

Community resource list for potential apprentices – Southwest Minnesota

This document is a resource for potential apprentices to locate community based organizations and workforce boards in southwest Minnesota. Many of these organizations can help you obtain the skills or certifications needed to begin an apprenticeship, like GED classes or job training. Others offer various support services, like childcare, housing support, or mental health services, to assist outside of your apprenticeship journey.

Note: This list is in alphabetical order and uses tags for your searching convenience. You can search the tags by clicking Control + F (or Command + F on Mac) and searching for a specific tag.

- Job placement
- Career development
- Job training
- Apprenticeship preparation
- Employment support
- GED classes/program
- Financial support (i.e. food access, financial planning, clothing, etc)
- Mental health support/services
- Housing support
- Substance misuse resources
- Health and wellness
- Childcare support/services

Child Care Aware of Minnesota-Parent Aware

[Parent Aware](#) offers free tools and resources to help families find the quality child care and early education programs their children need to succeed in school and life. Minnesota families searching for child care can have a free personalized consultation by speaking with a Parent Aware Child Care Information Services (CCIS) team member at 888.291.9811 or using the chat feature on their website. Their trusted staff, with years of child care experience, can help answer your questions, narrow down your search, and guide you to other valuable resources.

Tags: Childcare support/services

Goodwill Easter Seals Minnesota YouthBuild

[Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota](#) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that operates a Construction and Automotive YouthBuild program.

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Lutheran Social Services

[Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota](#) (LSS) serves 1 in 65 Minnesotans through a comprehensive range of innovative services and supports. The services of LSS are designed to help people make significant, long-term changes in their lives. For their employment services, this means addressing racial and economic disparities in employment by providing individuals experiencing marginalization a successful path into the workforce. The populations served include persons of color, persons reentering the workforce after incarceration, low-income individuals, and persons with disabilities. LSS provides individualized, one-on-one support that includes skills training and education, career coaching, financial coaching, navigation, and other supports. LSS has established pathways and programs to increase access to career success, with a focus on individuals with high barriers to success.

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Minnesota Job Partners

[Minnesota Job Partners](#) is a certified provider of the Dislocated Worker Program. Our program helps individuals who are at risk of losing or have lost their jobs through no fault of their own to re-enter the workforce by providing career counseling, training, and financial support. They help participants gain competitive skills for in-demand industries, secure employment with comparable wages to their previous job, and support job retention. They assist with occupational skills training, on-the-job training, incumbent worker training, registered apprenticeships, and much more. The program is funded by state and federal grants and is available at no cost to eligible participants who are eligible or receiving unemployment insurance benefits.

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Northspan

[Northspan](#) is a private, non-profit consulting firm based in Duluth, MN. They offer community, business, and economic development services and power the Driving Access to Wealth and Networks (DAWN) program. DAWN provides various services that support entrepreneurs, small businesses, communities, and individuals seeking employment.

Tags: Career development

Tribal employment contacts

Find [contact information for the tribal employment representatives](#) for each of Minnesota's 11 federally recognized tribes.

Tags: Employment support