

All providers offer:

- ◆ Community based employment with individual or group placement
- ◆ Behavioral support
- ◆ Occupational therapy consultation
- ◆ Nursing consultation
- ◆ Transportation

The Guardian's Role

At the start of your child's final year of school (the transition year) arrange to meet with your child's Case Manager to discuss DT&H options. Review the vendor list together and discuss program strengths and weaknesses, select several facilities to tour. Remember, a DT&H is not a school, their focuses are work and life skills, not academics. After the tours, review the information and consult with the Case Manager to make your selection. Your Case Manager will provide you information on funding sources. Please be prompt in providing documentation when requested to do so. Feel free to ask questions of your Case Manager, school and DT&H staff.



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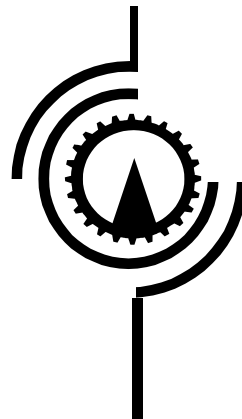
Developmental Disabilities Unit
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St. Paul, MN 55101

Child Intake and Information: 266-4500
Adult Intake and Information: 266-4012

*Making a Difference,
Helping People
Survive and Thrive*

Ramsey County Day Training & Habilitation Centers (DT&H)

Services & Vendors



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What is Day Training & Habilitation Services?

DT&H Services are licensed supports to provide persons with help to develop and maintain life skills, participate in community life and engage in proactive and satisfying activities of their own choosing. Contact is often daily, and can be center based or coordinated out of a center. A focus on employment for all or portion of the person's day may be an integral part of the individual plan. DT&H services focus on Habilitation. This means services are directed toward increasing and maintaining the physical, intellectual, emotional and social functioning of persons with mental retardation or a related condition.

Eligibility

DT&H services are available to persons who:

- ◆ Are age 18 years or older and have a diagnosis of mental retardation or a related condition.
- ◆ If under age 21, the school district is responsible for all services unless the person has graduated and accepted their diploma
- ◆ Receive a screening for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) 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).

DT&H transportation can only be used for DT&H services.

Special Transportation—Ramsey County Social Workers/Case Managers **cannot** and **do not** authorize transportation to DT&H through Special Transportation. It is up to the Special Transportation providers to determine if a trip is eligible for Special Transportation payment.

Day Training & Habilitation Provider List

Agency: Aurora– MSOCS

Capacity: 55

Contact: Mark Brostrom, Director
651-766-4188
Mark.s.brostrom@state.mn.us

Program description: Aurora is a small, State run program that operates two sites designed to serve individuals of varying cognitive abilities with challenging behaviors who may require enriched staffing (1:3). Aurora serves the DD/MI population. The participants, who possess a wide variety of vulnerabilities, participate in curriculum-based training, center-based work opportunities and community-based employment.

Agency: Kaposia, Inc. and Kaposia Plus

Capacity: 280

Contact: Jon Alexander, Director of Operations
651-789-2807 www.kaposia.com

Program description: Kaposia serves individuals with developmental disabilities and other challenges who desire employment. Kaposia provides career planning, job development and ongoing support customized to the needs of the individual, including culturally competent services, along with services for individuals with significant support needs and individuals transitioning from school to work. Kaposia is best known for its focus on customized, community-based employment.

Agency: Kaposia Retirement Services

Capacity: 80

Contact: Janelle Schaack, Retirement Services Coordinator
651-789-2806 www.kaposia.com

Program description: Services for seniors with developmental disabilities transitioning from work to retirement or reducing their work focus. Kaposia provides individualized planning, service development and support customized to the needs and interests of each retiree. Services may include volunteerism, leisure and recreation activities, or part-time employment, along with ongoing support. Services and schedules may be customized to accommodate the flexible needs and issues of individuals who are aging.

Agency: Merrick, Inc.

Capacity: 175 on site, 175+ community based.

Contact: Sue-Waite Hanson, Asst. Program Director
651-789-6200, ext. 6231 www.merrickinc.org

Program description: Merrick offers five service areas to meet the needs of adults with DD, with a multi-cultural approach to supports for African immigrants. *Alternative Services* provides non-vocational programs with therapies embedded in most activities and a 1:3 ratio. *Enhanced Services* provides a structured on-site vocational setting with small work areas and a 1:3 ratio. *Individual Services* focus on customized, individualized, community employment directly hired by the employer. *Off-Site Services* coordinates crews of 5 to 7 clients that prefer to work as part of a team at the business site. *Utility Services* provides a 1:8 ratio for clients that work on-site in our production area. Merrick issues W-2s only for MA-EPD participants.

Agency: Midway Training Services (MTS)
www.midwaytraining.org

MTS-Hillcrest Branch

Capacity: 70

Contact: Breanna Shellum, Program Manager
651-288-8926

MTS-Midway Branch

Capacity: 65

Contact: Joan Decker, Director of Consumer Services and Staff Development
651-288-8896

MTS-Vadnais Heights Branch

Capacity: 65

Contact: Anna Vandenberg, Program Manager
651-288- 8945

MTS-West Side Branch

Capacity: 30

Contact: Thea Kramer, Program Manager
651-288-8863

MTS-Business Solutions Branch

Capacity: 30

Contact: Keith Johnson, Program Manager
651-288-8861

Program description: MTS specializes in tailoring an individual's day to meet their needs. This is accomplished by offering choices regarding employment needs, volunteerism and life skills training. Customized community based employment available. MTS also offers a multicultural approach to supports for Hmong/Lao and Latino individuals.

