

Virtual Community Resource Fair

Wednesday, October 1st

Agenda

- Welcome
- Presenters
 - Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County
 - Community Emergency Services
 - Hennepin County Elections
 - Metro Transit
 - Metropolitan Center for Independent Living
 - Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid
 - Minnesota Department of Commerce – Energy Assistance Program
 - National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) – Hennepin County
 - The Redemption Project

Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County

Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County provides:

- Energy Assistance
 - Rental and vehicle repair assistance
 - First-Time home buyer's classes/homestretch workshops
 - Financial wellness counseling
 - Employment readiness
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- We serve all of Hennepin County.
 - Eligibility is based on income and household size.
 - We do follow the 200% income poverty guideline.

Energy Assistance Number - (952) 930-3541

Other Programs Main line - (952) 933-9639

For additional information, visit our website www.caphennepin.org or visit any of our office locations Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Triad Building – 7101 Northland Circle Suite 123, Brooklyn Park, 55428

The Loffler Building - 1101 East 78th Street Suite 110, Bloomington, 55420

The Urban League - 2100 Plymouth Ave N suite 104, Minneapolis, 55411

Community Emergency Services

Community Emergency Services provides:

- Food Programs
 - Food Market – Appointment-based model, with walk-ins welcome. Visit 2x per month (*no service boundaries*)
 - Locker Program – Order online and schedule your pick up
 - Meals On Wheels – Seniors & those with disabilities (*eligibility criteria & service boundaries apply*)
 - Household supplies at the time of Market appointment (dishware, pots & pans, bedding, towels, etc.)
 - Diapers when available at the time of Market visit
 - Donated Backpacks/School Supplies when available (*late summer*)
 - Donated “Winter Gear” when available (*late fall*)
 - Pet food/supplies distributed through our Ani-Meals Program for those who enroll in Meals On Wheels
- We help anyone in need, no matter where they live.
 - Visit our website at <https://cesmn.org> to be connected with the above resources.

Contact Information:

- Sandra Holden - Operations Director 612-870-1124 Ext. 115
- Tess Dooley – Food Market Manager - tdooley@cesmn.org

Hennepin County Elections

- Voter Outreach and Engagement is a division of elections that focuses on helping to engage residents of Hennepin County with the information they need to vote.
- Some of our activities include tabling at libraries, giving trainings to community partners on topics such as registration, voting while unhoused, and accessible voting options.
- We also contract with over 30 community organizations to provide voting resources to the communities they serve.
- People can register to vote by either filling out a paper application or go to mnvotes.gov/register to register online.
- For voters that are not yet registered, they can register at an early voting location, or at their polls on election day. They will need to bring a photo ID and document showing residency (can be found at mnvotes.org/register) or come with a registered voter from the same precinct who can vouch for them.
- People can find their election day polling location at pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us. Or they can vote early. Hennepin County residents can vote at Government Center, or their city hall. Some cities like Minneapolis have their own early vote center and one day pop-up voting sites.

For more information and any question, please contact:

voteroutreach@hennepin.us

Metro Transit

- The Transit Assistance Program (TAP) is designed to make Metro Transit buses and light rail more affordable for people with lower incomes.
- TAP provides a reduced fare pass on a Go-To Card. It allows customers to use a bus or train for just \$1 per ride – even during rush hour – with a 2½ hour transfer. The discount lasts a full year.
- Requirements:
 - Show a photo ID card or utility statement with your name and address and an accepted document (see <https://www.metrotransit.org/tap-riders>) to show that you meet the income guidelines.
 - Once approved, Metro Transit will add the discount pass to a new Go-To card or your existing card – then just add value and go!
- Individuals can apply on their own, either in person at one of our transit Service Centers or online. For information about the program or to apply online go to <https://www.metrotransit.org/tap>.
- For questions call our Customer Relations line at 612-373-3333. Interpretation in 170 languages is available over the phone.
- Organizations can apply to become a partner with Metro Transit and distribute these passes directly to their program participants.

For questions about becoming a partner organization, contact

- Andrea Kiepe - andrea.kiepe@metrotransit.org

Hennepin County



Metropolitan Center for Independent Living

At the Metropolitan Center for Independent Living (MCIL), we are committed to empowering members of the disability community on a pathway to overcome barriers and to discover access, choices, and the possibilities to realize their goals and aspirations.

We are a non-profit organization, based in St. Paul, Minnesota, and serve the Twin Cities seven-county metro area.

