

HENNEPIN COUNTY
MINNESOTA

Community Informational Sessions January to April 2024

Health and Human
Services A-1500
Government Center
300 South Sixth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55487-
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612-596-6631

**Trainings are offered in
person and electronically.**



The trainings are free and open to the public. Community Trainings are offered in person and electronically. Each topic includes specific details.

Long Term Services & Supports

Promoting Choice and Independence

Seniors and persons with disabilities receive help to live in their communities as independently as possible through services offered by aging and disability services. Our professionals help people access available home and community-based services and possible funding sources so that they can remain in their home longer and prevent or delay institutional care.

To make a referral to Hennepin County's "front door".

Call the access and initial consultation phone number at **612-348-4111** and select **option 1 for English then 0 for Front Door.**

- General inquiries and consultation do not need the specific person's information.
- Referrals for in-person assessments require the following:
 - 1) Person's name, birth date, Social Security number, address, phone number and contact information
 - 2) Income, asset, and health insurance information
 - 3) Summary information on health and functioning level

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How to Register for Community Information Sessions (Required)



To register, call **612-596-6631** or **register online**
CommunityInfoSessions@Hennepin.us. Please register early.

Include the title of the training session and your name, phone number and email address, in that order. Please indicate if you prefer an electronic option vs. in person training.

We will verify your registration and will let you know if the session is cancelled.

All sessions are FREE and open to the public.

Funds Available for Person Centered Planning

Funds are available now. Person centered planning is an interactive planning process which helps a person with disabilities prioritize their life goals. Certified facilitators use various person-centered planning tools to document the person's life plans and goals. County funds are available for those not open to home and community-based waiver funds. You may also access planning funds through the service [family training and counseling services](#) if you have waiver services.

County funds are focused on transition age students (18 to 23) with an Individual Education Plan with or without a Hennepin County case manager. Funds are available on a first come first served basis. To enroll contact your case manager or email jerry.mellum@hennepin.us for information or request training information below.

Electronically:

For more information a YouTube video with more information is available.

- When registering include the title Person Centered Planning, your name, your phone number and email address. We will forward you the specific training topic within one week of your registration.

Register by calling 612-596-6631 or email

CommunityInfoSessions@Hennepin.us

It's Working!

It's Working! This flexible, creative and unique, self-directed vocational work program that is county funded. A program for those who currently don't have home and community-based waiver services. This is a self-directed program that allows you to hire your own staff and write your own plan. People have become bakers, DJ's, librarians, offered delivery services and started their own businesses. The program is for people with developmental disabilities who have case management and currently aren't open to wavier services. **If you qualify there is currently no waiting list.**

Program criteria

- For those people with disabilities age 14 to adults who don't have waiver services and have DD case management in Hennepin County.
- The program can pay for staff support, vocational assessments, on the job training, goods related to work, job searches and technical assistance and more. It has helped several people start their own business.

Who will benefit from the information? Case managers and interested participants who don't currently have waiver services, are ages 14 through adulthood and have a county or contracted case manager for developmental disabilities, and/or related conditions.

Electronically:

More information is available on a YouTube about this program.

- When registering include the title It's Working, your name, your phone number and email address. We will forward you the specific training topic within one week of your registration.

Register by calling 612-596-6631 or email

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Home and Community Based Waiver Services

An overview of home and community-based waiver programs, including the Community Access for Disability Inclusion Waiver (CADI), Community Alternative Care Waiver (CAC), and Brain Injury Waiver (BI), Developmental Disabilities (DD), Elderly Waiver (EW) and the Alternative Care Program. We will review the service menu for each program, provide examples of how the programs are used. The MN Department of Human Services program "[Waiver Reimagined](#)" will modify the way some waiver services are provided. This session will also provide an overview of Consumer Directed Community Supports (CDCS).

Who will benefit from the information?

Parents, legal representatives and people with disabilities

In Person: Thursday, February 22nd, 2024, 10 AM to 12 Noon
Hennepin County Ridgedale Library, Lady Slipper Room,
12601 Ridgedale Dr., Minnetonka, MN 55305
[directions](#)

Electronically:

A YouTube training with more information on this topic is also available.

- When registering include the title Waiver Overview, your name, your phone number and email address. We will forward you the specific training topic within one week of your registration.

Register by calling 612-596-6631 or email

CommunityInfoSessions@Hennepin.us

Adult Housing for People with Disabilities

We will discuss the continuum of housing options for people with disabilities and recent changes. This training will address the questions 1) Where do you want to live? 2) How will you afford the staff support necessary and 3) How will you afford rent and food? The training will help you to determine which services best meet your needs, discuss funding, the process to begin. Hear stories about creative housing options in Hennepin County and what other people did to get started.

