

The Resource -- March 2021

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Sunday, March 21, 2021 is World Down Syndrome Day

What does that have to do with socks?

World Down Syndrome day is March 21st, and the #LotsOfSocks campaign was created help raise awareness about Down Syndrome.

If you'd like to help, all you have to do is wear your best pair of socks (or mismatch two pair) to get noticed, and if someone asks you about them, say "I'm wearing them to raise awareness of Down syndrome." You can also share photos of your socks on social media with the hashtag #LotsOfSocks to show your support.

To find out more about the campaign and the mission behind it, visit the [#LotsOfSocks website](#).



COVID-19 Vaccination Information

Minnesota Vaccine Connector

Minnesota COVID-19 Response has set up a Vaccine Connector to help Minnesotans find out when, where and how they can receive a COVID-19 Vaccination. This will help alert you to when you are eligible to receive a vaccine, connect you to resources to help you schedule an appointment, and notify you of vaccination clinic opportunities in your area.

The connector is open to the public, and you can sign up by going to <https://mn.gov/vaccineconnector/> or clicking on the image to the right (or below on a smartphone). You can also visit the [Vaccine Connector FAQ](#) to get answers to common questions.



Expanded Vaccine Eligibility

Starting on March 10th, Minnesota is expanding COVID-19 access adding front-line occupations, and adults with a specific range of chronic illnesses. You can find more detail on who is eligible now, and who will be soon on [Minnesota's COVID-19 Response website](#), and download a [detailed vaccine timeline](#).

We appreciate our Case Managers!



We want to take a moment to thank the Case Managers we work with. The work you do means so much to the people you support. **Thank you** from all of us at MRCI-CDS.

Minnesota Social Service Association (MSSA) Annual Conference

The 128th Annual MSSA Annual Training Conference and Expo, March 17-19, is the largest, most comprehensive, cost effective health and human service conference in the Midwest. For the health and safety of participants, this year's conference is being held in an all-virtual format.

As a 2021 Sponsor, MRCI-CDS will have a virtual sponsor page, so if you are participating in the conference, stop by and say "hello!"

If you'd like to learn more about MSSA or the Annual Training Conference and Expo, you can [visit their website](#).



MSSA
Minnesota Social
Service Association

**128TH ANNUAL TRAINING
CONFERENCE & EXPO**

March 17-19, 2021
All Virtual

2020 Tax Information

Tax Tools

As we approach tax time, we remind you that MRCI does not give out tax advice and recommends consulting a tax professional with questions you may

have around your personal taxes. The IRS also offers some tools that may be able to help.

- [Tax Withholding Estimator](#) to help with the W-4 information
- The IRS has updated their [Earned Income Tax Assistant tool](#) to help individuals determine eligibility.



W-2s

The paper copies of W2s for 2020 were mailed out in January, and you can also access your W2s online through [ADP Self-Service](#).

IRS Notice 2014-7

With the turn of the year, and tax season quickly approaching MRCI wants to make sure employees have all they need to file accordingly. Click the button to download the notice 2014-7 which can be used during your filing process with the federal government and the State of Minnesota, for those who qualify.

2021 Notice 2014-7

Reminders

Distribution Plans

Clients/client representatives for the programs of CDCS and CSG were sent a Distribution Plan for the temporary 8.4% increase to complete and submit. If you have not submitted your distribution plan, you will be receiving one from MRCI-CDS. Please contact MRCI before **March 21, 2021** by email CDSMailings@MyMRCI.org OR fax to 888-800-7336 OR by mail to 1961 Premier Drive, Suite 318 Mankato MN 56001 to change this selection.

Paperless paystubs on ADP

[View the instructions](#) for finding your paystubs online.

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

Call our office at 800-829-7110 to sign up. More info can be found at the [Minnesota DHS Website](#), or in Cashé's [EVV FAQ](#).



2021 Training Schedule

Each year MRCI is required to assign training to all workers under the 215D programs of **Personal**

Each year MRCI is required to assign training to all workers under the 245D programs of **Personal Support, Respite, and now Homemaker**. Below is the calendar of when the training will be assigned.

Training is assigned in the beginning of the month and is due by the last day of the month. If your worker **does not** complete the training they will be temporarily suspended and not able to clock in or out through the app, or be paid for the time worked until complete.

If you have questions regarding the completion of the training you can connect with our program staff at 800-829-7110.

Month:	Subjects:
March	Minimizing the risk of sexual violence
April	Vulnerable Adults, Universal Precautions
June	HIPAA/Data Privacy, First Aid
August	Client Rights
September	Positive Supports Rule
October	CSSP-A Review, Person-Centered Planning
Once per year	CSSP-A/IAPP Annual Review

Homemaker Only

Annually, in June 8 Hour CORE

Homemaker Staff Under the 245D Programs: MRCI now is including the Positive Support Rule training annually. The training has been assigned, please log in and complete by the end of November.



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