Metropolitan Center for Independent Living offers resources in the following areas:

- Case management
- Advocacy
- Independent living tools/programs/classes
- PCA College Service Corps
- Transitional Services

Requirements:

- They must have a disability and live in the 7-county metro area.
- Or, they must work with/have family members with a disability.
- Some programs require MA, and or a waiver.

To get connected with these services, call 651-646-8342 or visit <https://mcil-mn.org>.

For questions, please contact: Kianna Lehman - mcilmain@mcil-mn.org or 651-646-8342

Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid

- We provide free civil legal services (including lawyers and representation) in nine practice areas, for:
 - Lowest income residents of central Minnesota
 - Seniors, 60 and older, in central Minnesota
 - All Minnesotans with disabilities
 - Youth.
- We also provide general information and guidance to all Minnesotans seeking taxpayer assistance or health care coverage.
- We follow federal poverty guidelines for clients who are eligible for our services based on income. However, clients 60 and older and those with disabilities do not need to meet income guidelines.
- Residents across the state of Minnesota, regardless of income, may benefit from: our following programs:
 - Project Care program, which helps Minnesotans find affordable health care coverage
 - Low Income Taxpayer Clinics (general information)
 - Youth Law Project
- The intake process for all clients seeking representation begins with a call to Legal Aid at 1-877-696-6529 or by connecting with us online at www.mylegalaid.org. We also have lawyers available in community clinics.
- General Intake: 1-877-696-6529
Immigration Intake: 612-332-1441
Minnesota Disability Law Center: 1-800-292-4150

For questions, please contact Halley Norman, hnorman@mylegalaid.org

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Minnesota Department of Commerce – Energy Assistance Program

Minnesota Department of Commerce – Energy Assistance Programs offers the following resources:

- Bill payment assistance for home energy costs (e.g., electricity, natural gas, propane, fuel oil).
 - If eligible, we can pay a portion of your home energy bill, an average of \$550 per household.
- Emergency bill payment assistance to prevent loss of heat (e.g., energy utility disconnection, running out of heating fuel)
 - Up to \$600 per eligible household.
- Repair/replacement of heating systems that are not working – for homeowners only
- Resources are available for the entire state, for both homeowners and renters.
- Eligibility is based on household income below 50% of the State Median Income (e.g., \$35,799 for a household of one, \$68,845 for a household of four)
- To get connected with these resources, go to mn.gov/home to complete the online application, request a paper application by mail, or find your [local service provider](#). Also, at mn.gov/home there are program details, outreach flyers, and videos on how to apply online available in English, Hmong, Somali, and Spanish.

Contact information:

- Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Info Line – 1-800-657-3710
- For assistance in Hennepin County, contact [Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County](#) at 952-930-3541.

National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) – Hennepin County

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with mental illnesses and their families.

NAMI MN works with individuals with mental illness, their families, professionals and the community at large by providing education, support and advocacy.

NAMI Minnesota offers free [peer-led support groups](#) in Hennepin County for people living with mental illnesses as well as groups for their family members, partners/spouses, parents, and friends.

To be connected with these resources, visit <https://namimn.org/>

Contact information:

- Jen Springer, jenspringe19@gmail.com

The Redemption Project

Restoring Hope • Creating Pathways • Transforming Lives

Our Mission

The Redemption Project is dedicated to **empowering individuals** and **strengthening communities** through holistic support, opportunity, and connection.

What We Provide

We support **returning citizens and justice-impacted individuals** by addressing their needs throughout the reentry process, including:

- **Employment readiness & job placement**
- **Housing support & stability resources**
- **Mental health & wellness services**
- **Community partnerships & mentorship**
- **Education, job training & skill development**

Our Four Pillars of Service

- **Educate** – Academic and vocational training through partners such as Summit Academy OLC.
- **Mentor** – Guidance from lived-experience leaders who walk alongside participants.
- **Advocate** – Breaking down barriers to equity and reentry success.
- **Support** – Providing resources that promote stability, resilience, and long-term success.

The Redemption Project

Virtues for Success Curriculum

In addition to core services, we teach the **Virtues for Success curriculum**, helping participants build values, habits, and character skills that lead to **personal growth, employability, and long-term transformation**.

Program Enrollment

Fellows may participate while:

- Incarcerated
- On work release or in halfway houses
- Taking curriculum at **Summit Academy OIC**

Get Connected

 www.redemptionproject.org

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Upcoming Events

Career and Resource Fair

Wednesday, October 22nd

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Hennepin County Library – Brookdale

6125 Shingle Creek Parkway

Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

[Register](#)

Virtual Hennepin County Resource Fair

Wednesday, November 5th

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

[Register](#)

Thank you for your time.