Who Should View the Training?

Parents, legal representatives and persons with disabilities seeking housing.

**In Person: Thursday, February 22nd, 2024, 4 PM to 6 PM,
Hennepin County Ridgedale Library, Lady Slipper Room,
12601 Ridgedale Dr., Minnetonka, MN 55305**

[directions](#)

Electronically:

A YouTube training with more information on this topic is available.

- When registering include the title Adult Housing, your name, your phone number and email address. We will forward you the specific training topic within one week of your registration.

Register by calling 612-596-6631 or email

CommunityInfoSessions@Hennepin.us

Vocational Supports for People with Disabilities

Learn about changes in vocational options and supports available for people with disabilities. We will discuss the services employment development, support, and exploration. Also learn about "employment first" philosophy and the role of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Employment First MN (E1MN) in finding work for a person. Hear about the creative county funded program "It's Working!" that lets you employ your vocational staff and write your own plan for support.

Who Should View the Training?

Parents, legal representatives, and persons with disabilities

In Person: Thursday, February 22nd, 2024, 1 PM to 3 PM

**Hennepin County Ridgedale Library, Lady Slipper Room,
12601 Ridgedale Dr., Minnetonka, MN 55305**

[directions](#)

Electronically:

A YouTube training with more information on this topic is available.

- When registering include the Vocational Services topic, your name, your phone number and email address. We will forward you the specific training topic within one week of your registration.

Register by calling 612-596-6631 or email

CommunityInfoSessions@Hennepin.us

Guardianship/Supported Decision Making

At age 18, any person is considered a competent adult unless a petition is filed for guardianship in probate court. It will review recent changes in the guardianship law which increase a person's rights and an option called "supported decision making". The training will also describe the individual powers assigned by the court, outline the responsibilities of the guardian, and offer options to complete the process at no cost. This introductory session will provide basic information on the difference between guardianship and supported decision making and conservatorship.

Who Should View the Training?

Parents, legal representatives and persons with disabilities

**In Person: Wednesday, February 28th, 2024, 2 PM to 4 PM,
Hennepin County Golden Valley Library,
830 Winnetka Ave N, Golden Valley, MN 55427**
[directions](#)

Electronically:

A YouTube training with more information on this topic is available.

- When registering include Guardianship, your name, your phone number and email address. We will forward you the specific training topic within one week of your registration.

Register by calling 612-596-6631 or email

CommunityInfoSessions@Hennepin.us

Consumer Support Grant (CSG)

CSG is an alternative to Personal Care Assistance (PCA) Services (MA Homecare). It is directed by the person or caregiver/parent. CSG allows people enrolled to access a different set of support services within their CSG budget. Examples are prescribed special diets, art therapy, music therapy, and support staff. Please register for the online training below by calling 612-348-2939 or emailing HSPH.LTSS.CSG@hennepin.us .

Who Should View the Training?

People who attend must have open Medical Assistance and have a current PCA assessment. Please have the individual's medical assistance number and a copy of the most recent PCA Assessment.

How to sign up and attend training? *

To start the Consumer Support Grant training is required and is on line. **If you are interested in completing the CSG Training, please email the address below to receive online training materials.** Please note, much of this training can be completed on a smart phone. Should you have additional questions or need assistance, please reach out to the CSG Team and we would be happy to assist you.

Email: HSPH.LTSS.CSG@hennepin.us

CSG Coverage Line Voicemail: 612-348-2939

Spanish CSG Electronic Training

Subsidio de respaldo al consumidor hispanohablante (CSG, por sus siglas en inglés)

CSG es una alternativa a los servicios de ayuda del cuidado personal (PCA) y cuidado domiciliario (MA). Este subsidio es administrado por la persona, el cuidador o padre de familia. El subsidio CSG permite a las personas inscritas acceder un grupo de servicios de ayuda con el presupuesto de CSG. Por ejemplo: dietas especiales recetadas, terapia artística, terapia musical y personal de ayuda. La capacitación en línea (por Internet) es en español y explicará como la persona puede tener acceso a este programa y como utilizar los fondos distribuidos.

¿Quién debe asistir?

Las personas que asisten a esta capacitación deberán tener el servicio de asistencia médica y tener una evaluación actual PCA. Favor de tener el número de asistencia médica de la persona y una copia de la evaluación PCA más reciente.

¿Cómo inscribirse y asistir a la capacitación?

