Community informational sessions
September through December 2020

Health and Human Services
A-1500 Government Center
300 South Sixth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55487-0240

612-596-6631

Please see information inside about training and
the COVID-19 virus and new electronic options.
Long Term Services and Support (LTSS) programs and COVID-19 response for community training.

As a result of the COVID-19 Virus Community Informational Sessions will be offered electronically vs. face to face. It will be important for you to register your name, phone and email address so we will be able to contact you with more direction and instruction. If you have questions please feel free to email communityinfosessions@hennepin.us or call 612-596-6631.

Thank you for your flexibility during this challenging time.

Please stay in touch as our situation evolves so we can keep you informed.
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 are able to remain in their home longer and prevent or delay institutional care.

To make a referral

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 specific client information.
- Referrals for in-person assessments require the following:
  1) Client 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 on-line CommunityInfoSessions@Hennepin.us. Please register early.

Include the title of the training session and your name, phone number and email address, in that order.

**We will not call or reply to confirm your reservation.** We will only contact you if the session is cancelled.

All sessions are FREE of charge and open to the public.

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You can now register on-line: www.hennepin.us

Type [www.hennepin.us/cmtysupport](http://www.hennepin.us/cmtysupport) into your web browser. Scroll down page to Community Support Training and click on (+) sign to drop down options. Then click on [communityinfosessions@hennepin.us](mailto:communityinfosessions@hennepin.us), list name of session, your full name, phone number and email address.
Developmental Disabilities Waiver Overview

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver services provide funds to teach life skills in the home and community. This training reviews the menu of services provided by a licensed or traditional service provider and outlines the similarities and differences. This session will also provide an overview of Consumer Directed Community Support (CDCS). We will also discuss changes in non-licensed personal support services. Attendance is highly recommended if you are currently receiving DD Waiver services.

Who Should Attend?
Parents, providers, legal representatives and persons with disabilities

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Waiver Overview for Individuals Under 65

A basic 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). These waiver programs provide community alternatives to nursing home level of care and hospital level of care. We will review the service menu for each program, provide examples of how the programs are used, and explain the process to apply for a long term care waiver. This session will also provide an overview of Consumer Directed Community Supports (CDCS).

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Adult Housing Options

Residential services are evolving and changing. We will discuss the continuum of housing options for people with disabilities and recent Developmental Disabilities (ICF-DD), Community Residential Setting (CRS) My Own Home, Family foster Care, and others. Determine which services best meet your needs, discuss funding, the process, and how to get started.

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Transition Services

Transition between the ages of 18 to 21 is a busy time for families. This is a busy time for families. They must complete applications for Social Security, prepare to make a move from school to work, select vocational or other programs, participate in a complete guardianship assessment, and learn about the supports and services available to an adult. Learn about “Employment First” concepts, meet transition case managers, and get your questions answered.

Who Should Attend?
People with developmental disabilities, ages 18 to 21, and their families

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Vocational Supports for People with Disabilities

Learn about changes in vocational options and supports for adults with disabilities. Hear about a new Hennepin County consumer directed pilot called “It’s Working!”

We will also cover “Employment First” philosophy, creative options for vocational support and more traditional options. Determine which services best meet your needs.

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Guardianship/Supported Decision Making

At age 18, any person is considered a competent adult unless a petition is filed for guardianship in probate court. This introductory session will provide basic information on the difference between guardianship and supported decision making and conservatorship. It will describe the individual powers assigned by the court, outline the responsibilities of the guardian, and offer options to complete the process at no cost.

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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. The online training will explain how a person can access the program and how to use the funds allocated.

**Who should attend?**
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?**
Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, CSG has moved to an online training format. *In order to start CSG, training is required.*
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](mailto: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

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Iimayl: HSPH.LTSS.CSG@hennepin.us
Khadka Tooska ah ee Cilmiga Caymiska ee CSG: 612-348-2939
It’s Working!

It’s Working! is a consumer directed vocational program for those 14 years old and older who have developmental disabilities or related conditions. It is county paid and focuses on creative and individualized supports and flexibility in employment support.

Hennepin County offers the “It’s Working” program to interested participants who 1) don’t have waiver services, 2) are ages 14 to adulthood and 3) have a county or contracted case manager for developmental disabilities or related conditions.

This program allows people to write their own support plan, hire and identify staff, and set the rate of pay within a reasonable range. The program can pay staff support, vocational assessments, creative options, goods related to work, and technical assistance as needed.

Who should attend? 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.

