                     St. Paul, MN 55155-3814<br/>                     TTY: 1-888-206-6513<br/>                     Email: <a href="mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us">dhhs.metro@state.mn.us</a></p> <p><b>Dakota County Social Services</b><br/> <b><u>Northern Service Center</u></b><br/>                     1 Mendota Rd W<br/>                     West St Paul MN 55118<br/>                     651-554-6000<br/> <b><u>Western Service Center</u></b><br/>                     14955 Galaxie Ave<br/>                     Apple Valley MN 55124-8579<br/>                     County Main Numbers<br/>                     952-891-7400 952-891-7459<br/>                     Fax: 952-891-7473<br/> <b>Dakota County Main Numbers</b><br/>                     651-437-3191 800-247-1056<br/>                     Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectio nMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_016996">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectio nMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_016996</a></p> | <p>Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities is a work incentive that promotes competitive employment and the economic self-sufficiency of people with disabilities by assuring continued access to Medical Assistance for necessary health care services. MA-EPD allows working people with disabilities to qualify for MA under higher income and asset limits than standard MA. The goal of the program is to encourage people with disabilities to work and enjoy the benefits of being employed.</p> |

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**Semi-Independent Living Services**

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Semi-independent living services are services that include training and assistance in managing money, preparing meals, shopping, personal appearance and hygiene and other activities needed to maintain and improve an adult with mental retardation's capacity to live in the community. A goal of SILS is to support people in ways that will enable them to achieve personally desired outcomes and lead self-directed lives.

**Who is eligible for SILS?**

To be eligible to receive SILS, the recipient must meet all these criteria:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Be determined to have mental retardation or a related condition
- Be unable to function independently without semi-independent living services

**What services are available through SILS?**

Reimbursable costs include training and assistance in:

- First aid and obtaining assistance in an emergency
  - Learning and exercising rights and responsibilities of community living
  - Nutrition, meal planning and preparation
  - Obtaining and maintaining a home
  - Personal appearance and hygiene
  - Self-administration of medication
  - Shopping
  - Social, recreation and transportation skills, including appropriate social behavior
  - Using the phone and other utilities
- Additional ways to use SILS include:
- Contract with unlicensed providers who are not related to the person to provide support services
  - Issue vouchers or cash grants to enable persons to pay providers for their services
  - Provide one-time housing allowances of up to \$1,500 to cover some of the costs related to damage or security deposits for housing rentals, utility deposits and connection costs, household furnishings and other items necessary to enable the participant to secure a home in which to receive semi-independent living services

**How can persons apply for SILS?**

You can contact your local county agency. The amount, type, cost and expected outcomes of SILS to be provided, must be indicated when services are authorized.

## FEDERAL SERVICES

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| <p><b><u>A Guide to Disability Rights Laws</u></b><br/> <b>U.S. Department of Justice</b><br/>         Civil Rights Division<br/>         Website: <a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/cguide.htm">http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/cguide.htm</a></p>   | <p>This guide provides an overview of Federal civil rights laws that ensure equal opportunity for people with disabilities. To find out more about how these laws may apply to you, contact the agencies and organizations listed below.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)</u></b><br/>         1110 North Glebe Road, Suite 300,<br/>         Arlington, VA 22201<br/>         703-620-3660 TTY: 866-915-5000<br/>         Fax: 703-264-9494<br/>         E-mail: <a href="mailto:service@cec.sped.org">service@cec.sped.org</a><br/>         Internet: <a href="http://www.cec.sped.org">www.cec.sped.org</a></p> | <p>The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted. CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides continual professional development, advocates for newly and historically underserved individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>DisabilityInfo.gov</u></b><br/>         Website: <a href="http://www.disabilityinfo.gov">www.disabilityinfo.gov</a></p>   | <p><b>DisabilityInfo.gov</b> is the federal government's one-stop Web site for people with disabilities, their families, employers, veterans and service members, workforce professionals and many others. A collaborative effort among <a href="#">twenty-two federal agencies</a>, <b>DisabilityInfo.gov</b> connects people with disabilities to the information and resources they need to actively participate in the workforce and in their communities.</p> <p>Visit any of the nine subject areas at the top of this page to find disability-related resources, and then click on the State and Local Resources map to locate programs and information in your state.</p> |
| <p><b><u>IDEA Web Site</u></b><br/>         Website: <a href="http://idea.ed.gov/">http://idea.ed.gov/</a></p>   | <p>The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law ensuring services to children with disabilities throughout the nation. IDEA governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to more than 6.5 million eligible infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>The National Alliance for Secondary Education and Transition (NASSET)</u></b><br/>         Website: <a href="http://www.nasetalliance.org">www.nasetalliance.org</a></p>  | <p>The National Alliance for Secondary Education and Transition (NASSET), a recently established voluntary coalition of over 40 organizations, has developed standards and indicators with the assistance of NCSET into a unified publication complete with tools for administrators and practitioners, as well as a Web site.</p>  |

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| <p><b><u>National Center on Secondary Education and Transition</u></b><br/>           Institute on Community Integration<br/>           University of Minnesota<br/>           6 Pattee Hall<br/>           150 Pillsbury Drive SE<br/>           Minneapolis MN 55455<br/>           612-624-2097 n Fax: 612-624-9344</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:ncset@umn.edu">ncset@umn.edu</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.ncset.org/">http://www.ncset.org/</a></p>  | <p>The National Center on Secondary Education and Transition (NCSET) was established to create opportunities for youth with disabilities to achieve successful futures. NCSET provides technical assistance and disseminates information focused on four major areas of national significance for youth with disabilities and their families —</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing students with disabilities with improved access and success in the secondary education curriculum.</li> <li>• Ensuring that students achieve positive postschool results in accessing postsecondary education, meaningful employment, independent living and participation in all aspects of community life.</li> <li>• Supporting student and family participation in educational and postschool decision making and planning.</li> <li>• Improving collaboration and system linkages at all levels through the development of broad-based partnerships and networks at the national, state, and local levels.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b><u>Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)</u></b><br/>           U.S. Department of Education<br/>           400 Maryland Avenue, SW<br/>           Washington, D.C. 20202<br/>           1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)<br/>           Spanish speakers available (se habla español)<br/>           Fax: 202-401-0689 TTY 1-800-437-0833<br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html?src=mr">http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html?src=mr</a></p> | <p>The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) is committed to improving results and outcomes for people with disabilities of all ages. In supporting President Bush's <a href="#">No Child Left Behind</a> agenda and the <a href="#">New Freedom Initiative</a>, OSERS provides a wide array of supports to parents and individuals, school districts and states in three main areas: <a href="#">special education</a>, <a href="#">vocational rehabilitation</a> and <a href="#">research</a>.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Selective Service</u></b><br/> <b>Registration Information Office</b><br/>           Selective Service System<br/>           Data Management Center<br/>           P.O. Box 94638<br/>           Palatine, IL 60094-4638<br/>           Phone: 847-688-6888<br/>           TTY: 847-688-2567<br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.sss.gov/">http://www.sss.gov/</a></p>  | <p>Almost all male U.S. citizens, and male aliens living in the U.S., who are 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service.</p> <p><b>DISABLED MEN</b></p> <p>Disabled men who live at home must register with Selective Service if they can reasonably leave their homes and move about independently. A friend or relative may help a disabled man fill out the registration form if he can't do it himself. Men with disabilities that would disqualify them from military service still must register with Selective Service. Selective Service does not presently have authority to classify men, so even men with obvious handicaps must register now, and if needed, classifications would be determined later.</p>   |

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| <p><b><u>US Department of Education</u></b><br/> <b>US Department of Education</b><br/> U.S. Department of Education<br/> 400 Maryland Avenue, SW<br/> Washington, D.C. 20202<br/> 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)<br/> Spanish speakers available (se habla español)<br/> Fax: 202-401-0689 TTY 1-800-437-0833<br/> Website: <a href="http://www.ed.gov">www.ed.gov</a></p> | <p>ED was created in 1980 by combining offices from several federal agencies. ED's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Youthhood</u></b><br/><br/> Website: <a href="http://www.youthhood.org/">http://www.youthhood.org/</a></p>   | <p>This site is a place for you, your friends, and other teens. It's a welcoming community for all youth and a place where all youth belong. We want you to be here. This is your place, your space. Here you can start thinking about what you want to do with the rest of your life. This Web site was built to help you plan for the future. What will you do after high school? Will you work? Go to college? Live in a place of your own? By using this Web site, you can plan for your future right now!</p> |



# HOME LIVING

## In Home Family Support

Home care provides medical and health-related services and assistance with day-to-day activities to people in their home. It can be used to provide short-term care for people moving from a hospital or nursing home back to their home, or it can also be used to provide continuing care to people with ongoing needs. Home care services may also be provided outside the person's home when normal life activities take them away from home.