Debido a la pandemia del COVID-19, CSG ha cambiado sus capacitaciones a una plataforma digital (por Internet). Para poder iniciarse en CSG, usted tiene que capacitarse.

Si está interesado(a) en hacer la capacitación CSG, se pide que escriba al correo electrónico de abajo, para que reciba los materiales de capacitación. Tenga en cuenta que, la mayoría de esta capacitación se puede hacer con un teléfono inteligente. Si tiene alguna otra pregunta o si necesita ayuda, comuníquese con el personal de CSG y con mucho gusto lo ayudaremos.

Correo electrónico: HSPH.LTSS.CSG@hennepin.us

Línea telefónica CSG donde puede dejar correo de voz: 612-348-2939.

Somali CSG Electronic Training

CSG waa u bedel Adeegyada Kaalmada Daryeelka Shakhsiyeed (PCA) (MA Home care). Waxaa haga qofka ama daryeelaha / waalidka. CSG waxay u oggolaaneysaa dadka ka diiwaangashan inay marin u helaan noocyo kala duwan oo adeegyo taageero ah miisaaniyadooda CSG. Tusaalooyinka waxaa ka mid ah: Cunnooyinka gaarka ah ee loo qoro, daaweynta farshaxanka, daweynta muusikada, iyo shaqaalaha taageerada.

Tababarka khadka tooska ah ee internetka wuxuu sharxi doonaa sida qofku u heli karo barnaamijka iyo sida loo isticmaalo lacagaha loo qoondeeyay.

Kumaa ka qeyb galaya?

Dadka imanaya waa inay lahaadaan Gargaar Caafimaad oo furan oo ay yeeshaan qiimeyn PCA oo hadda ah. Fadlan hayso lambarka kaalmada caafimaad ee qofka iyo koobiga qiimaynta PCA-ga ee ugu dambeeyay.

Sidee loo qoraa oo loo xaadiraa tababarka?

Sababo la xiriira COVID 19 Faafida, CSG waxay u dhaqaaqday qaab tababar internetka ah. Si loo bilaabo CSG, tababar ayaa loo baahan yahay.

Haddii aad xiisaynayso dhammaystirka Tababarka CSG, fadlan emaylkan hoos ku soo dir si aad u hesho qalabka tababarka internetka. Fadlan la soco, in badan oo tababarkan ah ayaa lagu dhammayn karaa taleefanka caqliga leh.

Haddii aad qabtid su'aalo dheeraad ah ama aad u baahan tahay caawimaad, fadlan la xiriir Kooxda CSG waana ku faraxsanahay inaan ku caawino.

Iimayl: HSPH.LTSS.CSG@hennepin.us

Khadka Tooska ah ee Cilmiga Caymiska ee CSG: 612-348-2939

Family Support Grant (FSG)

The Family Support Grant (FSG) program provides cash grants to families of children with certified disabilities. The goal is to prevent or delay out-of-home placement of children with disabilities and promote family health and social well-being by providing access to family-centered services and supports specific to the child's disability.

This session will explain the basics of the FSG program and how to complete the application to ensure program compliance.

Who Should Attend? Case managers and families who want additional information to apply for their eligible child.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Person must be under age 25.
- Must live in biological or adoptive home, or transitioning home from a temporary licensed residential facility if grant is awarded.
- Family income must not exceed \$125,635 (income verification is required, such as, check stubs, W-2's, tax returns, public assistance approval letters)
 - Except in cases where extreme hardship is demonstrated
- Must be currently disabled through one of the following ways:
 - Social Security Administration (SSI)
 - State Medical Review Team (SMRT)
 - Children who are working with a CMH case manager
 - Individuals that have a Lead Agency Rule 185 DD Case Manager, must still be certified disabled

Note: Families receiving services under the Developmental Disabilities Waiver, Community Alternative Care Waiver, Community Alternative for Disabled Individuals Waiver, Brain Injury Waiver, Consumer Support Grant or Personal Care Assistance are not eligible for the Family Support Grant.

Please reach out to the FSG team to request the electronic training session by emailing hsph.ads.fsg@hennepin.us or calling 612-348-2939.

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, FSG is moving to a new, online format. We appreciate your patience.

Housing Support Information and Breakout Sessions for Prospective Providers

Interested in becoming a Housing Support provider with Hennepin County or expanding your existing Housing Support program? Join an info session. It offers general information about Housing Support and the application or Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Separate breakout sessions are also available, if you seek technical assistance about Board & Lodges, Community-based settings, and Assisted Living Facilities/Customized Living Services.

Info and breakout sessions are held according to the schedule below. No registration is required.

