

The Resource -- August 2018

Great Waffle Get Together!

Case Manager of Excellence

Training Stipend Available

EVV Delayed

Electronic Timesheets Available

Training Schedule



The Great



W A F F L E

Get Together

The free event will be held from 9:00am to 11:00am on Saturday, October 27th in Mankato, where MRCI got its start!

The address is 1750 Energy Drive. Please come celebrate and get to know one another!

To register for this event, please click [here](#).

Celebrating Our Partners with 65th Anniversary Connections of Excellence Honors!

Lisa Kohn is honored with MRCI's Case Manager of Excellence for the month of August.

Lisa has dedicated her professional career to assisting people with disabilities. Early on in her career she even worked at MRCI as a supervisor.

For the past 18 years Lisa has been working for Blue Earth County as a Case Manager. She loves working with folks choosing to direct their own services.

MRCI staff agree that Lisa is great at communicating between the whole team. She is a creative problem solver when it comes to making the plan come together.

Congratulations to Lisa on this honor!



Pictured Lisa Kohn with MRCI Strategic Relations Manager Julie Lux

DHS, along with SEIU, are offering direct care workers in the programs of CDCS, CSG and PCA Choice an opportunity to take training for a \$500 stipend. Please follow [this link](#) to see if you or your staff qualify for the training stipend.

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Delay

This past spring MRCI asked our families to assist us with a survey regarding Electronic Visit Verification (EVV). As we look through the results, we want to thank everyone who took the time to provide such informative feedback. We do have an update for you regarding EVV.

The U.S. House of Representatives and Senate have passed a bill to delay the implementation of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV). On July 30th the delay was signed into law delaying the final implementation date until January 1, 2020.

It was originally required that providers have an EVV system in place by January 1, 2019. This delay will allow MRCI, and other providers, to have a sufficient amount of time to effectively work with direct care workers, participants and representatives to have the best possible system in place by the deadline of January 1, 2020.

MRCI is still planning on moving forward with Electronic Visit Verification in the next 12 months. We will be working with individuals and their staff to meet this federal requirement. We are committed to making this process as easy as possible for everyone involved!

At this time, we understand there may be more questions than answers, but MRCI is dedicated to ensuring a smooth transition. It is our goal to ensure the product we select provides an easy-to-use system for not only the person served but all workers and representatives as well.

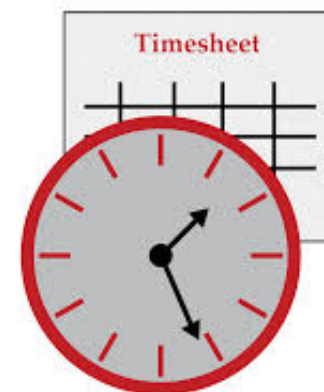


Electronic Timesheets Available

Electronic Timesheets are available for all CDCS Payroll Model (FEA) families. Contact MRCI Program Specialists to take advantage of this time-saving benefit.

Here are some benefits to E-Timesheets:

- MRCI CDS staff is available to help
- Save time
- Easy and secure access online for client representative and employee
- Quick and reliable way to track hours
- Less paper forms and fewer typos
- Electronic storage of timesheets for accurate record keeping
- No additional cost



245D 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.

Employees can login to Direct Course to complete this training by clicking [here](#).

Month	Subject	Paid hours
August	Client Rights	1.0
September	Positive Supports Rule-refresher	4.0
October	CSSPA Review, Person Centered Planning, Communication	2.0

MAKING THE DIFFERENCE

MRCI CLIENT DIRECTED SERVICES

MRCI is one of Minnesota's largest human service non-profit organizations providing meaningful opportunities for individuals with disabilities or special needs to remain in their homes.

Visit our Website at
www.MRCICDS.org

Reach Us by Phone at
800.829.7110



MRCI is "creating innovative and genuine opportunities for people with disabilities or disadvantages to support their community participation."

[DONATE](#)