Agency: Midwest Special Services, Inc. (MSS)-
St. Paul Center

Capacity: 110

Contact:: Vicki Patterson, Program Director
651-793-4127 www.mwsservices.org

Agency: Midwest Special Services, Inc. (MSS) –
Shoreview Center

Capacity: 72

Contact: Kimberly Alexander, Program Director
651-483-3000 www.mwsservices.org

Program descriptions: Both site locations serve individuals with physical and cognitive challenges, with an emphasis on serving persons with medical fragility. Both sites have nurse consulting, with no full-time nurse on location. MSS serves individuals with minimal behavioral issues due to the vulnerability of other consumers. MSS has paid contract work available to all persons served as well as community employment options in the form of enclaves. Some therapy options are available at the Shoreview Center. Persons who choose not to work can take part in a variety of activities of daily living, community integration and leisure/recreational skill development.

Agency: Midwest Special Services, Inc. (MSS) –
Employment Services Program

Capacity: 60 (with one-third in community employment at all times)

Contact: Anna MacIntyre, Director of Rehabilitation Services
651- 793-4118 www.mwsservices.org

Program description: This site is located at the main location at 900 Ocean St. in St. Paul. The program emphasizes paid work opportunities. Persons served must be able to independently perform all aspects of personal cares (i.e. eating, toileting etc.). Community employment in the form of enclaves is also a significant emphasis in this program. Contract work is performed on-site within the confines of the traditional extended employment program.

Agency: Northeast Contemporary Services,
Inc.: - Adult Program

Capacity: 80 (additional off site)

Contact:: Suzanne Sancilio, Service Director
651-636-3343 sksncsi@qwest.net

Program description: NCSI provides service options, including individual placements, work-crew placements, and volunteer experiences in community settings. In a small site based setting, NCSI also offers work and structured curriculum-based instruction to promote and maintain life skills. NCSI is also licensed to provide Supported Employment Services.

Northeast issues W-2s only for MA-EPD participants.

Agency: Northeast Contemporary
Services , Inc. - Seniors Program

Capacity: 65 (additional off site)

Contact:: Suzanne Sancilio, Service Director
651-636-3343 sksncsi@qwest.net

Program description: This service provides retirement experiences for those over 50-55 years of age, who are not employed or are beginning the transition from employment to retirement. The service focuses on community inclusion, volunteerism, and hobby, leisure, and social events. Due to NCSI's focus on services for older adults, staff are familiar with the interests, health issues, and support needs of people as they age. Part-time participation is an option available to accommodate transition from employment, changes in health status or stamina, etc., and NCSI is able to coordinate participation in some work experiences through its Adult Service.

Agency: Phoenix Alternatives:
Linden Av. S. Site

Capacity: 50

Contact:: Bonnie Sykora, Program Director
651-777-5622
www.phoenixalternatives.org

Program description: This program that serves individuals with high medical needs. The staffing ratio is 1:2 with a nurse on site much of the time. A wide range of physical and cognitive abilities are served. Individuals whose ISP's don't indicate vocational needs find opportunities for community integration, recreation /leisure and social activities. All therapies are provided on site.

Agency: Phoenix Alternatives: Parkway Site

Capacity: 70

Contact: Toni Quirk, Program Director
651-426-2484 www.phoenixalternatives.org

Program description: The program serves people with varying cognitive and physical disabilities. The focus is on community inclusion, recreation and leisure activities and volunteerism. Individuals with aggressive tendencies cannot be served due to the vulnerabilities of others. The program includes a small on-site work component. Therapies are available. Community Options program available as an alternative service.

Agency: Phoenix Alternatives: Commerce /
Vocational Services

Capacity: 80

Contact: Denise Ryan-McKee, Program Director
651-747-8740
www.phoenixalternatives.org

Program description: This program provides work opportunities for individuals whose cognitive abilities vary from borderline to severe, with expertise in supporting persons who have physical and health concerns. Services include: Competitive and Supported employment, paid on-site work, and supplementary skill training with a vocational focus. Therapy services are on site.

Agency: TSE Inc.: Lakeridge, Roselawn,
McCarrons

Capacity: 210 total of 3 sites

Contact:: Dan Rietz, Vice President

651-489-2595, ext. 14 www.tse-inc.org

Program description: All sites serve people with a broad range of disabilities, from mild to profound, including those with a secondary diagnosis of mental illness. TSE focuses on employment services in settings ranging from individual employment with natural supports to enclaves with ongoing TSE support. Site based work, community inclusion and curriculum-based training are also provided to meet individual needs and interests. The Lakeridge site hosts the Horizons program, which offers a non-work option and provides community integration, cooking, exercise, and other leisure-recreation services.

TSE offers Community Adventures as an alternative program option.

Agency: TSE—WORK AHEAD

Capacity: 35 on site

Contact:: Dan Rietz, Vice President

651-489-2595, ext. 14 www.tse-inc.org

Program description: The Work Ahead site provides support for individuals with mental health and/or sexual issues. TSE partners with ABC Mental Health to provide needed therapy services. Work Ahead has a focus on employment services, as well as site-based work, community inclusion and curriculum-based training.