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| <p><b><u>The personal care assistance program</u></b><br/> <b>Minnesota Department of Human Services</b><br/>                 444 Lafayette Road<br/>                 St. Paul, MN 55155-3814<br/>                 651-297-1316 Fax 651-215-6388<br/>                 TTY: 1-888-206-6513<br/>                 Email: <a href="mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us">dhhs.metro@state.mn.us</a></p> <p><b><u>Dakota County Social Services</u></b><br/> <b><u>Northern Service Center</u></b></p> <p>1 Mendota Rd W<br/>                 West St Paul MN 55118<br/>                 651-554-6000</p> <p><b><u>Western Service Center</u></b><br/>                 14955 Galaxie Ave<br/>                 Apple Valley MN 55124-8579<br/>                 County Main Numbers</p> <p>952-891-7400 952-891-7459<br/>                 Fax: 952-891-7473</p> <p><b><u>Dakota County Main Numbers</u></b><br/>                 651-437-3191 800-247-1056</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectio nMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_003867">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectio nMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_003867</a></p> | <p>The personal care assistance program provides services to persons who need help with day-to-day activities to allow them be more independent in their own home. A PCA is an individual who is trained to help persons with some basic daily routines. A PCA may be able to help you if you have a physical, emotional or mental disability, a chronic illness or an injury.</p> <p>For a list of PCA Choice Provider list:<br/> <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/county_access/documents/pub/dhs_id_027985.pdf">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/county_access/documents/pub/dhs_id_027985.pdf</a></p> <p>For a list of Personal Care Provider Organization (PCPO) Provider List<br/> <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/county_access/documents/pub/dhs_id_027986.pdf">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/county_access/documents/pub/dhs_id_027986.pdf</a></p> |
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| <p><b><u>Private Duty Nursing Services: (PDN)</u></b><br/> <b>Minnesota Department of Human Services</b><br/>                 444 Lafayette Road<br/>                 St. Paul, MN 55155-3814<br/>                 651-297-1316 Fax 651-215-6388<br/>                 TTY: 1-888-206-6513<br/>                 Email: <a href="mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us">dhhs.metro@state.mn.us</a></p> <p><b>Dakota County Social Services</b><br/> <b><u>Northern Service Center</u></b><br/>                 1 Mendota Rd W<br/>                 West St Paul MN 55118<br/>                 651-554-6000</p> <p><b><u>Western Service Center</u></b><br/>                 14955 Galaxie Ave<br/>                 Apple Valley MN 55124-8579<br/>                 County Main Numbers<br/>                 952-891-7400 952-891-7459<br/>                 Fax: 952-891-7473</p> <p><b>Dakota County Main Numbers</b><br/>                 651-437-3191 800-247-1056</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_003887">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_003887</a></p> | <p>Private duty nursing services are more extensive than a skilled nurse visit and can include:<br/>                 Professional nursing care based on an assessment of the consumer's medical needs<br/>                 Ongoing professional nursing observation, monitoring, intervention and evaluation</p> <p><b>Private duty nursing services can be provided by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) employed by either a home health agency or PDN Class A licensed agency that are enrolled with Minnesota Health Care Programs.</li> <li>• An independent RN who is enrolled with Minnesota Health Care Programs.</li> <li>• An independent LPN with a Class A license and who is enrolled with Minnesota Health Care Programs.</li> </ul> <p>A parent of a minor child, spouse, non-corporate legal guardian or conservator who is a licensed nurse employed by a home care agency and has an approved Hardship Waiver.</p> <p><b>How can persons get private duty nursing?</b><br/>                 You can call a home care agency or your county public health nurse to request an assessment for nursing services. To find a home care agency in your area, look in the yellow pages of your local calling area telephone book under Home Health Services.</p> |
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| <p><b><u>Skilled nurse visits (SNVs)</u></b><br/> <b>Minnesota Department of Human Services</b><br/>                 444 Lafayette Road<br/>                 St. Paul, MN 55155-3814<br/>                 651-297-1316 Fax 651-215-6388<br/>                 TTY: 1-888-206-6513<br/>                 Email: <a href="mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us">dhhs.metro@state.mn.us</a></p> <p><b>Dakota County Social Services</b><br/> <b><u>Northern Service Center</u></b><br/>                 1 Mendota Rd W<br/>                 West St Paul MN 55118<br/>                 651-554-6000</p> <p><b><u>Western Service Center</u></b><br/>                 14955 Galaxie Ave<br/>                 Apple Valley MN 55124-8579<br/>                 County Main Numbers<br/>                 952-891-7400 952-891-7459<br/>                 Fax: 952-891-7473</p> <p><b>Dakota County Main Numbers</b><br/>                 651-437-3191 800-247-1056</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_003890">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_003890</a></p> | <p>A skilled nurse visit is a nursing visit to initiate and complete a professional nursing task as assessed to meet the person's needs in his or her home.<br/>                 A skilled nurse visit can include the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Hands on" nursing care</li> <li>• Health care training to the consumer and/or their family</li> <li>• Observation and assessment of the consumer's physical status</li> </ul> <p><b>Who can provide a skilled nurse visit?</b><br/>                 Only a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse employed by a Medicare-certified agency may provide this service.</p> <p><b>How can I get skilled nurse visits?</b><br/>                 You can call a home health agency or your county public health nurse if you think you could benefit from a skilled nurse visit. To find a home health agency in your area, look in the yellow pages of your local calling area telephone book under Home Health Services.</p> |
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| <p><b><u>Respite Care</u></b><br/> <b>Dakota County Social Services</b><br/> <b><u>Northern Service Center</u></b><br/>                 1 Mendota Rd W<br/>                 West St Paul MN 55118<br/>                 651-554-6000<br/> <b><u>Western Service Center</u></b><br/>                 14955 Galaxie Ave<br/>                 Apple Valley MN 55124-8579<br/>                 County Main Numbers<br/>                 952-891-7400 952-891-7459<br/>                 Fax: 952-891-7473<br/> <b>Dakota County Main Numbers</b><br/>                 651-437-3191 800-247-1056</p> | <p>The service provides short-term care to a person when the family member(s) or primary caregiver cannot be there or needs a rest from his/her responsibilities. People eligible for the program vary widely in terms of age, disability, and level of care. Respite care may be provided in the person's home or in a different residence that has been approved by the county.</p> |
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| <p><b><u>Semi-Independent Living Skills (SILS)</u></b><br/>                 Minnesota Department of Human Services<br/>                 444 Lafayette Road<br/>                 St. Paul, MN 55155-3814<br/>                 651-297-1316 Fax 651-215-6388<br/>                 TTY: 1-888-206-6513<br/>                 Email: <a href="mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us">dhhs.metro@state.mn.us</a><br/> <b>Dakota County Social Services</b><br/> <b><u>Northern Service Center</u></b><br/>                 1 Mendota Rd W<br/>                 West St Paul MN 55118<br/>                 651-554-6000<br/> <b><u>Western Service Center</u></b><br/>                 14955 Galaxie Ave<br/>                 Apple Valley MN 55124-8579<br/>                 County Main Numbers<br/>                 952-891-7400 952-891-7459<br/>                 Fax: 952-891-7473<br/> <b>Dakota County Main Numbers</b><br/>                 651-437-3191 800-247-1056</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_003730">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_003730</a></p> | <p>Semi-independent living services are services that include training and assistance in managing money, preparing meals, shopping, personal appearance and hygiene and other activities needed to maintain and improve an adult with mental retardation's capacity to live in the community. A goal of SILS is to support people in ways that will enable them to achieve personally desired outcomes and lead self-directed lives.</p> |
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| <p><b><u>Supervised Living Facility (SLF)</u></b><br/> <b>Minnesota Department of Human Services</b><br/>                 444 Lafayette Road<br/>                 St. Paul, MN 55155-3814<br/>                 651-297-1316 Fax 651-215-6388<br/>                 TTY: 1-888-206-6513<br/>                 Email: <a href="mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us">dhhs.metro@state.mn.us</a></p> <p><b>Dakota County Social Services</b><br/> <b><u>Northern Service Center</u></b><br/>                 1 Mendota Rd W<br/>                 West St Paul MN 55118<br/>                 651-554-6000</p> <p><b><u>Western Service Center</u></b><br/>                 14955 Galaxie Ave<br/>                 Apple Valley MN 55124-8579<br/>                 County Main Numbers<br/>                 952-891-7400 952-891-7459<br/>                 Fax: 952-891-7473</p> <p><b>Dakota County Main Numbers</b><br/>                 651-437-3191 800-247-1056</p> | <p>Facility that provides supervision, lodging, meals, counseling, developmental habilitation or rehabilitation services under a Minnesota Department of Health license to five to more adults who are mentally retarded, chemically dependent, mentally ill or physically handicapped.</p> |
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| <p><b><u>Supported Living Services</u></b><br/> <b>Minnesota Department of Human Services</b><br/>                 444 Lafayette Road<br/>                 St. Paul, MN 55155-3814<br/>                 651-297-1316 Fax 651-215-6388<br/>                 TTY: 1-888-206-6513<br/>                 Email: <a href="mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us">dhhs.metro@state.mn.us</a></p> <p><b>Dakota County Social Services</b><br/> <b><u>Northern Service Center</u></b><br/>                 1 Mendota Rd W<br/>                 West St Paul MN 55118<br/>                 651-554-6000</p> <p><b><u>Western Service Center</u></b><br/>                 14955 Galaxie Ave<br/>                 Apple Valley MN 55124-8579<br/>                 County Main Numbers<br/>                 952-891-7400 952-891-7459<br/>                 Fax: 952-891-7473</p> <p><b>Dakota County Main Numbers</b><br/>                 651-437-3191 800-247-1056</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectio nMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_016996">http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcSer-vice=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&amp;RevisionSelectio nMethod=LatestReleased&amp;dDocName=id_016996</a></p> | <p>Services designed to assist persons in acquiring, retaining and improving the self-help, socialization and adaptive skills necessary to reside successfully in home and community-based settings provided to persons who require daily staff intervention due to severe behavior problems, medical conditions, physical deficits and/or lack of adequate survival skills.</p> |
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The Minnesota Department of Human Services, in cooperation with counties, licenses approximately 26,400 service providers and monitors and investigates their compliance with Minnesota laws and rules. The purpose of licensing is to protect the health, safety and rights of those receiving services by requiring that providers meet minimum standards of care and physical environment. Lists of licensed waiver

