

Aitkin County  
Carlton County  
Chisago County  
Isanti County  
Kanabec County  
Mille Lacs County  
Pine County



# Agency Programs

- Energy Assistance – Primary Heat, Crisis assistance, and Furnace Repairs/Replacements (for homeowners)
- Weatherization - Agency crews and contractors provide energy conservation measures such as insulation, weather-stripping, and caulking to help reduce energy costs. Furnaces are also checked.
- Housing Rehabilitation Loan – Financing to eligible households to make basic permanent repairs to their home which can also include making improvements for handicap accessibility.
- Small Cities Development Program – Grant program that cities and townships (with a population under 50,000) or counties can apply through the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

**Early Head Start / Head Start** are a **NO COST** comprehensive family & child development school readiness programs for children ages birth to 5 years, including expectant families. We believe parents know their children best and are their first and most important teacher and their engagement is key to strong child development.

- **Head Start** - preschool age children ages **3 to 5 years**. This service works with the parent(s) to promote the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development in children ages 3 to 5 years to prepare them for kindergarten. Services are available in **home based and center based** settings.
- **Early Head Start** - children ages **birth to 3 years**, including expectant families. This service works with the parent(s) or guardian(s) to promote the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development of infants and toddlers. Services are available in **home based and center based** settings.

# Financial Programs

## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

Lakes and Pines is providing free tax preparation for eligible low-income individuals and families.

## Social Security Application Assistance

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) application assistance.

## FAIM Assets for Independence in MN (FAIM)

Savings program to help low-wage earners in Minnesota build assets through the purchase of a home, pursuit of higher education or launching of a new business.

## Financial Literacy

Financial literacy is having the knowledge and skills to make informed judgments and effective decisions about money management.

## Self Sufficiency Programs

- SNAP/Food Support – application assistance
- MNsure – Application Assistance

# Housing Programs

- MHFA
  - Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program (FHPAP) – Eviction prevention and Rapid Rehousing
  - Bridges Program
  - Bring It Home Rental Assistance Program
- Hearth Connection
  - Central Long Term Homeless
- DHS
  - Housing Supports
    - Carlton Lofts – 7 units
    - Lady Luck Estates – 4 units
    - Red Willow – 4 units
- HHSSA –
  - Emergency Shelter Program – motel voucher
    - Street Outreach
  - Transitional Housing Program – scattered site
  - Homeless Youth Act