

**MRCI Family Needs Help**

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### **One Of Our Own Facing A New Challenge**

Maisie McBride is a fighter. Always has been. Every day of her nine years of life so far, she has battled. Maisie was born with Angelman Syndrome, a rare neuro-genetic disorder that manifests itself in developmental and speech delays, seizures and walking and balance disorders. She's been living with it day in and day out for nine years. Her sister and parents, mom Mindy and dad Andy, by her side. Yet they never really understood what she was going through.



Until now. Now Maisie's fight and determination to live life to the fullest is giving her dad strength in his time of need. Six months ago, Andy caught West Nile Virus, and while most people who contract the disease have no symptoms at all, others...about 1 in 150 in fact... develop serious illness. Andy's is so serious he is paralyzed.

"Andy is currently at Courage Kenny where he is wheelchair bound and receiving 3-6 hours of therapy a day. He is now walking in the pool with flotation devices and no adult assistance. He is powering through with big goals in mind like walking again and taking care of his girls," says Mindy.

Mindy is hopeful Andy will get to come home with them soon. To prepare their home and make it handicap accessible, the McBride's have a GoFundMe page, #TeamAndy.

Helping Mindy to help her family is MRCI. The McBride's started with MRCI in 2011 to help care for Maisie.

"We have used MRCI for years," says Mindy. "We started with PCA Choice services and now we are on waived services under the CDCS Program. We use MRCI as our budget manager, for doing background checks on caregivers, things like that so I don't have to worry about that on top of everything else!"



Watch the WCCA story [here](#).

## 2019 Calendars

In November MRCI mailed out the 2019 payroll calendars. Please contact our offices if you did not receive a copy.

You can also visit [www.MRCICDS.org](http://www.MRCICDS.org) to print a copy.

Please note, MRCI had to adjust a couple of the deadline days due to holidays.

Click [here](#) to view the calendar.



## 2019 Holiday Update

SEIU members (CDCS, CSG, and PCA Choice workers):

There are three holidays in the 2019 calendar year under the current collective bargaining agreement with SEIU.

- **New Year's Day, January 1, 2019**
- **Martin Luther King Day, January 21, 2019**
- **Memorial Day, May 27, 2019**

The current SEIU contract is set to end on June 30, 2019. SEIU will give us guidance when a new contract is available about further benefits.

## MRCI is going Paperless!

MRCI will be going paperless for expense reports as of April 1. Please connect with our Program Staff to enroll in emailed expense reports or Participant Dashboard\*.

By enrolling in these paperless option, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$200 Visa gift card. MRCI is holding a drawing in January, February and April for a chance for 4 winners each month to win. MRCI will draw for four winners each month.



Click [here](#) to enroll today!

\*Participant Dashboard is only available for participants in the CDCS program\*

## Olmstead Plan Public Comment Process

People with disabilities, their families and the public are invited annually to provide comments on the Olmstead Plan and draft amendments. The feedback is documented and provided to state.

Public meetings are being held over the next two months in a number of locations across Minnesota. There will be two rounds for public comments and multiple opportunities to attend a session. Comments can also be made by phone, email, or online.

For more information, click [here](#).



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