

Community resource list for potential apprentices – Central Minnesota

This document is a resource for potential apprentices to locate community based organizations and workforce boards in central Minnesota. Many of these organization 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

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency

The [Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency](#) (AEOA) was incorporated in April 1965 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and established as a Community Action Program (CAP) for the northeast Minnesota counties of St. Louis, Lake and Cook in response to the 1964 Economic Opportunity Act. AEOA offers services in these counties and the nine neighboring counties of Aitkin, Carlton, Cass, Chisago, Crow Wing, Isanti, Itasca, Koochiching and Pine making it one of the largest private, non-profit Community Action Agencies in Minnesota.

Tags: Housing support, Financial support, Childcare support/services, Health and wellness

Avivo

[Avivo](#) offers industry-specific career education and technical training programs in Minneapolis. Graduates will earn industry credentials in new trades/careers, with course lengths ranging from four weeks to six or more months, depending on the program. Career training programs/trade school programs are available for no cost for individuals who meet eligibility requirements. Some programs include paid training, and all participants are assisted by Avivo's career counselors for job placement

Tags: Job placement, General community resources, Career development, Job training, Employment support, Housing support, Mental health support/services, Substance misuse resources

Career Solutions

[Career Solutions](#) is an employment and training organization. For over 30 years, through career counseling, job training and business relationships, they've helped entry-level to experienced workers – youth to adults – train for and gain meaningful self-sustaining employment.

Tags: Job training, Career development

Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services

[Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services](#) (CMJTS) offerings include potential training and tuition assistance, support services, work readiness skills training, on-the-job training, incumbent worker training, community resource referrals, career navigator support and more. Through these services, CMJTS aims to bridge the gap between job seekers and employers, contributing to a thriving workforce and a more prosperous community in central Minnesota.

Tags: Job training, Career development, Job placement

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

CLUES

[CLUES](#) is Minnesota's largest Latino-led nonprofit organization, founded in 1981 by and for Latinos. Their work is to ensure the advancement of social and economic equity and wellbeing for Latinos in Minnesota. CLUES has offices on the East Side of St. Paul, Lake Street in Minneapolis, Willmar and Austin. They are proud of their career training programs that include carpentry, phlebotomy, hot water and boiler technician and small business. They are also always looking to partner with others and expand into different growing career fields to connect people with meaningful, fulfilling employment.

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COPAL

[COPAL's Primero De Mayo Workers' Center](#) in South Minneapolis works to organize with immigrant workers and build generational wealth among Latine families. COPAL's workers' center seeks to elevate the voice and leadership of the community. The center has been building a society where individuals can work and live dignified lives.

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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 one 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. Their 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 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. 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

Rise

[Rise](#) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded on the belief that everyone deserves opportunities to achieve meaningful growth and live a purpose-filled life. Their programs in Minnesota and Wisconsin take a whole-person approach, pushing the boundaries of what's possible through supportive access to employment, housing and life-enrichment services.

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Tribal employment contacts

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

Tags: Employment support