

Metropolitan Center for Independent Living

Important new regulations under a federal law called the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) require that individuals who are paid less than minimum wage be offered a meaningful opportunity at least once yearly to learn about the services and supports available to assist them in securing competitive, integrated employment. The Metropolitan Center for Independent Living (MCIL) invites you to attend an informational meeting to learn more about the WIOA Career Counseling, Information, and Referral Process.

These meetings will be held during the scheduled times listed below. MCIL staff will give a brief presentation, explain how WIOA affects you, and answer any questions you have regarding employment in the community. MCIL staff will then assist with the completion of a Career Counseling, Information, and Referral Documentation form. This conversation is designed to help you make an informed choice about whether or not to pursue competitive, integrated employment. **There is no need to RSVP for these meetings.** MCIL will be scheduling more meetings in the coming months at both community and provider sites if you cannot attend the meetings listed below.

Parent/Guardian/Recipient Informational Meetings:

Wednesday, April 5th

3:00-4:00pm; 4:00-5:00pm; 5:00-6:00pm; 6:00-7:00pm **Maple Grove Library**

8001 Main St. N Maple Grove, MN 55369

Thursday, April 13th

2:00-3:00pm; 3:00-4:00pm; 4:00-5:00pm

White Bear Lake Library

2150 2nd St, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Wednesday, April 19th

3:00-4:00pm; 4:00-5:00pm; 5:00-6:00pm; 6:00-7:00pm

Maplewood Library

3025 Southlawn Dr, Maplewood, MN 55109

Monday, April 24th

10:30-11:30am; 11:30am-12:30pm; 12:30-1:30pm

Eden Prairie Library

565 Prairie Center Dr, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Saturday, April 29th

9:30-10:30am; 10:30-11:30am; 11:30am-12:30pm

St. Anthony Library

2941 Pentagon Dr. N.E. St. Anthony, MN 55418

Questions? Please contact the Metropolitan Center for Independent Living WIOA team:

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Minnesota Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

Below is the contact information for all of the Centers for Independent Living (CILs) located and serving Minnesota for the WIOA Career Counseling, Information and Referral Documentation process. Included are the websites for each CIL, counties that each CIL provides services to, and the contact information for the WIOA Team Leader for each CIL. If you are living in a county *not listed* below, please contact the CIL serving a county adjacent to your county, and they will be able to provide you with support to find the CIL serving your area.

Center for Independent Living (CIL)	Counties Served	WIOA Team Lead Contact Info
Metropolitan Center for Independent Living (MCIL) Website: http://mcil-mn.org/	Anoka, Washington, Hennepin, Carver, Scott, Dakota, Ramsey	Jenni Schwartz 651-207-9560 jennis@mcil-mn.org
Independent Lifestyles (ILICIL) Website: http://independentlifestyles.org/	Morrison, Mille Lacs, Benton, Isanti, Sherburne, Wright, Meeker, Kandiyohi, Stearns, Chisago	Amy Sidmore 320-529-9000 amys@independentlifestyles.org
Freedom Resource Center Website: http://www.freedomrc.org/	Hubbard, Becker, Clay, Wadena, Todd, Douglas, Grant, Traverse, Wirth, Otter Tail	Mark Bourdon 701-478-0459 markb@freedomrc.org
Access North (CILNM) Website: http://www.accessnorth.net/	Koochiching, St. Louis, Lake, Cook, Itasca, Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin, Carlton	Chris Rasmussen 218-262-6675 crasmusson@accessnorth.net
Options Website: http://www.myoptions.info/	Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Clearwater, Red Lake, Polk, Norman, Mahnomen, Pennington	LaRae Gustafson 218-773-6100 larae@myoptions.info
Southeastern MN Center for Independent Living (SEMCIL) Website: http://www.semcil.org/	Rice, Goodhue, Wabasha, Steele, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Freeborn, Mower, Fillmore, Houston	Pat Shivers 507-285-1815 pats@semcil.org
Southern MN Independent Living Enterprises (SMILES) Website: http://smilescil.org/	Sibley, Nicollet, Le Sueur, Waseca, Blue Earth, Watowan, Martin, Faribault	Lacey Wegner 507-345-7139 lwegner@smilescil.org
Southwestern Center for Independent Living (SWCIL) Website: http://beta.swcil.com/wordpress/	Yellow Medicine, Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Pipestone, Murray, Cottonwood, Rock, Nobles, Jackson	Jen Thovson 507-532-2221 jen@swcil.com