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President's Message

Jane Schmid, 2022 MCA President

MCA is moving along in 2022! Our organization continues to grow and support its members. So far in 2022, MCA has hosted six trainings, including four monthly trainings, the Annual Spring Workshop, and the 3rd Annual MCA/MACPO Juvenile Justice Conference. We could not do this work without our members and volunteers who work diligently and passionately to provide the best work!

Our Education and Training Committee is doing an amazing job in providing monthly trainings, which thus far have included, VOA Amicus Services, Ethical Issues and Boundaries, U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services, and Faith Based Ministry. Please watch for your free monthly training opportunities throughout the year by checking the MCA website <http://www.mn-ca.org/>

The MCA Spring Workshop: Managing Expectations ~ Finding Balance with Work & Life was held on March 24, 2022 via zoom. A big thanks to the Spring Workshop Committee for this informative and enlightening event!

The MCA/MACPO 3rd Annual Juvenile Justice Conference was held on April 21, 2022 via zoom. This event was a grand success with 61 participants and sponsors, as well as 11 presenters and 3 prize drawing winners. The Conference presentations addressed Adolescent Sexual Offending, Juvenile POR in MN, Vocational Rehab Services for Youth, Youth Substance Abuse, and MN Safe Harbor. A special thank you to our Sponsorship Committee and Spotlight Sponsors, MN Adult & Teen Challenge, Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance, and Meridian Behavioral Health for supporting this event!

Legislatively, MCA remains involved through our MCA Legislative Committee and Legislative Liaison, Cal Saari. As you'll read in Cal's recent Legislative Tracker Report #3, the HF 4608 House Public Safety Omnibus bill continues for consideration yet the parties' diverse approaches make this process challenging. Let's not forget MN has a \$9.235 billion surplus! We are told we can expect some kind of direct refund from the state. We hope our legislators can compromise to get the job done and do what's best for Minnesota! Cal reminds us to reach out to our legislators to share our perspectives on legislative issues. Feel free to contact Cal if you have any questions sisuwithsaari@aol.com

On behalf of MCA, we appreciate feedback and support in making this organization the best it can be for its members and those with work with! So much amazing work is being done in our field, please consider nominating someone for our upcoming MCA Award Nominations for 2022. The MCA Fall Institute is around the corner, October 26-28, 2022 at Grandview Lodge in Nisswa, MN. The Fall Institute is seeking presenters, so if any members are aware of potential speakers, please reach out and encourage them to submit a presenter proposal by May 31, 2022.

The work you do is essential and commendable! Stay well and stay safe!

Jane Schmid, Career Agent

MCA President 2022

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Also, a huge thank you to the facilitators and 48 attendees at our Spring Workshop!

Corrections Officer Week: May 1st - 7th, 2022

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Correctional officers have the difficult and often dangerous assignment of ensuring the custody, safety and well-being of the over 600,000 inmates in our Nation's prisons and jails. Their position is essential to the day-to-day operations of these institutions; without them it would be impossible to achieve the foremost institutional goals of security and control.

Historically, correctional officers have been viewed as "guards," occupying isolated and misunderstood positions in prisons and jails. In recent years, the duties of these officers have become increasingly complex and demanding. They are called upon to fill, simultaneously, custodial, supervisory and counseling roles. The professionalism, dedication and courage exhibited by these officers throughout the performance of these demanding and often conflicting roles deserve our utmost respect. The important work of correctional Officers often does not receive the recognition from the public it deserves. It is appropriate that we honor the many contributions and accomplishments of these men and women who are a vital component of the field of corrections.

In recognition of the contributions of correctional officers to our Nation, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 132, has designated the week beginning May 6, 1984, as "National Correctional Officers Week," and authorized and requested the President to issue an appropriate proclamation.

Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 6, 1984, as National Correctional Officers Week. I call upon officials of State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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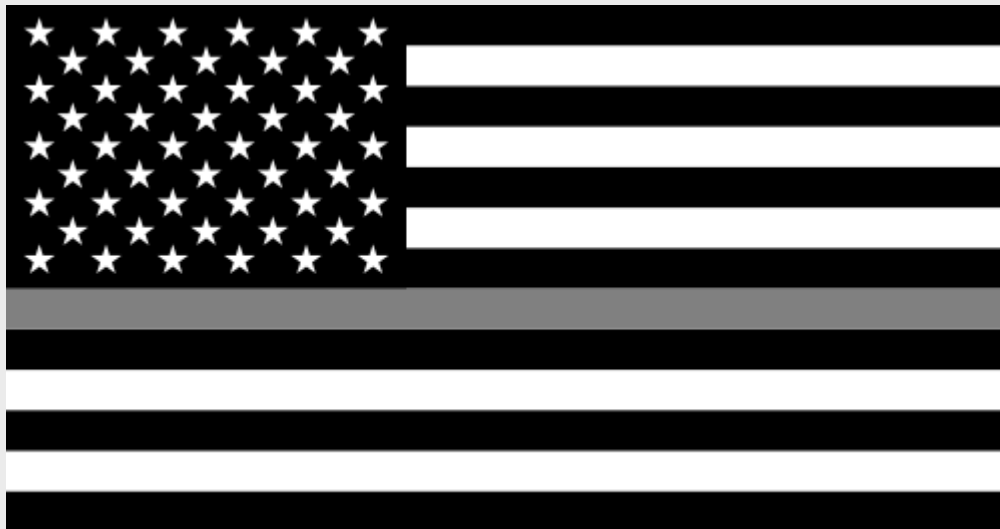
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The name of the week was officially changed to National Correctional Officers and Employees Week in 1996 to include the many other vital staff members that fill essential roles inside our correctional facilities.



Since 1984, the first full week of May has been recognized as National Correctional Officers Week.

The Minnesota Corrections Association would like to take recognize the hard work and dedication of the men and women who work within our correctional facilities.

Your work does not go unnoticed and is valuable in the rehabilitation of those incarcerated. We thank you and know that we stand by you.

To learn more about the history and timeline of National Correctional Officers Week, [click here.](#)



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Provide **197** individuals with winter clothing and toiletries



Assist **176** people as they find permanent employment



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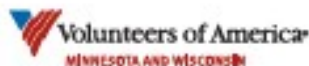


Support **45** women as they transition from prison to community



Attain **7.6%** three-year recidivism rate for participants

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Mental Health Awareness

Mental Health Awareness Month began in the United States in 1949 and was started by the [Mental Health America](#) (MHA) organization. (Source: Wikipedia)

