

Support the Minnesota Inclusion Initiative

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For many years, the self-advocacy movement has helped people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) understand their human and civil rights, learn about public policy, and share personal stories.

In spite of this training and skill-building, people with I/DD are still fighting to overcome a history of segregation in institutional settings, and face many barriers in securing employment, accessing transportation, fulfilling their right to vote, and being respected as equal members of society.

Together, we can ensure that people with I/DD are actively & meaningfully included in their communities, and support self-advocates in overcoming systemic barriers to inclusion.

By establishing microgrants for self-advocacy groups statewide, the Minnesota Inclusion Initiative will support people with I/DD in organizing community-based projects that:

- raise awareness about barriers to inclusion;
- address obstacles to employment, transportation, housing, accessibility, and voting;
- increase engagement of self-advocates in their communities; and
- promote and protect the human rights of Minnesotans with I/DD.

Supporting the Minnesota Inclusion Initiative will help ensure that people with intellectual & developmental disabilities are meaningfully included in all communities.

