

Self-Directed Services Reform

- People with disabilities must have self-directed options that support consistent, high-quality staff and flexible services that meet their needs. The legislature must end unequal funding between CDCS and traditional waiver options. They must direct lead agencies to follow and implement state policy so there is consistency across the state. The Department of Human Services must monitor and enforce state policies so that disabled Minnesotans can direct their own services and have more choice and control in their lives.

Elimination of premiums for Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MA-EPD)

- Lowering premiums for the MA-EPD program will help people with disabilities get out of poverty. Ensuring that people with disabilities are able to work and build financial stability will improve their quality of life and our economy overall. It is critical for people to be able to work while maintaining the safety net supports that help them thrive.

Inclusive Playgrounds

- All children should play side-by-side. Investing in bonding projects that help build safe, inclusive playgrounds across the state will result in long-term, positive benefits for all. It will help children with disabilities foster true belonging in community from an early age.

Minimum Wage Protections and Subminimum Wage Phase Out

- The state of Minnesota must phase out 14(c) subminimum wage certificates, segregated employment, and other employment-related policies that discriminate against disabled people. The state has already made wise investments to support lead agencies, case managers, and providers to transition away from subminimum wage. Now is the time to correct decades of discrimination by supporting fair wages for disabled people and ensure they have equal opportunity to work in integrated environments at competitive wages, in jobs that meet their skills and interests.

Our Future Starts At Home

- Voters should have the opportunity to decide if they want to dedicate state funding to end: housing instability, homelessness, disparities in home ownership, and expensive rental costs.
- The funds put communities and people with lived experience, including people with disabilities, at the center. Disabled Minnesotans will benefit from dedicated and consistent funding in housing.

IEP Parent accessibility bill

- Improving IEP process for parents with a disability and families whose parents speak a language other than English.

Supported Decision Making (SDM)

- Building on the 2020 guardianship reform bill, and efforts to promote less restrictive alternatives to guardianship, we support legislation that would fund the one-time grants from the 2024 session to invest in organizations and projects statewide to help people establish SDM in their own lives.

State Plan Basic Income

- Guaranteed basic income would provide direct cash payments of at least \$500 per month for 18 to 24 months to eligible recipients around the state. It is a tool that would help lift people with disabilities into economic success, and Minnesota should continue to expand based on successful pilot programs in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Augmentative and Alternative Communications (AAC) Devices

- An AAC device is a tablet or laptop that helps someone with a speech or language impairment to communicate. We support legislation that would require insurance companies to cover these devices.

Accessible Medical and Dental Facilities

- Medical and dental offices should be accessible for people with disabilities. We support legislation that requires facilities to update or add accessible equipment.

MnCHOICES Recertification

- We support legislation that would create an "opt-out" provision allowing people with disabilities to be assessed every three years instead of every year – if their disability is such that level of need does not change significantly year over year.