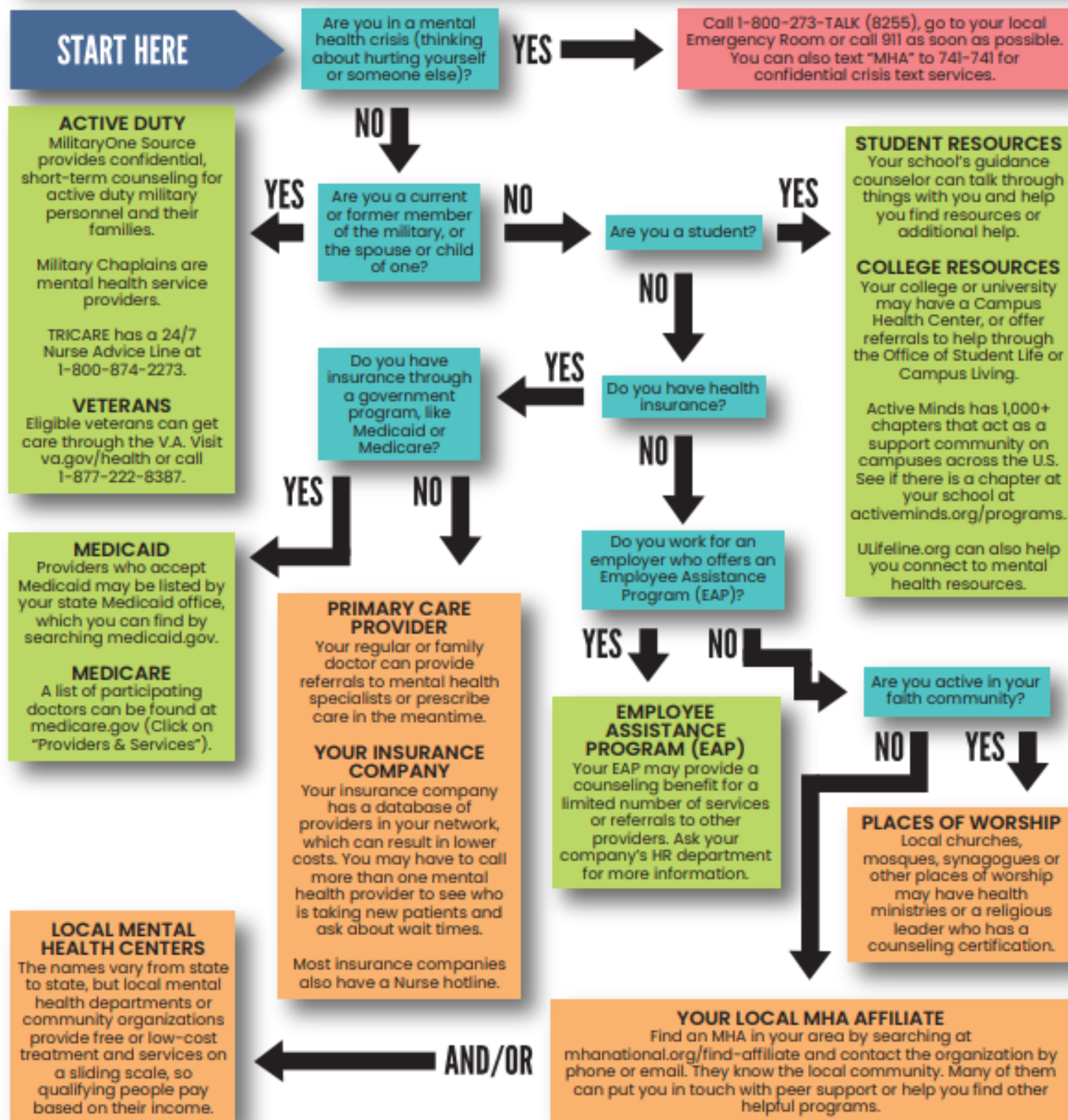


FACTS:

- About half of Americans will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition sometime in their life, with symptoms starting by age 24 for the majority of people.
 - Addressing mental health symptoms early is critically important for overall health.
- While 1 in 5 people will experience a mental illness during their lifetime, everyone faces challenges in life that can impact their mental health.
- Your screening results can be used to start a conversation with your primary care provider or a trusted friend or family member, and you can begin to plan a course of action for addressing your mental health.
- When facing a mental health concern or living with a mental health condition, it's common to feel like no one understands what you're going through. You aren't alone – help is available, and recovery is possible.

WHERE TO GO

When you've decided to seek help, knowing what resources are available and where to start can be tricky. Use this decision map to help you figure out your options. If you don't find help where a path ends, try any of the resources in the gold boxes.



Anxiety



Courtesy of Anxiety & Depression Association of America

- Anxiety disorders are the **most common** mental disorders in the U.S.
- There are many different types of anxiety disorders, including generalized anxiety, social anxiety, specific phobias, and more
- According to the WHO, **1 in 13** people around the world suffer from anxiety
- About **8%** of children and teenagers experience an anxiety disorder
- Over **40 million** adults experience an anxiety disorder each year
- Anxiety disorders can develop for a number of reasons, including genetics, brain chemistry, and life events
- Only about **1/3** of those suffering receive treatment

when you feel ANXIOUS

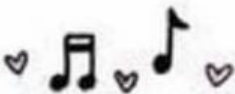
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TO OUR SPONSORS, *Thank You!*