| Name   | Address                        | City            | State | Zip   | Phone        |
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| ACR Homes, Inc.-Dakota Co.                           | 2437 Rice St                   | Roseville       | MN    | 55113 | 651-484-5897 |
| Active Self Reliance Services, Inc.                  | 750 S Plaza Dr Ste 213         | Mendota Heights | MN    | 55120 | 651-686-0424 |
| Allen's Community Services, Inc.                     | 14350 Eveleth Ave.             | Apple Valley    | MN    | 55124 | 952-431-1664 |
| Alliance Health Care-Dakota Co.                      | 2260 Cliff Rd                  | Eagan           | MN    | 55122 | 651-895-8030 |
| Axis Alternatives, Inc.-Dakota Co.                   | 2345 Rice St, Suite 112        | Roseville       | MN    | 55113 | 651-774-5940 |
| Behavioral Support Strategies, Inc.                  | 16862 Interlachen Blvd         | Lakeville       | MN    | 55044 | 952-432-5272 |
| Berget Foster Care                                   | 893 Christensen Ave            | Mendota Heights | MN    | 55118 | 612-681-9287 |
| Capstone Services-Dakota                             | 1410 Energy Park Dr, Suite 10  | St Paul         | MN    | 55108 | 651-641-0042 |
| Cenneidigh, Inc.-Dakota SLS                          | 402 Heritage Place             | Faribault       | MN    | 55021 | 507-334-4347 |
| Community Involvement Programs-Dakota Co.            | 1600 Broadway St NE            | Minneapolis     | MN    | 55413 | 612-632-4403 |
| Comprehensive Services, Inc.-Dakota Co.              | 1210 Concord St S              | South St Paul   | MN    | 55075 | 651-451-5853 |
| Cooperating Community Programs-Dakota Co.            | 475 Cleveland Ave N, Suite 130 | St Paul         | MN    | 55104 | 651-644-3140 |
| Creative Care Resources                              | 14985 Glazier Ave #105         | Apple Valley    | MN    | 55124 | 952-432-7710 |
| Dakota Communities, Inc.-Dakota Co.                  | 680 O'Neill Dr                 | Eagan           | MN    | 55121 | 651-688-8808 |
| Designing Dreams, Inc.                               | 12915 Johnson Memorial Dr      | Shakopee        | MN    | 55379 | 952-402-0200 |
| EMSOCS Eastern Minnesota Operated Community Services | 444 Lafayette RD N             | St Paul         | MN    | 55155 | 651-634-2300 |
| Encell Services                                      | 3350 Alden Pond Ln             | Eagan           | MN    | 55121 | 651-454-1966 |
| Endeavors at Waterford                               | 1249 Merganser Ct              | Eagan           | MN    | 55123 | 651-683-9545 |
| Fraser   | 2400 W 64th St                 | Richfield       | MN    | 55423 | 612-798-8300 |
| Glenway, Inc.  | 18283 207th St E               | Welch           | MN    | 55089 | 651-437-2438 |
| Global Home Health Services, Inc.                    | 2147 University Ave W #109     | St Paul         | MN    | 55114 | 651-983-6214 |
| Hendrickson's Place                                  | 4120 Lexington Ave S Apt 211   | Eagan           | MN    | 55123 | 651-406-9053 |
| Homeward Bound, Inc.                                 | 8401 Wayzata Blvd. Suite 300   | Minneapolis     | MN    | 55426 | 763-525-3186 |
| Howry Residential Services                           | 475 Cleveland Ave N #130       | St Paul         | MN    | 55104 | 651-641-0041 |
| Infinity Independent Living Services LLC             | 100 W County Rd C Suite 100    | Little Canada   | MN    | 55117 | 651-633-6297 |

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| Kota Connections, Inc.                 | 8500 210th St W, Suite 148    | Lakeville       | MN    | 55044 | 952-469-1555 |
| Lifeworks Services, Inc.               | 1120 Centre Pointe Drive #100 | Mendota Heights | MN    | 55121 | 651-365-3701 |
| LEW, Inc.                              | 309 13th Ave S                | South St Paul   | MN    | 55075 | 651-457-7334 |
| Libra Support Services LLC             | 18295 Everton Ct              | Farmington      | MN    | 55024 | 651-402-9826 |
| Lifetime Resources, Inc.               | 1652 River Bluff              | Eagan           | MN    | 55121 | 612-325-0143 |
| Macson Services, Inc.                  | 3737 4th Ave S                | Minneapolis     | MN    | 55409 | 612-597-1871 |
| Mains'l Services, Inc.-Dakota Co.      | 6900 Wedgwood Rd N #250       | Maple Grove     | MN    | 55311 | 763-494-4553 |
| Meridian Services, Inc.-Dakota Co.     | 44 N 28th Ave, Suite D        | St Cloud        | MN    | 56303 | 320-203-7028 |
| Metro Social Services, Inc.            | 345 University Ave W Suite A  | St Paul         | MN    | 55103 | 651-647-0647 |
| New Challenges, Inc.                   | 4670 Slater Road              | Eagan           | MN    | 55122 |              |
| Opal In-Home Services, Inc.-Dakota Co. | 4635 Nicols Rd Suite 100      | Eagan           | MN    | 55122 | 651-454-8501 |
| Owakihi, Inc.-Dakota Co.               | 201 N Concord Exchange        | South St Paul   | MN    | 55075 | 651-451-2889 |
| Peaceful Acres                         | Eleanore Naomi Warnsholz      | Welch           | MN    | 55089 | 651-438-9990 |
| Phoenix Residence, Inc.(The)           | 14144 Drexel Court            | Apple Valley    | MN    | 55124 | 952-431-0676 |
| Pinnacle Services, Inc.                | 6009 Wayzata Blvd, Suite 1A   | St Louis Park   | MN    | 55416 | 952-544-2787 |
| Premier Care Home Services, Inc.       | 1938 Dodd Road, Suite 201     | Mendota Heights | MN    | 55118 | 651-452-5781 |
| Progressive Individual Resources, Inc. | 152 Wildwood AVE              | St Paul         | MN    | 55110 | 651-290-0905 |
| REM River Bluffs, Inc.-Dakota Co.      | 919 Vermillion St Ste 110     | Hastings        | MN    | 55033 | 651-480-4710 |
| Roommates                              | 18669 Esquire Way             | Farmington      | MN    | 55024 | 651-463-4916 |
| Segue Foster Care                      | 4857 Dominica Way             | Apple Valley    | MN    | 55124 | 952-423-2795 |
| Star Services                          | 475 Cleveland Ave N Suite 130 | St Paul         | MN    | 55104 | 651-644-3140 |
| Stepping Out, Inc.                     | 603 W Third St                | Hastings        | MN    | 55033 | 651-438-0122 |
| Thomas Allen, Inc.-Dakota Co.          | 1550 Humboldt Ave             | West St Paul    | MN    | 55118 | 651-450-1802 |
| Thomas J. Apartments-Dakota Co.        | 13084 Eveleth AVE             | Apple Valley    | MN    | 55124 | 952-431-6521 |
| Toledo Healthcare-Eagan House          | 4690 Nicols Road              | Eagan           | MN    | 55122 | 651-688-0517 |
| Trebesch, Inc.                         | 2125 White Bear Ave           | Maplewood       | MN    | 55109 | 651-779-8003 |
| Working on Life's Fulfillment, Inc.    | 8782 Ironwood Ave S           | Cottage Grove   | MN    | 55016 | 651-340-4429 |