We strongly recommend that you prepare for the info and breakout sessions beforehand:

1. Learn about the Housing Support program by reviewing relevant materials on the DHS HB101 – Partners [website](#).
2. Participate in a real-time webinar hosted by DHS staff. Register by emailing MN_DHS_DHS.GRH DHS.DHS.GRH@STATE.MN.US.
3. Review materials posted on the Hennepin County [For current and future housing providers](#) web page in the Housing for people with disabilities drawer, including:
 - Housing Support Prospective Provider Info Session Presentation.pdf; slides that touch on the Housing Support program and focus more closely on becoming a Housing Support provider with Hennepin County
 - Selecting a breakout session – housing support information session for prospective providers.pdf; a map illustrating paths to Board & Lodges, Community-based settings, and ALF/Customized Living Services breakout sessions that offer technical assistance to prospective providers
 - Becoming a Housing Support provider.pdf; a one-page flyer describing the Hennepin County RFP process for becoming a Housing Support provider and the importance of registering in the Supplier Portal

Join a session:

- Join by mobile app – install the Teams mobile app and click the Join Microsoft Teams Meeting link in the table above
- Join by desktop app – install Teams on your computer and click the Join Microsoft

Session	Purpose	Schedule	Join the meeting
Housing Support Information Session for Prospective Providers	General overview of Housing Support program and Request for Proposals process for prospective Providers	11:00 am, Tuesday, 1/9/24	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 612-263-6117 United States, Minneapolis (Toll) Conference ID: 878 405 504#
Board & Lodges Breakout	Focused discussion of Board & Lodges	12:00 pm, Tuesday, 1/9/24	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 612-263-6117 United States, Minneapolis (Toll) Conference ID: 987 643 323#
Community-based Settings Breakout	Includes the Housing with Services-Independent (HWS-I), Long-term Homeless (LTH), and Demonstration Project (Demo) programs	12:00 pm, Tuesday, 1/9/24	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 612-263-6117 United States, Minneapolis (Toll) Conference ID: 102 383 745#
Assisted Living Facilities/Customized Living Services Breakout	Focused discussion of Assisted Living licensed facilities that house people receiving Customized Living Services	12:00 pm, Tuesday, 1/9/24	Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 612-263-6117 United States, Minneapolis (Toll) Conference ID: 635 935 147#

Teams Meeting link in the table above

- Join by phone – dial the phone number for audio only capability and enter Conference ID in the table above

Questions? Email HS.Housing.GRH@hennepin.us or call (612) 543-2208



Transition Resource Fair

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

4:00 pm – 7:30 pm

North Hennepin Community College

Center for Business and Technology Building

Great Hall (CBT 195)

7411 85th Ave. N. Brooklyn Park, MN 55445

Park in the East Parking Lot (Entrance on 85th Ave.)

Sponsored by: NW Hennepin Community Transition Interagency Committee (CTIC)

Open to students, ages 14 and up, families, teachers and community members



Spend some time exploring resources and vendors that are available for students during and after the transition from high school. A variety of vendors will be available to give you information and answer your questions. Vendors may include:

- Rehabilitation Services
- Hennepin County Social Services
- Social Security
- Adult vocational services
- Housing support agencies
- Disability Services at Post-Secondary institutions
- Recreation support agencies
- Community resources
- And many more

Come and check out all the resources available to students and families as they plan for their futures!



For more information, please feel free to call Julie Gloege (651) 925-6541 or Sherrie Turcotte (651) 235-7052.

PACER Housing Workshop Series!

Annually PACER in collaboration with Hennepin County staff and the MN Department of Human Services offers a three-part housing series that will answer a lot of questions about your housing journey. The third sessions features several families sharing their individual stories about how they got housing. Be sure to join!

2024 Housing: Starting the Journey Workshop Series:

Housing: Step 1: How Do We Start? Monday, April 1, 2024,
6:30-9 pm

Housing: Step 2: How Is It Paid For? Monday, April 15, 2024,
6:30-9pm

Housing: Step 3: What Are the Options? Monday, April 29,
2024, 6:30-9pm



To register for one or all three on-line events
call PACER at 952-838-9000 or email
pacer@pacer.org

Community Section—Hennepin County does not explicitly endorse the following organizations but includes their information and training topics as a public service for the general public.

Job Coach Training, Nicole Rabinowitz, Inclusive Networking

Nicole Rabinowitz grew up in Minneapolis and graduated from the University of Kansas. She was trained in Customized Employment through Marc Gold and Associates and currently is an associate who trains and certifies those seeking Discovery Certification.