A huge thank you goes out to all of the outstanding sponsors of MCA. The partnerships with our MCA sponsors bring us tremendous learning opportunities, networking and support. We wanted to take this opportunity not only to say thank you but to also highlight the ways our sponsors contribute to MCA. Our Exclusive Sponsor Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance, regularly sponsors the Awards Ceremony at the MCA Fall Conference. Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge a Diamond Sponsor, has provided conference bags for attendees, along with monthly workshops. Diamond Sponsor, Intoxalock, is always ready to provide presentations and to participate as an exhibitor at the Fall Conference. 180 Degrees, a Platinum Sponsor, has supported the Past President's Breakfast at the Fall Conference. RSEden/RSI Labs, a Platinum sponsor, has also provided Fall Conference lanyards and numerous monthly trainings. Thrivent Financial, a Gold Sponsor, has been a huge support not only with their sponsorship but also in their training opportunities. We also want to give a special shout out to our new MCA Diamond Sponsors Meuser, Yackley & Rowland and Meridian Behavioral Health. Our new Platinum Sponsors are Partners in Recovery, Phoenix Rise Coaching & Consulting, Nationwide Interlock and Fieldware. Our long time Platinum Sponsors include VOA, Duluth Bethel, MINNCOR Industries, and Village Ranch.

Thank you sponsors, you make all the difference!

Sponsorship Committee, JoAnn & Shannon



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Legislative Affairs

Calvin Saari, MCA Legislative Liaison

As I write this update for the next issue of the FORUM, there are actually only sixteen more days (including week-ends) before the mandatory adjournment of the current Session of the 2022 Legislative Session, and with a lot of issues and concerns yet to be addressed.

Our primary interest at this point is the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform legislation. As of this moment here's where it's at. The Senate has passed SF 2673 on a 48 -19 vote and sent it to the House for consideration. This bill contains mostly language that follows the Republican party agenda of "being tough on crime", and deals only lightly with any Police Reform initiatives. It does have language that adds dollars for Community Supervision and Post-release Services, significant increases in funding in Supervision Services for the DOC, County Probation Services and for Community Act Counties.

The Senate provision also establishes a Public Safety Innovation Board within the office of Justice Programs within the Department of Public Safety, and a Task Force on a coordinated approval to Juvenile Wellness and Justice. It also sets up an Indeterminate Sentence Release Board which includes language on expungement. Finally, it contains language that prohibit probation services fees, effective July 1, 2023.

After passing the Senate bill, they sent it to the House, where last week the Mariani Committee on Public Safety amended the Senate bill with their own language which is heavy on Police Reform and multiple training reforms, with emphasis on issues of the past two years in Minneapolis and St Paul. This means a Conference Committee will be named, five members of the Senate and five from the House to work on a compromise bill. Unfortunately we are at article deadline time and we have yet to learn who the members of the Conference Committee will be. They have a very difficult task in front of them as there isn't a lot of collaboration in the existing positions. Several legislative gurus question where resolution will ever be achieved this Session.

The Legislature did finally show some ability to pass legislation this past week with bills passed that address unemployment insurance, payments to critical workers (which include Corrections staff) and several other conference committee bills. Bonding has yet to be discussed on the Senate side although the House has released their bonding proposal as has the Governor, so there is optimism that some kind of a bonding bill will prevail.

I will be another hectic final two weeks to see what can be accomplished by a divided government.

I look forward to providing you a summary of the results later this month. It's election year this Fall so it will be another busy summer and fall. Thanks for your support!

Calvin Saari

MCA Legislative Liaison

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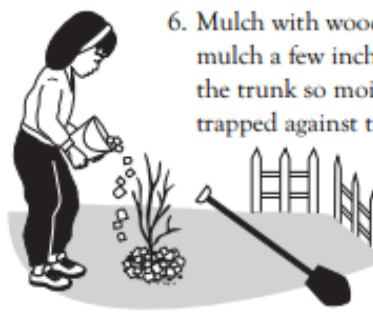
1. Choose a good spot for your tree. Don't forget to plan for its ADULT size.



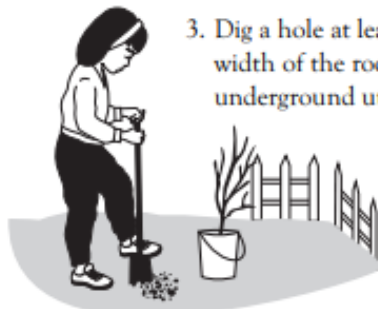
5. Add more soil and lightly firm with foot.