## Recreation and Leisure-ARTS

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| <p><b><u>Family Institute for Creative Well-being</u></b><br/>         1745 Birmingham St.<br/>         Maplewood, MN 55109<br/> <b>Office Address:</b> (By Appointment Only)<br/>         Family Institute for Creative Well-Being<br/>         2131 Fairview Ave. N.<br/>         Roseville, MN 55113<br/>         Phone: 651-639-2527<br/> <a href="http://www.familyinstitute-cwb.org/">www.familyinstitute-cwb.org/</a></p> | <p>Our programs focus on managing the roller coaster of thoughts and emotions that accompany demanding health conditions. These are conditions such as disabilities or chronic illnesses that have an impact on daily life. It could be brain injury, cancer or cystic fibrosis just to mention a few of many, many life-changing health conditions. Family Institute programs use creative ways to address the tough stuff like anger, sorrow, stress, fear and the whole truck load of emotions that come with these conditions. Creative forms of expression are important tools in helping us to think about difficult question such as "why me?" Creative arts give us ways to explain what is happening to us when ordinary words fail. They help us to feel "normal".</p> |
| <p><b><u>Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts</u></b><br/>         212 3rd Ave N #140<br/>         Minneapolis, MN 55401<br/>         612-339-5145<br/> <a href="http://www.interactcenter.com/">www.interactcenter.com/</a></p>   | <p>Founded in 1992 as a professional theater company that included actors with disabilities, Interact expanded its vision in 1996 to become a recognized center for both the performing and visual arts. Today, Interact Center is the only center nationally that offers professional-level training, performances, and exhibitions in multiple artistic disciplines, for artists with a wide range of disabilities, from physical to developmental to mental to behavioral. At Interact, adult artists with disabilities explore and expand their creativity as actors, writers, painters, sculptors and musicians.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>MacPhail Center for the Arts</u></b><br/>         MacPhail Apple Valley<br/>         Paideia Academy<br/>         7200 147th Street West<br/>         Apple Valley, MN 55124<br/>         612-321-0100<br/> <a href="http://www.macphail.org/index_flash.html">www.macphail.org/index_flash.html</a></p>  | <p>MacPhail Center for Music is an extraordinary community asset. During its near-century long <a href="#">history</a>, MacPhail has become a vital part of the fabric of organizations that make the Twin Cities a vibrant arts community and a uniquely wonderful place to live and work. Exceptional instruction for individuals, groups, and ensembles as well as partnerships with schools and arts organizations enable MacPhail to transform the lives of people of all ages, in the greater Twin Cities area and beyond.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>The Uniquely Abled Dance Center</u></b><br/>         120 E. Butler Ave.<br/>         West St. Paul, MN 55118<br/>         651-457-4942<br/> <a href="http://www.raddatzdance.com/uadc.html">www.raddatzdance.com/uadc.html</a></p>  | <p>The Uniquely Abled Dance Center, Inc., is a center designed to teach the disabled how to dance. Those included in our program are the blind and visually impaired, deaf and hearing impaired, children and adults with Down's Syndrome, those confined to wheelchairs, and developmentally delayed. All classes are custom designed to the abilities of each group. All forms of dance including jazz, ballroom, tap, and classic ballet are taught.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>VSA arts of Minnesota</u></b><br/>         Hennepin Center for the Arts<br/>         528 Hennepin Avenue, Suite 305<br/>         Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403<br/>         612-332-3888 800-801-3883<br/>         TTY: 612-332-3888<br/> <a href="http://www.vsarts.org/">www.vsarts.org/</a></p>   | <p>VSA arts is an international, nonprofit organization founded in 1974 by Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith to create a society where all people with disabilities learn through, participate in and enjoy the arts.</p>  |

## Recreation and Leisure-Camps

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| <p><b><u>Camp Buckskin</u></b><br/> <b>Winter:</b><br/>           4124 Quebec Ave N<br/>           Suite 300<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55427<br/>           763-208-4805 Fax 763-208-8668</p> <p><b>Summer:</b><br/>           PO Box 389<br/>           Ely, MN 55731<br/>           218-365-2121 Fax 218-365-2880<br/> <a href="http://www.campbuckskin.com">www.campbuckskin.com</a></p> | <p>Greetings! We are an overnight summer camp program that specializes in serving boys and girls ages 6 - 18 who are experiencing social skill and academic difficulties. While not an entrance requirement, the majority of our campers have a primary diagnosis of <a href="#">AD/HD</a>, <a href="#">Learning Disabilities</a>, or <a href="#">Aspergers</a> while others may have a secondary or related diagnosis.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Camp Confidence</u></b><br/>           Confidence Learning Center<br/>           1620 Mary Fawcett Memorial Drive<br/>           East Gull Lake, MN 56401<br/>           Phone: 218-828-2344<br/>           Fax: 218-828-2618<br/> <a href="http://www.campconfidence.com">http://www.campconfidence.com</a></p>  | <p>To provide a unique year-round opportunity, facility, and professional staff for persons with developmental disabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enhance the ability and self-confidence of people of all ages with developmental disabilities, with particular emphasis on persons with mental retardation, wherever they may be.</li> <li>• To educate through "hands-on" outdoor and recreation experiences while meeting individual needs.</li> <li>• To facilitate exceptional learning experiences for families, direct care staff, interns, and professionals in the field of developmental disabilities.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b><u>Camp Courage</u></b><br/> <b>3915 Golden Valley Road</b><br/> <b>Golden Valley, MN 55422</b><br/>           763-520-0504 866-520-0504<br/>           Fax:763-520-0577<br/> <a href="http://www.couragecamps.org">http://www.couragecamps.org</a></p>  | <p>Courage Camps offer safe, accessible, natural environments where children and adults with physical disabilities, sensory and language impairments, and other disabilities or illnesses discover abilities they never knew they had or they thought they had lost. Campers make new friends, and are often introduced to sports or hobbies they develop further at home or at school. Their self confidence grows and their attitudes improve. Speech/language services are available at Camp Courage for campers on the active caseload of a school Speech/Language Pathologist.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Camp Discovery</u></b><br/>           Autism Society of Minnesota<br/>           2380 Wycliff Street, Suite 102<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55114<br/>           651-647-1083 fax 651-642-1230<br/> <a href="http://www.ausm.org/camps/discovery.asp">http://www.ausm.org/camps/discovery.asp</a></p>   | <p>Situated near Itasca State Park and the Headwaters of the Mississippi River, Camp Discovery is located at Camp Courage North in beautiful Lake George, MN. This camp is designed for youth with Asperger Syndrome who are looking for a summer camp experience but would benefit from a high degree of structure and small group activities.</p>   |