Job Coach Training

Jan. 24: 8:30-12:30

4 Hours--Virtual

The training will feature scenario videos of employees and their job coaches to facilitate conversations and best practice regarding what to do/what not to do as a job coach. Training will also feature videos of employer testimonials to hear directly from employers on topics and the opportunity to complete a task with a featured employer.

Cost: \$200/person

Contact Nicole Rabinowitz
nicole@inclusivenetworking.com



Your Role as a Job Coach or Employment Support

Training Format



4 Hours
In Person or Virtual Option
30 min. Consulting Call with Trainers After Training

The training will feature scenario videos of employees and their job coaches to facilitate conversations and best practice regarding what to do/what not to do as a job coach. Training will also feature videos of employer testimonials to hear directly from employers on topics and the opportunity to complete a task with a featured employer.

Topics Covered In Training

- Overview of Job Coaching & Your Role as a Job Coach
- Before the First Day of Work
- Task Analysis
- Accommodations & Modifications
- Systematic Instruction Strategies & Scenario Work
- Fading and Ongoing Supports
- Employee & Employer Perspectives
- Resources

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d.a.c Family Center—Serving Spanish families, children, youth with disabilities.

www.dacfamilycenter.org

As elders, advocates, educators and friends, the Ana and Kevin Pérez serve Spanish families, children, youth with disabilities, helping them over the hurdles of the healthcare, public services, schools and community systems. By being a constant source of support, d.a.c. has become a home away from home for the diverse community it serves.

- **Educate** We help you understand your child, youth, adult or family member with disability, and teach you how to get the resources they need, and the support you need. Our training is offered to make sure they understand their rights and responsibilities under IDEA also ADA.
- **Connect** We work closely with each family to bridge the culture and language gap that can be frustrating when dealing with hospitals, clinics, schools, and social services. We also host a weekly support group to help families connect with others who are experiencing disabilities. We also provide different trainings and bring resources from the community.
- **Listen** No two families are the same. By listening to your family's needs we make sure you get personalized support to help you cope with disability. From attending hospital appointments, to visiting with you at your home, we are there for you every step of the way.

Address:

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caminos 107 7th Avenue South
South St. Paul, MN 55075

Email: centro@dacmn.org

Internet:

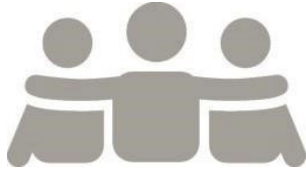
www.dacfamilycenter.org

Phone: 651-293-1748

Fax: 651-293-1744

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WE ARE HERE, HELPING
YOU THRIVE



Health - Housing - Education - Transportation and IDs Job or Career - Cash and Food

- Relationships and support



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www.hennepin.us/helpforyouth





Minnesota Independence College and Community

Minnesota Independence College and Community (MICC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming the lives of autistic and neurodivergent young adults. Since 1996, MICC has been providing comprehensive vocational and life skills training programs designed to help participants achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

Located in the heart of Richfield, just 15 minutes south of Minneapolis, the unique campus provides an experiential learning and apartment-living environment where participants can thrive.

The three-year College Program focuses on independent living skills, holistic healthy living, career skills and employment, and social and emotional learning.

Independent Living Skills and Home Care

- Shopping
- Planning meals
- Cooking
- Personal hygiene
- Managing money
- Public transportation
- Goal setting
- Problem solving

Career Skills and Employment

- Certified Century College certificates:
 - Retail Hospitality
 - Culinary
 - Health and Health Services
- Employment search
- Professionalism
- Maintaining employment

Social-Emotional Learning

- Making and keeping friends
- Personal boundaries
- Self-awareness
- Participant-led clubs
- Evening and weekend social activities
- Off-campus excursions
- Special events

Participants live on-campus in fully furnished three-bedroom apartments with their peers. Skill development is assessed regularly, and instruction is adjusted as participants progress towards greater independence.

MICC believes in the potential for participants to live an independent, vibrant life and offer a variety of programs to support them on their journey.

Call or click to schedule a campus visit and learn more about how MICC can help you or your loved one achieve independence and success.

Contact

7501 Logan Avenue S, Suite 2A
 Richfield, MN 55423
 612-869-4008

www.miccommunity.org
info@miccommunity.org

The Arc MN

The Arc MN The Arc Minnesota promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. People with disabilities and their families trust The Arc for information, assistance, education, and public policy leadership.

Including and supporting people who have disabilities 641 Fairview Avenue N., St. Paul, MN 55104

Phone: [\(866\) 797-1122](tel:8667971122)

Notes