2. Keep your roots moist all the time. Dry roots die.



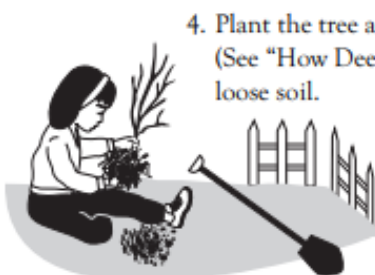
6. Mulch with wood chips. Keep mulch a few inches away from the trunk so moisture isn't trapped against the trunk.



3. Dig a hole at least two times the width of the roots. Check for underground utility lines first!

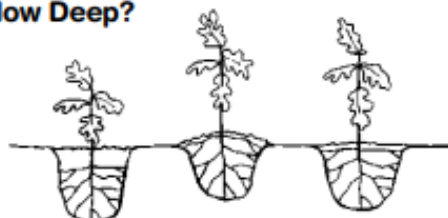


7. Water regularly. Wait for shade!



4. Plant the tree at the right depth. (See "How Deep?") Gently add loose soil.

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Direct Access Core Training

The Minnesota Department of Human Services Behavioral Health Division

The Minnesota Department of Human Services Behavioral Health Division is launching a monthly training series on Direct Access, which promotes equity and diversity by allowing individuals to choose providers of clinically appropriate substance use disorder treatment services. Each training will provide an overview of the Direct Access process and related topics, and provide information and updates on:

- ⇒ **Client choice, and roles and actions for providers, counties, and tribes**
- ⇒ **How to verify existing client eligibility**
- ⇒ **Behavioral Health Fund eligibility**
- ⇒ **DAANES data entry requirements**
- ⇒ **Federal block grant compliance monitoring**
- ⇒ **Provider peer review.**

Direct Access Core Trainings will provide basic information and inform participants how they can attend more detailed, topic-specific trainings.

Audience: This training is appropriate for substance use disorder treatment providers, county and tribal agency staff, probation and court services staff, dispositional advisors, Minnesota state agency staff interested in updates to the substance use disorder treatment service and payment systems.

Registration: Trainings will be hosted on Webex. Register for an upcoming training by visiting the [Direct Access Core Training registration webpage](#). There are no certificates or continuing education units for attending this training.

Legal references

Find Minnesota's laws related to licensing for chemical dependency licensed treatment facilities in [Minnesota Statutes, section 245G](#).

Find statutory information on Behavioral Health Fund eligibility and requirements in:

[Minnesota Statutes, section 254B](#)

Training Dates

- May 26 – 1:30 to 3 p.m.
- June 23 – 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- July 28 – 1:30 to 3 p.m.
- Aug. 25 – 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- Sept. 22 – 1:30 to 3 p.m.
- Oct. 27 – 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 8 – 1:30 to 3 p.m.



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RS EDEN Supportive Housing plays an active role in the development and operation of affordable, safe, and supportive housing throughout the Twin Cities. We oversee nine distinct projects serving youth, singles, and families.

RSI LABORATORIES specializes in drugs of abuse testing for corrections, chemical dependency, and human service agencies. Our lab is accredited by the College of American Pathologists (C.A.P.) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (C.L.I.A.).

RS EDEN Recovery Services has a reputation of working successfully with people who have substance use disorders. We offer inpatient and outpatient programs, specializing in serving culturally diverse, poly-drug addicted adult males and females.

Since 1971, RS EDEN has been a leader in delivering effective community human services in Minnesota. Our mission is to provide a spectrum of care—recovery and support services—to facilitate self-sufficiency for individuals, families, and communities. We believe that with structure, stability, and accountability people can and do change.

Learn more about available career opportunities at rseden.org.

2022 MCA Monthly Trainings

All sessions open for registration—[click here](#)

May 20

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June 17

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Community Supports Committee

Description: This committee is comprised of a diverse group of volunteers and professionals from faith based and not for profit organizations providing services and supports for justice involved persons across the state.

Goals:

- Promote representation on the committee that broadly represents Minnesota's communities of faith and not for profit organizations.
- Provide opportunities to improve communication and collaboration between community-based organizations and practitioners in the justice system.
- Expand participation in and knowledge of statewide initiatives that pertain to reentry, recovery, and correctional supervision.
- Promote collaboration between community-based organizations providing services and support to justice involved individuals and their families.
- Collaborate with the legislative committee on pending legislative action and recommendations as they relate to system change and strengthening community-based supports and services.