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| <p><b><u>Camp Friendship Ventures</u></b><br/>           10509 108th St. NW<br/>           Annandale, MN 55302<br/>           952-852-0101 320-274-8376<br/>           1-800-450-8376<br/> <b><u>Three camps</u></b><br/>           Camp Edenwood<br/>           Camp Friendship<br/>           Camp New Hope<br/> <a href="http://www.friendshipventures.org/">http://www.friendshipventures.org/</a></p>  | <p>Friendship Ventures is a non-profit agency that creates unique educational, recreational and social opportunities for people of all ages with mental and physical developmental disabilities. We also offer conference and retreat services and professional team-building programs to the communities we serve. Programs are designed for people who have mental retardation or developmental disabilities related to autism, cerebral palsy, brain injury, and Down, Tourette, and other syndromes. Many clients also have physical disabilities, hearing or vision impairment, and medical conditions such as diabetes or epilepsy. Siblings and friends without disabilities may also participate in many of our programs.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Girl Scouts of America</u></b><br/>           Brooklyn Center, Minnesota 55429-3074<br/>           763-535-4602<br/>           Email: <a href="mailto:girlscouts@girlscoutsmpls.org">girlscouts@girlscoutsmpls.org</a><br/>           Web Site: <a href="http://www.girlscoutsmpls.org">http://www.girlscoutsmpls.org</a></p> <p>Saint Paul, Minnesota 55107-2214<br/>           651-227-8835<br/>           800-845-0787 - Local Toll Free Phone<br/>           Email: <a href="mailto:girlscouts@girlscoutscv.org">girlscouts@girlscoutscv.org</a><br/>           Web Site: <a href="http://www.girlscoutscv.org">http://www.girlscoutscv.org</a></p> <p><b><u>Three Camps</u></b><br/>           Camp Elk River<br/>           Camp Greenwood<br/>           Camp Lockeslea</p> | <p>Summer Camp Is For Every Girl!<br/>           Girls know that Girl Scout Summer Camp is cool-- it's about fun and friends and all the great stuff that summers were made for! Summer Camp is also about growing up. It's about learning new skills and building self-esteem. The benefits of a Girl Scout Summer Camp experience are more than cool, they're fundamental to a girl's development.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Camp Hand in Hand</u></b><br/>           Autism Society of Minnesota<br/>           2380 Wycliff Street, Suite 102<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55114<br/>           651-647-1083 Fax 651-642-1230<br/> <a href="http://www.ausm.org/camps/handInHand.asp">http://www.ausm.org/camps/handInHand.asp</a></p>   | <p>This camp features beautiful woodland settings with modern air-conditioned cabins and bathrooms. Nutritious meals are served in a group dining room.<br/>           Activities will include swimming, horseback riding, fishing, crafts, archery, nature hikes and music therapy with a focus on social interaction and communication. Campers will be divided into groups by age, gender and interests. Staff camper ratio is 1:1.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Camp Knutson</u></b><br/> <b><u>Camp Knutson and Knutson Point Retreat Center</u></b><br/>           11169 Whitefish Ave<br/>           Crosslake, MN 56442<br/>           218-543-4232<br/> <a href="http://www.lssmn.org/camp/">http://www.lssmn.org/camp/</a></p>   | <p>Camp Knutson was donated in 1953 by Minnesota Congressman Harold Knutson to be used as a summer retreat for "neglected, unfortunate, deprived and handicapped children." Today the purpose of the camp has been expanded and currently serves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children with Skin Disease</li> <li>Children with Autism</li> <li>Children with Down Syndrome</li> <li>Children with Heart Diseases</li> <li>Families affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS members</li> </ul>   |

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| <p><b><u>Camp Needlepoint</u></b><br/> American Diabetes Association, MN Area<br/> 715 Florida Ave. S. Suite 307<br/> Minneapolis, MN 55426<br/> 1-888-DIABETES (MN only) ext. 6596<br/> 1-763-593-5333 ext. 6596<br/> <a href="http://ncpad.com/programs/index.php?id=26&amp;state=Minnesota&amp;city=Minneapolis">http://ncpad.com/programs/index.php?id=26&amp;state=Minnesota&amp;city=Minneapolis</a></p> | <p>Camp Needlepoint is in its 50th year and serves over 400 campers in its numerous programs. Facilities and activities include tennis, basketball, soccer, archery, climbing wall, rope course and horseback riding. The beach is equipped for volleyball, canoeing, sailing, kayaking and swimming. Nutrition activities, blood glucose monitoring and injections/medications are integrated into the camp program. Campers challenge their abilities, make unforgettable memories and meet friends who also have diabetes.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Camp Odayin</u></b><br/> P.O. Box 2068<br/> Stillwater, MN 55082<br/> 651-351-9185 1-866-963-2946</p>   | <p>Camp Odayin's Residential program is for children with heart disease between 8 and 17 years of age, who would benefit from connecting with other young people who may share similar health, emotional, and social concerns. Camper eligibility is determined upon recommendation by a pediatric cardiologist and approval by the Camp Odayin Medical Director. The camp director and your child's cardiologist can help you assess if your child should apply to attend camp.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Camp Oz</u></b><br/> <b>Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota</b><br/> 1600 University Ave W Suite 300<br/> St Paul, MN 55104<br/> 651-287-2310<br/> <a href="http://www.efmn.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&amp;SEC=%7B8CCACF6C-86F5-4325-9A39-19BD55CD9EE7%7D">http://www.efmn.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&amp;SEC=%7B8CCACF6C-86F5-4325-9A39-19BD55CD9EE7%7D</a></p>   | <p>Camp Ozawizeniba (Oz, for short) is a fun, week-long overnight camp for boys and girls, ages 8 - 18, whose primary medical condition is epilepsy and other seizure disorders. Campers enjoy a wonderful summertime experience, gain a better understanding of epilepsy, and meet others who know what it's like to live with seizures. Kids will have fun, learn new skills and realize that they are not the only child that has seizures. Camp Oz combines a traditional camp experience with the security of specially trained medical and behavioral staff. Families feel at ease knowing that their child will be well cared for at Oz.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Camp Winnebago</u></b><br/> 19708 Camp Winnebago Road<br/> Caledonia, MN 55921<br/> 507-724-2351 Fax: 507-724-3786<br/> <a href="http://www.campwinnebago.org">www.campwinnebago.org</a></p>  | <p>We are a private, non-profit organization established and dedicated to serving the recreational needs of adults and children with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. All individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities, six years of age and older are eligible to attend. Our goal is to enhance, through a diversity of experiences, the self-worth, independence, and quality of life for people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Minnesota Zoo Day Camps</u></b><br/> 13000 Zoo Boulevard<br/> Apple Valley, MN 55124<br/> 952-431-9200<br/> <a href="http://www.mnzoo.com/education/camp/zcamp.asp">http://www.mnzoo.com/education/camp/zcamp.asp</a></p>   | <p>With over 20 years of experience, the Minnesota Zoo prides itself on offering one of the most educational and entertaining summer day camp experiences in the Twin Cities. Our naturalist educators are specially trained to help toddlers through 12th grade students explore the natural world and the Minnesota Zoo through games, activities, crafts, animal demonstrations and behind-the-scenes tours. Come join us for some fun and learning this summer. We can't wait to meet you!</p>  |

\* Check individual community Organization for other possible camps or day camps

## Recreation and Leisure-Horseback riding

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| <p><b><u>Agape Acres</u></b><br/>           3033 160th St. E<br/>           Rosemount, MN 55068<br/>           651-423-2377<br/> <a href="http://www.agapeacres.com">www.agapeacres.com</a></p>   | <p>Agape Acres is more than a place to go to receive muscle therapy. It is a feeling that one enters into where people are encouraged to go beyond their limitations and to accomplish that which their heart is prepared to try. Therapeutic riding strengthens weak muscles and relaxes tight, spastic ones. The horse's stride simulates the normal motion of walking, thus encouraging that movement in the rider. Therapeutic riding also improves posture, balance, and coordination. This form of therapy is effective and FUN! The bond between the rider and the horse is exciting.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Courage Riders</u></b><br/>           Courage Center<br/>           3915 Golden Valley Road<br/>           Minneapolis, MN 55422<br/>           763-588-0811 888-846-8253 TTY: 763-520-0245<br/> <a href="http://www.courage.org/volunteer/default.asp?id=151">http://www.courage.org/volunteer/default.asp?id=151</a></p> | <p>Horseback riding is widely recognized as one of the most beneficial forms of recreational therapy for people with disabilities. Riding develops self-awareness, builds confidence and improves concentration and self-discipline. It also relaxes, strengthens and tones muscles; increases joint mobility; and improves posture, balance and coordination. Riding is especially beneficial to people who use wheelchairs because the motion of horseback riding produces hip and back action that perfectly simulates a human's walking gait. Riding also provides students with a unique source of trust and reassurance prompting many of them to gain new incentives for learning through interaction with their horses. Students also gain a sense of freedom and awareness of their bodies that cannot be duplicated in conventional therapy. Overall, horseback riding gives each student a tremendous boost in self-esteem.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Echo Valley RR</u></b><br/>           35280 53rd Avenue<br/>           Cannon Falls MN 55009<br/>           507-263-3788</p>   | <p>Provides therapeutic horseback riding to children and adults with special medical/developmental disabilities. Training includes evaluation by Physical Therapist. Seasonal recreational activities and family retreats available.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Majestic Hills Ranch</u></b><br/>           24580 Dakota Ave.<br/>           Lakeville , MN 55044<br/>           952-888-6077 or Cell 952-426-5688<br/> <a href="http://majestichillsranch.com/">http://majestichillsranch.com/</a></p>  | <p>Majestic Hills for Children provides therapeutic riding to children with special needs. Many children are either born with a disability or obtain it through an accident.</p>   |