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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 $107,800 (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 certified disabled through one of the following ways:
  - Social Security Administration (SSI/SSSI)
  - State Medical Review Team (SMRT)
  - May be qualified through a MnCHOICES Assessment and have a Lead Agency Rule 185 DD Case Manager
  - Children who are working with a CMH case manager, and must 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 hspf.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 growing your existing Housing Support program? This info session is for you. It offers general information about Housing Support, which is an income supplement for people who live independently in housing that they control while also receiving supportive services. The HC Request for Proposal (RFP) process is described, because prospective providers must apply through this process to work with HC as a Housing Support provider. Separate breakout sessions are available to you who are interested in Board & Lodges, Community-based programs, Customized Living and Adult Foster Care. Please be aware that HC is no longer developing four-person group homes. Visit the For current and future housing providers web page for a wide array of information that may be of interest to the general audience of housing providers.

Info and breakout sessions are conducted virtually and offered on the second Tuesday of each month. See schedule details below. No registration is required, and you are welcome to join as many times as you like. However, we strongly recommend that you prepare for the info and breakout sessions by completing the following three steps: 1) Review DHS and Hennepin County video series about the Housing Support program and a flyer on becoming a Housing Support provider before attending a session, 2) Decide whether you will join virtually by computer or phone, and 3) Select which session(s) you will join. These three steps are outlined in detail below.

1. Review the video series and flyer:
   A. View all five modules in the DHS Housing Support training video series, which can be found in the Resources section in the lower, right-hand corner of the HB101 – Partners website. Or, attend a real-time webinar hosted by DHS staff. Register by emailing DHS.DHS.GRH@STATE.MN.US.
   B. View the Hennepin County Housing Support Video Series, which can be found on YouTube. Note that links to websites discussed in the videos can be found in About on the Housing Support channel. This video series can help you decide which, if any, breakout session to attend.
   C. Review Becoming a Housing Support provider.pdf, which is posted on the For current and future housing providers web page in the Getting housing support funding for people with disabilities section. This one-page flyer describes the Hennepin County Request for Proposal process and the importance of registering in the Supplier Portal.

2. Decide how you will join the session:
   A. Join by mobile app – install the Teams mobile app (Option A below) and click the Join Microsoft Teams Meeting link for audio, video, and chat capabilities in the table below
   B. Join by desktop app – install Teams on your computer (Option B below) and click the Join Microsoft Teams Meeting link for audio, video and chat capabilities in the table below
   C. Join by phone – dial the number for audio only capability and enter Conference ID (Option C below) displayed in the table below

How to join a Microsoft Teams meeting
Option A: Join by mobile app

1. You can join via your mobile device, using the Team mobile app. The app is available for free via the Apple App store or Google Play. It’s a good idea to download and install the app beforehand, as it takes several minutes.
2. Once you have the app, select Join Microsoft Teams Meeting in the table below to open the app and join.
3. If you don’t have a Teams account, select Join as a guest and enter your name to join the session. If you have a Teams account, select Sign in and join.
4. The mobile app will provide full functionality for the session, including audio, video, chat.

Option B: Join via desktop

1. If you use Teams at work, then you likely have the Teams desktop app. To join via the desktop app, simply click on the link in the table below.
2. Using the desktop app will provide full functionality for the session including audio, video, chat.

Option C: Join by phone

1. If you’re unable to use the Teams app, either by mobile device or via your desktop, you can join by calling a phone number. The table below includes a phone number and conference ID. Just dial in to join.
2. Note that you will not be able to see the video, slides, or participate in the chat.
### Decide which session(s) you will join*

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**Looking for more information?**

Call 612-543-2208  
Email [HS.Housing.GRH@hennepin.us](mailto:HS.Housing.GRH@hennepin.us)  
Visit [For current and future housing providers](#)
Supported Employment 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. Nicole is very passionate about supporting job seekers in finding meaningful, competitive employment as well as providing support and innovative training to employers, employment specialists and job coaches to create more diverse and inclusive work environments. Nicole is the founder of Inclusive Networking where she provides trainings in Customized Employment and services in discovery, job development and ongoing supports.

Introduction to Customized Employment

This training will include an overview of Customized Employment including discovery, employment plan meeting, job development and ongoing supports. This training is great for job seekers and those supporting job seekers in finding meaningful, competitive employment in their communities.

September

9/9/20, 1:00-2:00, Introduction to Customized Employment

November

11/4/20, 1:00-2:00, Introduction to Customized Employment

December

12/9/20, 1:00-2:00, Introduction to Customized Employment

Introduction to Job Coaching

This training will include an overview of job coaching, best practices to fading, training natural supports and provide resources/tools to support your role as a job coach, supervisor, parent, employee or employer.

September

9/30/20, 1:00-2:00, Introduction to Job Coaching

November

11/18/20, 1:00-2:00, Introduction to Job Coaching

December

12/23/20, 1:00-2:00, Introduction to Job Coaching

Panels

Job Seeker Panel

This panel will include job seekers in and out of transition to share their experiences in finding competitive employment in their communities. Job seekers will share their challenges, successes and give their perspective to future job seekers & advocates on their path towards employment.
October

10/14/20 - 1:00-2:00, Job Seeker Panel

Register at inclusivenetworking.com or call 952-412-3349 for more information! Classes are $12.
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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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