

*The Resource -- February 2019*

**MRCI Going Paperless!**

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## **MRCI is Going Paperless!**

MRCI has been working toward a number of options to improve efficiency. Our self-directed programs each have specific details for a paperless

campaign.

- CDCS Program - E-timesheets (Electronic Timesheets) for both the Managing Party and workers, and the online view portal for your monthly expense report called Participant Dashboard
- CSG, PCA Choice and Personal Support - MRCI will email the monthly expense reports instead of mailing each month



- When signing up for the paperless campaign you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$200 Visa gift card. MRCI will draw for four winners in March and four winners in April.

The four January winners have been contacted. Congratulations and thank you for working with MRCI during our paperless campaign.

Click [here](#) to sign up for Dashboard and e-timesheets.

**Please Note: After April 1, MRCI will no longer send paper statements. Enroll today!**

## Training Stipend Information

Have you struggled to get your stipend training complete?

Direct care workers under the programs of CDCS, PCA Choice and CSG now have another option.

Click [here](#) to view or complete training requirements to get the stipend offered. Please take advantage of this opportunity as we know that direct support workers play a critical role in supporting individuals to lead meaningful, fulfilling, self-directed lives.

The stipend is a benefit offered through the Collective Bargaining Agreement with SEIU.



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Make an investment in you  
and the people you support!

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## Connect With Us!

One way we, at MRCI would like to make sure you have the best possible services is making sure you have our staff's contact information.



Below we have our CDCS, CSG and Veterans Directed staff listed with either the Metro area or Greater Minnesota. Also listed are the PCA Choice and 245D program staff.

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**Please feel free to connect with us for your comments, questions or concerns.**

## **MRCI Sponsors**

## **MN State Advocacy Conference**

The 2019 State Advocacy Conference will be held at the Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake, MN on March 8 and 9.

This year's theme is "Inclusion Means Everyone."

Advocates, participants and family members are welcome to attend and let your voices be heard.

For more information, or to register, click [HERE](#) .



## 24th Annual Minnesota Autism Conference

The 24th Annual Minnesota Autism Conference is where we'll join our voices as a passionate network to connect and inspire innovation.



The conference gives expert speakers, educators, professionals, caregivers, and individuals with autism a platform to exchange knowledge and ideas with one another - all with the goal of enhancing the lives of those on the autism spectrum.

Click [HERE](#) for more information or to register.

## 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 so please watch your monthly calendar to ensure you do not miss a deadline.

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

365 January 2019    365 February 2019    365 March 2019    365 April 2019

365 May 2019    365 June 2019    365 July 2019    365 August 2019

365 September 2019    365 October 2019    365 November 2019    365 December 2019

1 Jan New Year's Day    17 Mar St. Patrick's Day    18 May Armed Forces Day    2 Sep Labor Day    31 Oct Halloween  
 21 Jan Martin Luther King Day    1 Apr April Fool's Day    27 May Memorial Day    11 Sep September 11th    3 Nov Daylight Saving (End)  
 12 Feb Lincoln's Birthday    19 Apr Good Friday    9 Jun Pentecost    17 Sep Citizenship Day    11 Nov Veterans Day  
 14 Feb Valentine's Day    21 Apr Easter    9 Jun Pentecost Monday    27 Sep Native American Day    28 Nov Thanksgiving  
 18 Feb Presidents Day    22 Apr Easter Monday    10 Jun Flag Day    14 Oct Columbus Day    7 Dec Pearl Harbor  
 5 Mar Mardi Gras Carnival    5 May Cinco de Mayo    16 Jun Father's Day    16 Oct Boss's Day    25 Dec Christmas Day  
 10 Mar Daylight Saving (Start)    12 May Mother's Day    4 Jul Independence Day    19 Oct Sweetest Day    31 Dec New Year's Eve

Calendar & Holidays  
**2019**  
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## March is Disability Awareness Month

In 1987 President Ronald Reagan proclaimed March "Disabilities Awareness Month."

It was the culmination of decades of progress in the deinstitutionalization movement of the seventies and early eighties. It was a time that laid the foundation for significant social change, and the presidential proclamation called upon Americans to provide encouragement and opportunities for people with disabilities to help them reach their potential.

At MRCI we are proud to embrace this movement by empowering individuals with disabilities and their families. We do this by serving as FMS for the state, and guiding the families we serve with their self direction goals.

Join us next month as we celebrate the progress made in Self Direction programs and look forward to the future!

**MARCH  
IS OUR  
MONTH**

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
AWARENESS STARTS NOW**

MAKING THE DIFFERENCE



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](http://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."

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