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| <p><b>We Can Ride</b><br/>                 PO Box 1102<br/>                 Minnetonka, MN 55345-0102<br/>                 952-934-0057<br/> <a href="http://www.wecanride.org/">http://www.wecanride.org/</a></p>                                       | <p>We Can Ride, founded in 1982, offers therapeutic horse-back riding and carriage driving to adults and children living with disabilities. We Can Ride follow strict operating standards to provide reputable, safe, and enjoyable therapeutic riding. We currently operate from 4 locations: <u>St. Paul</u>, <u>Minnetonka</u>, <u>Delano</u>, <u>Marine on St. Croix</u>, and <u>Chaska</u></p> |
| <p><b><u>West Metro Horse Camp</u></b><br/>                 961 Garrison Ave. N.E.<br/>                 Buffalo, MN 55313<br/>                 763-682-1046<br/> <a href="http://www.westmetrohorsecamp.com/">http://www.westmetrohorsecamp.com/</a></p> | <p>At West Metro Horse Camp, in order to be a good "horse hand" we start with the basics and teach the children about why the horse acts and does what he does. This is the key to communication and how to get the results you want. Success with the horse depends on whether someone knows this or not.</p>  |















## Recreation and Leisure-Special Olympics

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| <p><b><u>Area 12 Special Olympics</u></b><br/>                     STATE OFFICE<br/>                     Special Olympics Minnesota<br/>                     100 Washington Avenue South, Suite 550<br/>                     Minneapolis, MN 55401<br/>                     612-333-0999 or toll-free: 800-783-7732<br/>                     Fax: 612-333-8782<br/> <a href="http://www.specialolympicsminnesota.org/">http://www.specialolympicsminnesota.org/</a></p> | <p>Special Olympics Minnesota is founded on the belief that people with intellectual disabilities can, with proper instruction and encouragement, learn, enjoy and benefit from participation in individual and team sports, adapted as necessary to meet the needs of those with intellectual and physical disabilities.</p> |






### Area 12 Delegation

| Delegation Name                             | Location                     | Type       |
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| <a href="#">RAVE</a>                        | Rosemount/Apple Valley/Eagan | Community  |
| Bears                                       | White Bear Lake              | Community  |
| Blazing Stars                               | Woodbury                     | Community  |
| Flames                                      | Roseville                    | Community  |
| Forest Lake Rangers                         | Forest Lake                  | Schools    |
| <a href="#">Hastings Sharks</a>             | Hastings                     | Community  |
| Lake Owasso Flyers                          | Shoreview                    | Community  |
| Phoenix Residence                           | St. Paul                     | Group Home |
| Ramsey Rams                                 | St. Paul                     | Group Home |
| Special Olympics Burnsville                 | Burnsville                   | Community  |
| Special Olympics Oakdale                    | Oakdale                      | Community  |
| <a href="#">St Croix Valley Lumberjacks</a> | Stillwater Area              | Community  |
| Skate-Tastics                               | Minneapolis                  | Community  |
| South Region Stars                          | Inver Grove Height           | Community  |
| White Bear Lake                             | White Bear Lake              | School     |




## Sports Offered at the State Level

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|  <i>Alpine Skiing</i>    | <p><u>Alpine skiing</u> is an exciting winter sport that challenges an athlete's balance and coordination.</p>   |
|  <i>Aquatics</i>         | <p>Individual events in <u>aquatics</u> range from 15 to 400 meters and most distances are offered in all strokes. Special Olympics aquatics competitions are fast-paced and hold something for everyone.</p>  |
|  <i>Athletics</i>        | <p><u>Athletics</u> events range from a 10-meter assisted walk to the 1,500-meter run, from shot put to high jump and from long jump to relays. For athletes of lower ability levels, there are walking, throwing and wheelchair events.</p>   |
|  <i>Basketball</i>       | <p>One of the world's most popular sports, <u>basketball</u> is a big favorite in Special Olympics. The sport enables athletes to learn teamwork while improving athletic ability.</p>   |
|  <i>Bocce</i>            | <p><u>Bocce</u> is a game of skill and strategy that can be played almost anywhere and throughout one's lifetime. There can be two to eight players in a game.</p>   |
|  <i>Bowling</i>         | <p>Special Olympics <u>bowling</u> is one of the movement's largest sports. Although there are some modifications made for athletes with physical disabilities, most athletes compete under the same rules as athletes on a professional tour.</p>   |
|  <i>Equestrian</i>     | <p>Special Olympics athletes who compete in <u>equestrian</u> events learn to ride, develop sports skills and gain the self-confidence to direct and control a horse. Athletes are able to compete in a variety of English- and Western-style events.</p>  |
|  <i>Figure Skating</i> | <p><u>Figure skating</u> is one the few judged Special Olympics sports. Special Olympics figure skating features single's and pair's jumps, lifts and various feats of strength and precision. Ice dancers concentrate on interpreting the rhythm and tempo of music through dance steps on the ice.</p> |
|  <i>Golf</i>           | <p>Among Special Olympics sports, <u>golf</u> provides one of the greatest opportunities for our athletes to train and compete among and alongside community members. The public setting of a golf course is a great venue for our athletes to demonstrate their skills and passion for the game.</p>    |
|  <i>Gymnastics</i>     | <p>Special Olympics <u>gymnastics</u> combines strength, flexibility and artistry. Competitions are offered for men in the artistic events and women in artistic and rhythmic events.</p>  |
|  <i>Poly Hockey</i>    | <p><u>Poly hockey</u> (floor hockey played with a polyurethane puck) is adapted from the games of ice hockey and ringette. It is a sport that has ability-appropriate levels ranging from beginner to high-level athletes.</p>   |
|  <i>Powerlifting</i>   | <p>Special Olympics <u>powerlifting</u> includes three basic lifts: the squat, the bench press and the dead lift. Training for this sport improves an athlete's overall physical fitness while giving him or her the experience of being on a team.</p>  |

### Sports Offered at the State Level (continued)

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|  <p>Roller Skating</p> | <p><u>Roller skating</u> is a Special Olympics sport with many facets. Athletes are given the option to compete in artistic and speed events. In addition to the choice of sport, athletes may choose to use in-line or quad skates, depending on their strengths.</p>  |
|  <p>Snowboarding</p>   | <p>The physical demands of this fast-paced sport are challenging for any athlete. At a minimum, <u>snowboarding</u> requires a combination of quick reflexes, good balance and strong physical fitness.</p>   |
|  <p>Softball</p>       | <p><u>Softball</u> is an exciting team sport in Special Olympics. Athletes play slow-pitch softball, which involves two teams of 10 players. Athletes who cannot yet play the game have the opportunity to participate in tee-ball or individual skills competitions with events that emphasize the basics of the game, such as base running.</p> |
|  <p>Table Tennis</p>   | <p>This is a fast-paced sport that requires excellent hand-eye coordination. There are elements of power and finesse which athletes must possess in order to play <u>table tennis</u>. A "kill" can reach speeds of 60 miles per hour, while a classic spin shot may send the ball spinning at hundreds of revolutions per minute.</p>            |
|  <p>Volleyball</p>    | <p>Athletes participating in <u>volleyball</u> benefit from the camaraderie that evolves from a team sport as well as the training that enables them to successfully serve and return the ball.</p>   |

### Sports Offered at the Area or Local Level\*

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|  <p>Soccer</p>               | <p>Soccer is one of the world's most popular sport for children and adults. Similarly, it is one of the most popular sports for Special Olympics athletes. Playing soccer requires very little equipment, and because it is easy to learn, is appropriate for a wide range of age and ability levels.</p>                                     |
|  <p>Tennis</p>               | <p>Widely favored by millions of people as a leisure activity, <u>tennis</u> is a sport Special Olympics athletes can delight in and benefit from even when not competing in an official Special Olympics competition. Tennis gives athletes the opportunity to learn and perform a variety of skills that can be played throughout life.</p> |
|  <p>Cross Country Skiing</p> | <p><u>Cross country skiing</u> is a winter sport that promotes superior physical conditioning while providing enjoyment for athletes of all ages. Cross country skiing is appropriate for all ability levels and requires little more than skis, boots, poles and a desire to exercise throughout the winter months.</p>                      |
|   | <p><u>Special Olympics Motor Activities Training Program (MATP)</u> is designed for people with severe or multiple disabilities who may not yet possess the physical and/or behavioral skills necessary to participate in official Special Olympics sports. MATP provides motor activity and recreation training for participants.</p>        |

\*Not every local delegation offers training in every sport.

