

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