Committee Meeting Schedule: This committee will be meeting remotely on (TBD).

Event Attendance: Committee members may be involved in the MCA Annual Conference, quarterly trainings, and workshops.

If you are interested in learning more about this committee or have an interest in joining the committee, please reach out to Committee Chair, Ron Solheid at: rsolheid@gmail.com

Direct Access FAQ

- **Update on providers.** *As of right now, 22 counties do not have an approved provider able to do the full assessment. DHS will collect eligibility and update their information monthly. DHS will also run a new data set that breaks down by county and treatment provider if able to do the assessments, treatment coordination or both.*
- **What is billable for persons in our jails.** *According to DHS, if the person is incarcerated, they are not eligible for medical assistance. They are eligible for Behavioral Health Fund (BHF) if the person meets the eligibility requirements (income and household size). The BHF covers the comprehensive assessment. The county will use the correct span code (OO) to designate BHF funding if not eligible for medical assistance. To help clarify funding in this area, DHS will create a one-page document for counties, corrections and providers that explains funding options.*
- **Jail access.** *The Direct Access language does not provide any direction and or mandates on access if a person is incarcerated. Need to work with the Sheriff Association or problem solve at the local level on access concerns. This may be the local correctional agency working with each jail and provider to ascertain best methodology for assessments to be completed in a timely manner.*
- **Navigation of CD services.** *Treatment Coordination is currently billable under the Behavioral Health Fund (BHF) and can be done by counties, tribes and providers in the jail. Once the person meets BHF financial eligibility it is good for 6 months. No need to do another financial assessment. In addition, a person is only eligible for two assessments every six months. DHS is currently looking at the funding rate for treatment coordination and allowing for more than two assessments if needed. If a person fails out of treatment, the treatment program through the Treatment Coordination service can assist in determining alternative options to meet the client's needs. This should be done by the provider as part of the case plan for continued treatment services. To help clarify treatment coordination funding, DHS will create a one-page document for counties, corrections and providers that explains funding options. DHS will also pull together a webinar specifically for Treatment Coordination.*
- **Eligibility determination.** *Counties may be mixing up eligibility for medical assistance compared to accessing the behavioral health fund. For the behavior health fund, only income and household size is needed. DHS has created a form for determining financial eligibility for the behavioral health fund. To help provide counties a consistent message on determining eligibility, this can be added to the one-page document and incorporated into current DHS trainings.*
- **Full assessments.** *Assessment recommendations prescribe what is needed for client care and not based on what the client prefers for treatment options.*
- **Collateral Contacts.** *DHS is aware that there is a statutory conflict between 169A.70 and Direct Access. It is good practices to contact collaterals when conducting an assessment. The court does have the authority to order that a collateral contact will occur with the probation officer when an assessment is ordered.*

A vibrant, stylized illustration for Pride Month. In the center, a torch with a rainbow-colored flame holds a large red heart. A hand with a rainbow gradient holds the black handle of the torch. The background features a rainbow arching over a landscape with diagonal stripes in shades of blue, green, and yellow. The text 'PRIDE MONTH JUNE' is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on the left side.

**PRIDE
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JUNE**

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Community Re-Entry Services offers a Stepping Stone

Interview with Carlos, October 16, 2020

In May, 2020, 180 Degrees leased a nearby apartment building to address the tremendous gap in long-term available housing for clients at Clifton Place. Five units of housing quickly filled. By November, 2020 180 Degrees formed a separate corporation, Community Re-Entry Service, LLC. Community Re-Entry Service purchased five buildings, creating 30 units of housing for Clifton Place clients.

One of the first residents to be accepted into the new program is Carlos who moved into a safe, affordable, and fully-furnished one-bedroom apartment. He shares a shared kitchen and laundry area with 4 other residents who also successfully completed the 90 day Clifton Place halfway house.



Tell me about yourself, Carlos: I moved here in June. I had been in prison for two years. While I was there I took classes in woodshop and horticulture trainings.