## Other Sports & Recreation

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| <p><b><u>Courage Center</u></b><br/>                 3915 Golden Valley Road<br/>                 Minneapolis, MN 55422<br/>                 763-520-0594<br/> <a href="http://www.courage.org">www.courage.org</a></p>  | <p>A variety of seasonal sports and recreational classes, teams and activities are available in the Twin Cities metro area, including Golden Valley, Stillwater and Burnsville, as well as Duluth. Our programs are geared for youth and adults with physical disabilities and visual impairments. Not every activity is available in each location. Courage also offers a wide range of creative arts, Youth Leadership Academy and wellness and fitness programs and classes at several locations for youth and adults.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%; padding-right: 20px;"> <p><b>Fall &amp; Winter</b><br/>                     Alpine and Nordic skiing<br/>                     Archery<br/>                     Curling<br/>                     Dog sledding<br/>                     Fitness Training<br/>                     Goal ball<br/>                     Ice fishing<br/>                     Martial arts<br/>                     Quad rugby<br/>                     Sled hockey, skating<br/>                     Wheelchair basketball, youth &amp; adults</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> <p><b>Spring &amp; Summer</b><br/>                     Adventure Day Camp (August)<br/>                     Archery<br/>                     Bocce<br/>                     Fishing clinic<br/>                     Golf<br/>                     Handcycling - Biking<br/>                     Horseback riding<br/>                     Kayaking<br/>                     Marksmanship<br/>                     Metro Sports Day Camp (June)<br/>                     Paralympic Academy Sports Camp<br/>                     Power wheelchair soccer<br/>                     Rock climbing<br/>                     Rowing<br/>                     Sailing<br/>                     Scuba<br/>                     Swim team<br/>                     Track and field<br/>                     Waterskiing<br/>                     Wheelchair softball, youth &amp; adults</p> </td> </tr> </table> | <p><b>Fall &amp; Winter</b><br/>                     Alpine and Nordic skiing<br/>                     Archery<br/>                     Curling<br/>                     Dog sledding<br/>                     Fitness Training<br/>                     Goal ball<br/>                     Ice fishing<br/>                     Martial arts<br/>                     Quad rugby<br/>                     Sled hockey, skating<br/>                     Wheelchair basketball, youth &amp; adults</p> | <p><b>Spring &amp; Summer</b><br/>                     Adventure Day Camp (August)<br/>                     Archery<br/>                     Bocce<br/>                     Fishing clinic<br/>                     Golf<br/>                     Handcycling - Biking<br/>                     Horseback riding<br/>                     Kayaking<br/>                     Marksmanship<br/>                     Metro Sports Day Camp (June)<br/>                     Paralympic Academy Sports Camp<br/>                     Power wheelchair soccer<br/>                     Rock climbing<br/>                     Rowing<br/>                     Sailing<br/>                     Scuba<br/>                     Swim team<br/>                     Track and field<br/>                     Waterskiing<br/>                     Wheelchair softball, youth &amp; adults</p> |
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| <p><b><u>River Valley Project Explore</u></b><br/>                 900 Garden View Drive<br/>                 Apple Valley, MN 55124<br/>                 952-431-8735 TTY 952-431-8737</p> | <p>River Valley Project Explore is a program designed to serve adults with physical and developmental disabilities by encouraging inclusion in community activities and providing specialized educational, social and recreational opportunities.</p> <p><b>Classes include:</b><br/>                 Cooking<br/>                 Crafts<br/>                 Music and Fine Arts<br/>                 Health and Wellness<br/>                 Volunteering<br/>                 Educational<br/>                 Entertainment<br/>                 On-Going Arts<br/>                 Out on the Town<br/>                 Just the Guys<br/>                 Dances<br/>                 Music<br/>                 Sports</p> |
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## Transportation (Public)

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| <p><b><u>DARTS</u></b><br/>                 1645 Marthaler Lane,<br/>                 West St. Paul, MN 55118<br/>                 Administration: 651-455-1560<br/>                 Transit: 651-455-1339 TDD: 651-234-2288<br/> <a href="http://www.darts1.org">http://www.darts1.org</a></p>                               | <p><b>DARTS provides</b> transportation and supportive services to individuals and their families in Dakota County, Minn., and beyond. We make connections and create possibilities for people experiencing transitions in their lives.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Hastings TRAC Bus Service</u></b><br/>                 101 4th Street East<br/>                 Hastings, MN 55033<br/>                 651-480-2350<br/> <a href="http://www.ci.hastings.mn.us/CityServices/TRAC/TRACService.html">http://www.ci.hastings.mn.us/CityServices/TRAC/TRACService.html</a></p>          | <p>TRAC is an intra-city bus service that provides Transportation Around the City. With service starting in 1978, TRAC has almost thirty years of helping to provide transportation throughout the City of Hastings. Operation of TRAC is supported through rider fees and state and federal grant money.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Just Friends</u></b><br/>                 121 East Third Street<br/>                 Hastings, MN 55033<br/>                 651-437-7134</p>  | <p>Just Friends is a volunteer program working to maintain the dignity and enhance the quality of life for people in the Hastings community. It provides a variety of services to help people with needs that are often outside their physical capabilities because of illness, age, disability or life circumstance. Just Friends is a program of Hastings Family Service and works with community organizations, health care providers and congregations to reach out to our neighbors.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Metro Mobility</u></b><br/>                 390 Robert St. N.<br/>                 St. Paul, MN 55101<br/>                 651-602-1000 · TTY: 651-291-0904<br/> <a href="http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/paratransit/intro.htm">http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/paratransit/intro.htm</a></p> | <p>ADA paratransit service is public transportation for certified riders who are unable to use the regular fixed-route bus due to a disability or health condition. Rides are provided for any purpose. Whether a rider is traveling to a doctor's appointment, going shopping or meeting friends for dinner, all trips are treated equally. Rides are shared by multiple passengers, with routes and schedules designed to transport multiple passengers at one time to multiple destinations. The rides are "first-door-through-first-door" transportation. Drivers will ensure that riders get safely from the first door at their pickup to the first door at their destination. Riders who need additional assistance when they reach their destination may bring a personal care attendant with them at no charge.</p> |

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| <p><b><u>Metro Transit (Bus)</u></b><br/>           390 Robert St. N.<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55101<br/>           612-373-3333 651-602-1000 · TTY: 651-291-0904<br/> <a href="http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/paratransit/intro.htm">http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/paratransit/intro.htm</a></p> | <p>Every bus has a wheelchair lift, and drivers are trained to help customers use the lift and secure their wheelchairs safely. Customers with disabilities should board first and exit last. By ADA* definition, a wheelchair is a mobility aid belonging to any class of three or four-wheeled devices, usable indoors, designed for and used by individuals with mobility limitations, whether operated manually or powered.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Metro Transit (Light rail)</u></b><br/>           390 Robert St. N.<br/>           St. Paul, MN 55101<br/>           651-602-1111 TTY ; 651-291-0904<br/> <a href="http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/paratransit/intro.htm">http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/paratransit/intro.htm</a></p>        | <p>The Hiawatha Line offers fast, quiet light-rail service to 17 stations between downtown Minneapolis and Mall of America. Hiawatha Line trains offer step-free boarding, and are equipped with designated sections for customers using wheelchairs. In addition, all station platforms are fully accessible. By ADA* definition, a wheelchair is a mobility aid belonging to any class of three or four-wheeled devices, usable indoors, designed for and used by individuals with mobility limitations, whether operated manually or powered.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>MVTA (Minnesota Valley Transit Authority)</u></b><br/>           100 E. Highway 13<br/>           Burnsville, MN 55337<br/>           (952) 882-7500<br/> <a href="http://www.mvta.com">http://www.mvta.com</a><br/> <a href="http://www.mvta.com/ADA_Policy.html">http://www.mvta.com/ADA_Policy.html</a></p>       | <p>Public transportation alternatives for Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Rosemount and Savage. It is the policy of the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority to implement the legal requirements of the Federal and State governments in a manner so as to meet the following goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To encourage individual and dignified use of the transit system with minimal assistance from transit system employees, contractors, and other users.</li> <li>2. To expedite the safe and efficient boarding, transporting, and alighting of all passengers, regardless of mobility status.</li> <li>3. To adapt to a wide range of mobility aids within the physical limitations of current vehicles and available commercial standard equipment.</li> <li>4. To minimize any potential damage to mobility aids from the onboard securement system.</li> </ol> |



