

Working
together



to change
disability
policy.

Mission

Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (MN-CCD) is 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.

Vision

MN-CCD envisions equity and opportunity for all people with disabilities to lead meaningful, productive and self-directed lives.



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Who We Are

Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (MN-CCD) is a nonprofit dedicated to the idea that collectively we can accomplish what individually we cannot. We were designed to act as a hub, providing structure and support for other organizations in the disability community. We have nearly 50 members that work through us to create legislation and advocate for individuals with disabilities. These organizations represent a broad spectrum of disabilities including: intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental illness, fetal alcohol syndrome, deaf and blind, physical disabilities, and brain injury. We help all our organizations advance their missions in serving people with disabilities.



MN-CCD seeks to empower organizations and the individuals they support to create innovative disability reform for the state of Minnesota.

Our Members

All the organizations supported by the MN-CCD are disability focused and leaders within the disability field. As a collective these organizations strive to advance public awareness and create policy solutions.

Changing Public Policy

- **We coordinate structured committees** and working groups in areas affecting people with disabilities such as Medical Assistance, Housing, Transportation, Employment and Community Supports. Through these groups our members and community participants research and identify areas of needed policy change
- **Members vote on policy issues** and construct specific legislation to address the needed change
- **We offer educational opportunities**, such as candidate forums and policy summits, to educate self-advocates, legislators, staff, and the public about the needed policy changes
- **We teach staff and self-advocates** from our various member organizations, as well as the community at large, how to tell their stories, testify at hearings and lobby legislators in an effort to empower our organizations, their clients and the disability community as a whole
- **Members** of our various committees educate legislators to support the needed policy change, engage in committee hearings, work with development of fiscal notes, and present evidence and testimony to support bill passage.

Education & Training

We offer programming in disability advocacy with:

- Policy Summits
- Candidate Forums
- Town Hall Forums
- Faces of Disability Campaign
- Tuesdays at the Capitol
- Wednesday Lobbyist Meetings
- Friday Membership Meetings
- Legislative Start-Up and Wrap-Up

We provide ongoing information and updates about all areas of disability policy in Minnesota through:

- E-Newsletter's
- Action Alerts
- Policy Updates
- Civic Engagement Opportunities
- Blogs on Policy Issues
- Working Group Updates

