

Self-advocacy, self-determination & peer mentoring training opportunities



The federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (W.I.O.A.) requires that organizations like Opportunity Partners provide information about self-advocacy, self-determination, and peer mentoring training opportunities available in our geographical area. Below is a list for your reference. We have also posted this information in our handbook and on our Web site at opportunities.org/advocate

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| Committee of Advocacy & Leadership (COAL) | opportunities.org/wp-content/uploads/COAL_FAQSheet.pdf | People served by Opportunity Partners can be part of the self-advocacy movement through COAL. Various locations and meeting days/times. |
| Advocating Change Together (ACT) 1821 University Avenue, Ste. 306S St. Paul, MN 55104 Patrick Mitchell 651-641-0297 | selfadvocacy.org/programs/self-advocates-minnesota-sam | For self-advocacy group listing by state, online lessons, research translation that you can understand and use, and self-advocates commenting on topics of interest. |
| The ARC of MN 800 Transfer Road, Suite 7A St Paul, MN 55114 651-523-0823 | thearcofminnesota.org | Allies in self-advocacy |
| The ARC Greater Twin Cities 2446 University Ave. W. Suite 110 St. Paul MN 55114 952-920-0855 | arcgreatertwincities.org | Provides resources on self-advocacy, civic engagement, person-centered planning, as well as training on a variety of topics. |
| Metropolitan Center for Independent Living (MCIL) 530 Robert St N St. Paul, MN 55101 651-646-8342 | mcil-mn.org | The Peer Mentoring program is a main service of MCIL. Volunteer mentors share their time and experience with individuals to overcome particular barriers in their life in learning to live more independently. |
| Disability Linkage Line 1-866-333-2466 | mcil-mn.org/programs/disability-linkage-line | A service of the Metropolitan Center for Independent Living (MCIL). Information about community resources for people with disabilities, including housing and benefits referral. |
| Disability Minnesota (online resource) | mn.gov/disability-mn/ | A single entry point to over 100 Minnesota state agency programs, products, and services devoted to disability issues. Also provides access to laws, statutes, and regulations in disability-related areas. |

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| <p>The Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (MNCCD) 2446 University Ave W, Suite 110 St. Paul, MN 55114 952-818-8718</p> | <p>mnccd.org</p> | <p>A broad-based coalition of advocacy and provider organizations, working to change public policy to improve the lives of people with disabilities through building awareness, providing education, and engaging the community.</p> |
| <p>The Minnesota State Council on Disability (MSCOD) 121 E. 7th Place, Suite 107, St. Paul, MN 55101 651-361-7800</p> | <p>disability.state.mn.us</p> | <p>A state agency providing leadership to empower and strengthen the rights of Minnesotans with disabilities. Also offers legislative updates.</p> |
| <p>Minnesota Disability Law Center 430 First Avenue North, Suite 300 Minneapolis, MN 55401 612-332-1441</p> | <p>mylegalaid.org</p> | <p>Provides professional legal help to Minnesotans with disabilities and others who traditionally lack access to the American justice system and cannot afford the services of a private attorney.</p> |
| <p>Minnesota Life College 7501 Logan Avenue South, Suite 2A Richfield, MN 55423 612-869-4008</p> | <p>minnesotalifecollege.org</p> | <p>Provides their students with continued practice in training internships to help them develop the skills and tools necessary to live independent and meaningful lives.</p> |
| <p>The MN Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities 370 Centennial Office Building 658 Cedar Street St. Paul, MN 55155 651-296-4018</p> | <p>mn.gov/mnddc/</p> | <p>Contains presentations and publications containing information related to developmental disabilities. Includes Partners in Policymaking, a free program designed to teach people with disabilities the power of advocacy to positively change the way people with disabilities are supported and how/where they live and work.</p> |
| <p>Quality Mall (online resource)</p> | <p>qualitymall.org</p> | <p>Resources for person-centered supports for self-advocacy, self-determination, peer mentoring, and other topics.</p> |
| <p>Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) (online resource)</p> | <p>sabeusa.org</p> | <p>National self-advocacy organization</p> |
| <p>The Riot! (online resource)</p> | <p>theriotrocks.org</p> | <p>Newsletter, blog where self-advocates can share opinions, online art gallery, and other services to help individuals become stronger self-advocates. They also provide training or technical assistance on self-advocacy, self-determination, and setting up peer support networks.</p> |