## Transportation (others)

| <u>Contact Information</u>  | <u>Description</u>  |
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| <b><u>Achieved Mobility of Lakeville</u></b><br>8500 210th St W # 140f<br>Lakeville MN 55044<br>952-469-1909<br><a href="http://www.minnesota.com/lakeville/handicapped-transportation-service/achieved-mobility">http://www.minnesota.com/lakeville/handicapped-transportation-service/achieved-mobility</a> | Local passenger transportation for handicapped and elderly transportation services. |
| <b><u>AC Transportation (rides)</u></b><br>2021 E Hennepin Ave<br>Minneapolis MN 55413<br>612-331-1881  | General (for people with various disabilities)                                      |
| <b><u>Achieved Mobility Inc</u></b><br>8500 210 <sup>th</sup> St W<br>Lakeville MN 55044-5707<br>952-469-1909   | General (for people with various disabilities)                                      |
| <b><u>All Service Transportation</u></b><br>Bloomington MN<br>952-888-8886  | General (for people with various disabilities)                                      |
| <b><u>Apple Transport (rides)</u></b><br>952-854-0999   | General (for people with various disabilities)                                      |
| <b><u>Associated Rollx Vans (vehicles)</u></b><br>6591 W Hwy 13<br>Savage MN 55378<br>800-956-6668<br><a href="mailto:associated@rollxvans.com">associated@rollxvans.com</a> *<br><a href="http://www.rollxvans.com">http://www.rollxvans.com</a>   | General (for people with various disabilities)                                      |
| <b><u>Better Care Lines Inc (rides)</u></b><br>2500 Washington Ave N * Minneapolis MN 55411 * 612-529-5019, 612-529-3450  | General (for people with various disabilities)                                      |
| <b><u>Care Cab (rides)</u></b><br>800-450-4546  | General (for people with various disabilities)                                      |
| <b><u>Cities Best Transportation Inc (rides)</u></b><br>763-535-0760  | General (for people with various disabilities)                                      |
| <b><u>Complete Mobility Systems (vehicles)</u></b><br>1915 W County Rd C<br>Roseville MN 55113<br>651-635-0655, 800-733-7479 fax: 651-635-9237 <a href="http://www.completemobility.com">http://www.completemobility.com</a>  | General (for people with various disabilities)                                      |
| <b><u>Contemporary Transportation (rides)</u></b><br>904 19 <sup>th</sup> Av S<br>Minneapolis MN 55404-2202<br>612-332-2888   | General (for people with various disabilities)                                      |

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| <b><u>Discover Ride (rides)</u></b><br>612-823-6000  | General (for people with various disabilities) |
| <b><u>HealthEast Transportation (rides)</u></b><br>481 Front St<br>St Paul MN 55117<br>651-232-5893, 800-887-6221<br><a href="http://www.healtheast.org/transportation">http://www.healtheast.org/transportation</a>         | General (for people with various disabilities) |
| <b><u>Healthworks Home Medical Inc (rides)</u></b><br>114 SE 5 St<br>Minneapolis MN 55414-1145<br>612-617-9562   | General (for people with various disabilities) |
| <b><u>Med-Cab Twin Cities (rides)</u></b><br>887 Pierce Butler Rte<br>St Paul MN 55104<br>651-488-8822   | General (for people with various disabilities) |
| <b><u>Medi-Van (rides)</u></b><br>800-422-0976   | General (for people with various disabilities) |
| <b><u>Mobility of Disabled &amp; Elderly (MODE) Special Transportation (rides)</u></b><br>3032 Minnehaha Ave S<br>Minneapolis MN 55406<br>612-722-0030 fax: 612-722-4320<br><a href="mailto:mode@visi.com">mode@visi.com</a> | General (for people with various disabilities) |
| <b><u>Northland Transportation</u></b><br>11990 N Riverwood Dr<br>Burnsville MN 55337-1505<br>952-885-0580   | General (for people with various disabilities) |
| <b><u>Peace Transportation Inc.</u></b><br>6009 Wayzata Blvd<br>St Louis Park MN 55426<br>952-595-9030   | General (for people with various disabilities) |
| <b><u>Rainbow Taxi Chair Cabs</u></b><br>Minneapolis MN<br>612-332-1615  | General (for people with various disabilities) |
| <b><u>Regional Transit Board</u></b><br>230 E 5 <sup>th</sup> St<br>St Paul MN 55101<br>651-292-0593   | General (for people with various disabilities) |
| <b><u>Sanders Special Transportation (rides)</u></b><br>501 N Dale St #203<br>St Paul MN 55103-1914<br>651-290-2100  | General (for people with various disabilities) |

**Transportation (others) *Continued***

| <u>Contact Information</u>   | <u>Description</u>                                    |
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| <p><b><u>TLC Special Transportation</u></b><br/>                     900 W 128 St<br/>                     Burnsville MN 55337-2455<br/>                     952-882-0535</p>                      | <p>General (for people with various disabilities)</p> |
| <p><b><u>Tranby Health Ride Transportation</u></b><br/>                     1631 E 79<sup>th</sup> St #140<br/>                     Bloomington MN 55420<br/>                     952-854-5007</p> | <p>General (for people with various disabilities)</p> |
| <p><b><u>Transit Team Inc</u></b><br/>                     1154 N 5<sup>th</sup> St<br/>                     Minneapolis MN 55411<br/>                     612-332-3323</p>                        | <p>General (for people with various disabilities)</p> |
| <p><b><u>Twin Cities Genuine Care (rides)</u></b><br/>                     1885 University Ave W<br/>                     St Paul MN 55104-3489<br/>                     651-645-3575</p>          | <p>General (for people with various disabilities)</p> |
| <p><b><u>VIP Transportation Inc</u></b><br/>                     7750 Bona Rd<br/>                     Mounds View MN 55112-6208<br/>                     651-628-9797</p>                         | <p>General (for people with various disabilities)</p> |
| <p><b><u>We Care Transportation Inc.</u></b><br/>                     612-590-7866</p>   | <p>General (for people with various disabilities)</p> |
| <p><b><u>White Knight Transportation</u></b><br/>                     801 W 106<sup>th</sup> St<br/>                     Bloomington MN 55420-5639<br/>                     952-854-1111</p>       | <p>General (for people with various disabilities)</p> |

# Dakota County CTIC

## **Our Mission:**

To promote effective transition services through community collaboration for youth that will prepare them for adult life.

## **Our Vision:**

Youth with disabilities will have opportunities for full participation in the community.

## **Transition is :**

- Planning for Housing
- Planning for Employment
- Planning for Transportation
- Planning for Recreation/Leisure
- Planning for Post Secondary Education

## **What are CTIC's Responsibilities?**

- Identify current services, programs and funding sources provided within the community for secondary and post-secondary aged youth with disabilities and their families.
- Facilitate the development of multi-agency teams to address
- present and future transition needs of individual students on their individual education plans.
- Develop a community plan to include mission, goals and
- objectives and an implementation plan to assure that transition needs of youth with disabilities are met.
- Recommend changes or improvements in the community system of transitions services.
- Exchange agency information such as appropriate data,
- effectiveness studies, special projects, exemplary programs, and creative funding of programs.
- Prepare a yearly summary assessing the progress of transition services in the community and disseminate it to all adult service agencies involved in the planning and to the Commissioner of Education by September 1st of each year.

