

Agency: Quality Plus Work, Inc.

Capacity: 15

Contact: Cheu Lee or Choua Lee,
651-775-7636 chouaqp@yahoo.com

Program Description: Quality Plus Work Inc. provides services to people from Asian communities (staff speak Hmong, Lao, Thai, Vietnamese, Cambodian & Latin) who have a wide range of cognitive abilities and/or physical disabilities. Emphasis will be on community-based job development and placement, community inclusion and culturally appropriate leisure/recreational opportunities.

Agency: Wingspan Life Resources

Capacity:

Contact: Therese Davis, Director, 651-644-2665 ext. 100
tdavis@wingspanlife.org

Program Description: Wingspan Life Resources, in collaboration with Walker Methodist provides alternative service options for adults of any age and has a specialty in services for the Older Adult. This service combines the locations and resources of both Wingspan and Walker, allowing consumers to receive services in their own communities, form relationships and interact regularly with non-disabled peers in their own neighborhoods.

**Other Vendors are available within the
7 County Metro Area.**

**Please consult your Case Manager to
explore these options.**

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 Vocational and other service options. Review the options together, and if Employment and Alternative Services is desired, review possible vendors together, discuss program strengths and weaknesses, and select several agencies to meet with. Remember, a Day, Vocational and other services, including EAS, is not a school. Their focuses are work skills and employment, not academics. After the interviews, review the information and consult with the Case Manager to make your selection. Your Case Manager will provide you with 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 Supported Employment Program staff.



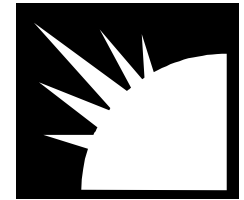
Ramsey County Community Human Services Department

Developmental Disabilities Unit
160 East Kellogg Boulevard, #7800
St. Paul, MN 55101

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

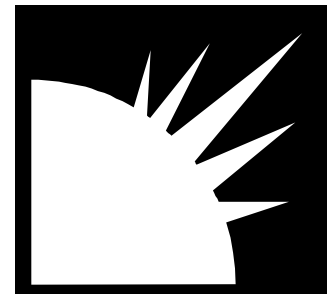
Brochure 87 (New 10-18-2007)

*Making a Difference,
Helping People
Survive and Thrive*



**Ramsey County
Employment and
Alternative Services:**

**Service Description and
Providers**



Ramsey County Community Human Services Department

10/2007

What are Employment & Alternative Services?

Employment and Alternative Services (EAS) are:

-Individualized

Employment and Activities based on the person's interests.

-Neighborhood/community-based

Opportunities in one's own area.

-Holistic

Paid and/or volunteer jobs with opportunities for social, recreational and leisure activities.

EAS services are innovative alternatives to traditional DT&H and are unique to Ramsey County and the other seven metro counties.

Employment and Alternative Services (EAS) are consumer-customized employment and related services designed to fully integrate participants into the community by offering neighborhood based, service-without-walls alternatives to DT&H center-based services. Service examples include employment, social/recreational activities, volunteer work, and support with training and secondary education. All vendors assist with coordinating transportation options.

Ramsey County currently offers two types of EAS services:

- EAS Pilot, a non-traditional DT&H/Supported Employment Service.
- EAS, a Supported Employment/Personal Support combination service.

Ramsey County Vendors

Agency: Access to Employment

Capacity:

Contact: Michael Smith,
952-252-1044 msmith@homes-mn.org

Program Description: ATE developed the "DT&H without walls concept". This program has an emphasis on serving older adults and promoted the idea that individuals should be at the center of their vocational services plan. ATE's services encourage the development of natural supports in and out of the workplace and are designed to reduce over time as the natural supports are developed. ATE has employed approaches to reduce barriers to community employment including transportation. ATE's mission is to provide quality services to assist individuals in achieving their goals to live and work in the community.

Agency: Creative Options, Inc.

Capacity: 15

Contact: Barbara Hegge,
651-731-3582 www.creativeoptions.org

Program Description: Creative Options will serve people who are interested in community-based employment and alternative programming opportunities. They will work with individuals and their interdisciplinary teams to place them in existing, community-based work settings or create new jobs that are unique and individualized. Opportunities to socialize or learn new skills are provided within the community. This unique experience offers individuals an opportunity to become an integral part of their neighborhood community.

Agency: Kaposia, Inc. Alternative Services

Capacity: 15

Contact: Jon Alexander Director of Operations 651-789-2807
Carol Rydell, Coordinator 651-789-3582
www.kaposia.com

Program Description: Kaposia, Inc. provides customized employment service designed to meet the employment needs of individuals of Hispanic/Latino descent transitioning from school to work and others with similar support needs. Services include Career Planning, Customized Job Development (consultation to the business to carve out a job or develop appropriate accommodations for the individual), ON The Job Training and On Going Support Services (an employment consultant maintains a relationship with both the individual and his/her employer to ensure the individual is successful on the job).

Agency: Life by Design

Capacity:

Contact: Beth Hawkins,
763-231-0310 bhawkins@lifebydesign-inc.com

Program Description: Since 1998, Life By Design has creatively supported individuals in living real lives as defined by each person. Employment services include individual assessments, job development and On-the-Job-Training. They also provide ongoing support and follow up to help maintain effective communication. LBD's focus is to work with one person at a time and to develop relationships with the prospective employee and employers that promote long-term employment and job satisfaction.

Agency: Pinnacle Services

Capacity:

Contact: Nicolas Thomley, C.E.O
952-905-2357
nicolas.thomley@pinnacleservices.org

Program Description: Pinnacle Services provides customized employment services for persons with DD with an emphasis on consumer choice and self-determination, working closely with each individual to identify and provide access to the best available resources. The team-based approach ensures that each individual's options and supports are maximized. The organization was founded on the belief that everyone has the desire to learn and grow. Pinnacle Service's mission is to ensure that quality services are provided to consumers. This is achieved by utilizing and celebrating our consumers' needs, dreams and choices about where they live, work and play.

Agency: Progressive Individual Resources, Inc.

Capacity:

Contact: Richard Oni
651-222-6567 www.pirimn.org

Program Description: Progressive Individual Resources focuses on providing Employment and Alternative Services (EAS) and Supported Employment Services (SES) to persons ages 18 and over with Developmental Disabilities within the African and African American communities. PRI provides employment support services by training participants in the areas of Home-based employment opportunities, Concessions and Exhibits Industries, Day Trading and Investing in Stocks and Bonds, Small Business Development, Apprenticeships in all trades, Neighborhood Employment Services, and Personal Support Services.

