

The Resource -- February 2021



New Look: MRCI CDS Website!

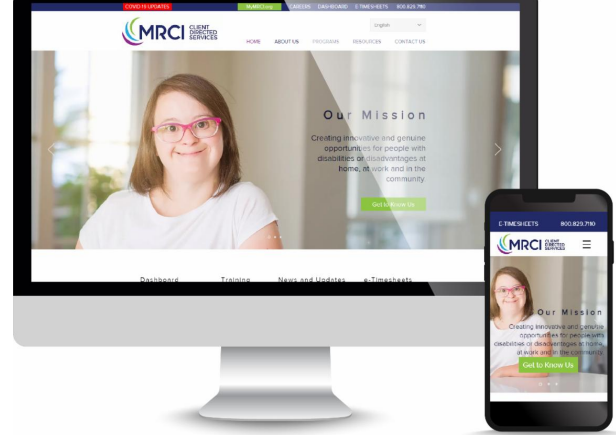
MRCI CDS Website gets an update.

At the end of January, MRCI CDS launched a redesigned version of the website designed to be more robust and user-friendly. If you haven't seen it yet, you can [check it out](#).

Blog

In order to further our efforts to inform and educate our clients, their families, and our partners, MRCI CDS has

[started a blog](#) that will provide helpful articles, and stories of self-direction success.



SEIU Reaches Tentative Agreement for 15% Raise

Tentative contract agreement gives Minnesota home care workers a 15 percent raise

Home care workers in Minnesota who are members of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) will vote on a tentative contract agreement that increases base pay by \$2 per hour, increases paid time off and provides funding for worker training.

You can read more about the tentative agreement in this [MPR News article](#), and if you would like to more information on the SEIU, you can [visit their website](#).

Minnesota Legislative Updates

January Budget

On January 26, 2021, Governor Walz released his [budget recommendations](#) for the 2 year biennium of 2021-2023. This budget has information as to where the Governor plans to spend certain dollars across the State of Minnesota. The Legislative session of 2021 is a spending year, currently there are 1700 bills that are waiting for bill numbers and hearings in the House and Senate to utilize the funds the governor will have in the state's budget.



PCA Rate Reform

Senate File 497 Author Senator Utke, and House File 663 Author Representative Lippert.

In the 2020 legislative session, a Coalition group of participants, advocates, disability law advocates and providers worked with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to create the PCA Rate Reform bill. The PCA Rate Reform bill would put a natural rate increase to the PCA program based off factors like the cost of living and labor statistics in the State of Minnesota. Passing this bill would require providers to pass along the natural rate increases to the PCA. This group worked with lead author Senator Relph and Representative Lippert to get this very important bill passed but due to COVID-19 this bill did not pass.

Once again, the Coalition group of participants, advocates, disability law advocates and providers is working with Representative Lippert and the Senate to get his bill heard in both the House and the

working with Representative Lippert and the Senate to get his bill heard in both the House and the Senate. More to come as the Coalition continues through the session. If you would like more information on the PCA Rate Reform bill please visit the Facebook page for the [PCA Rate Coalition](#).

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-
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2020 MRCI CDS Satisfaction Survey Results



98% of respondents feel MRCI CDS staff are **Responsive**.



96% of respondents feel MRCI CDS staff provide **High Quality Service**.



95% of respondents are likely to **Recommend MRCI CDS to a friend or peer**.



82% of respondents have been with **MRCI CDS for over 2 years**.

Thank you to everyone that took our 2020 MRCI CDS Satisfaction Survey. We are honored to present the results. We look forward to another year of providing the best possible service to our clients and families.

Reminders

Distribution Plans

In December, clients/client representatives for the programs of CDCS and CSG were sent a Distribution Plan for the temporary 8.4% increase. If you've not done so already, please return your completed distribution plan **as soon as possible**.

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](#).

Paperless paystubs on ADP

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



2021 Training Schedule

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
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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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