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Special Recognition for a Special Partner!

Alyssa Sorage from Faribault/Martin counties was selected as our Case Manager of Excellence in Self Direction for April.

Alyssa was nominated by Joel Jacobs and Tony Engesser because she is a great communicator, knows her stuff when it comes to self-direction, and has a quick response time.

Alyssa has had a lifelong dedication to social services. The past two years she has worked in the Developmental Disabilities Unit. Prior to that she was in the Child Protection Department.



During the presentation of her certificate, Joel said, "This is really a reflection of the whole department, Faribault and Martin counties make self-directed services look easy."

Congratulations to Alyssa for her hard work and dedication to the families she serves!

Great Waffle Get Together!

More than 150 showed up to enjoy waffles, bingo and carnival games at MRCI Rosemount on Saturday.

The Great Waffle Get Together was hosted by our CDS division as a friends and family appreciation event.

Thanks to all who volunteered and made it a great day!



Be watching for more details on our next friends and family event:

**Mankato
October 2018**

New Fax Number

Please update your records to reflect a new number for E-Fax. The number, 877-471-4861, is being discontinued. The new number is **888-800-7336**. If you have questions, concerns or want to verify MRCI received your timesheets, please feel free to contact our accounting staff at 800-829-7110.



Training Schedule and Policy

All 245D employees (Personal Support/Respite/Host Home) will be required to complete 12 hours of training. Due to licensing regulations, the trainings need to be completed within the month being assigned.



Below is a list of the trainings and the months they will be assigned. Employees that are hired within the calendar year will also be expected to complete the trainings below along with their orientation training.

The training will be assigned on the 1st of the month and will need to be **completed on the last day of the month**. If the 1st of the month lands on a weekend, training will be assigned on the Friday before.

Failure to complete trainings within the deadline will result in suspension of employment. An email will be sent out when training is assigned to the employee's email addresses on file. MRCI will not be accepting other providers' trainings.

Month	Subject	Paid hours
April	Vulnerable Adults, Universal Precautions	2.5
June	HIPPA/Data Privacy, First Aid	2.50
August	Client Rights	1.0
September	Positive Supports Rule-refresher	4.0

DHS Mental Health Update

Crisis Text Line Now Offering Services Statewide

DHS is now offering text-based suicide prevention services across Minnesota. People who text MN to 741741 will be connected with a counselor who will help defuse the crisis and connect the texter to local resources. Crisis Text Line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



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