180 Degrees' CRS Program has been very helpful for me with housing and employment. This has been giving me a stepping stone, to learn the responsibility of having bills, real bills. And getting the chance to help myself. I was working through a temporary agency but have been laid off due to Covid. During this Covid time, I'm willing to take any job I can get. Everything is unpredictable. I'd be grateful for anything else I got.

In the past when I came out of prison, I went through public housing. But I would often move in with friends and family, or go to a shelter. But this time I'm real happy with how it worked out. It's a positive move. It give me

something to do every day. It's a great start for me. I take it one day at a time.

What's the best part of your day?

Waking up knowing that I don't have to wake up and hear another man snoring. (laughs) No, it's the solitude. I can come in and sit down; Knowing that if I don't want to open my door, I don't have to; it's peaceful, just peaceful. That's the stage that I'm in right now.

Where do you hope to be a year from now?

Due to Covid, it's difficult to know where I'll be. But I'd like to have a really good job, get off of parole, and stay positive because this apartment is a positive foundation for me. When I leave here, I'd like to save up some money and move into a larger one-bedroom apartment.

Is there any ideal job?

I have worked for so many jobs that I'll leave that open. Warehousing, stocking food.

What are some of your best times in your new apartment?

My grandkids are all teenagers, we pop popcorn and watch a movie.



Carlos in the shared kitchen.

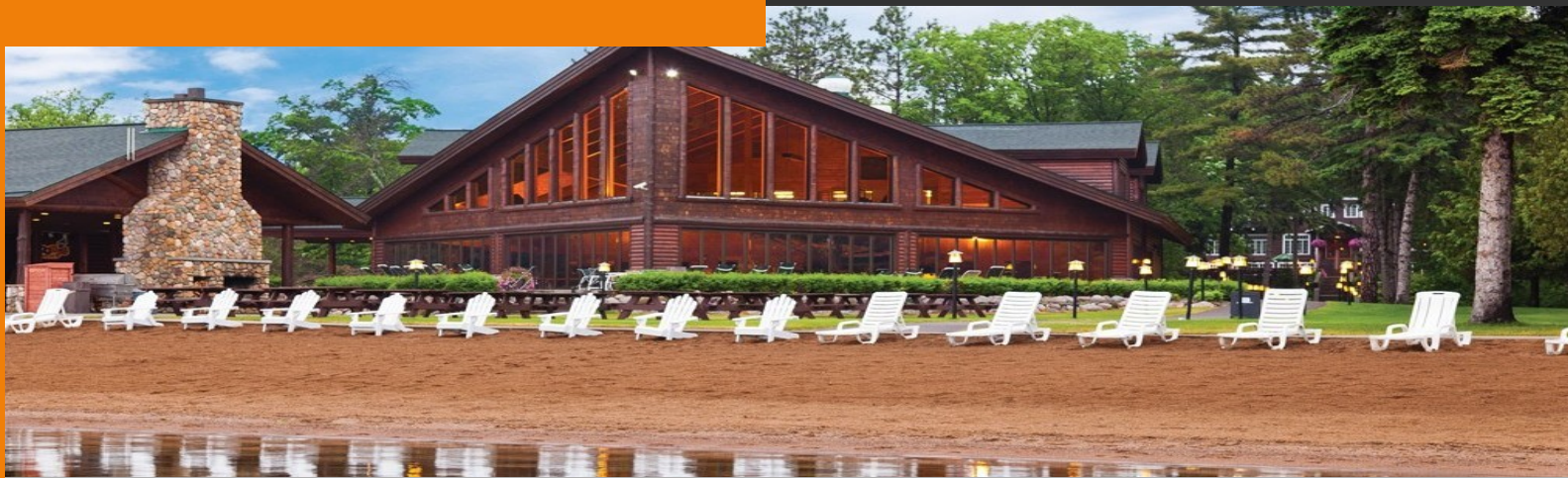


The apartment has easy access to multiple bus routes.



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MCA Annual Training Institute will be held in 2022 at Grand View Lodge

The Minnesota Corrections Association (MCA) Annual Training Institute Committee is pleased to announce we are returning

Grand View Lodge for the 2022 Annual Training Institute.

Please join us in celebrating 8 years of MCA

October 25-October 28, 2022

Our present chair members include:

Dan Raden/Amy Moeckel/Shannon Fette – Co-Chair

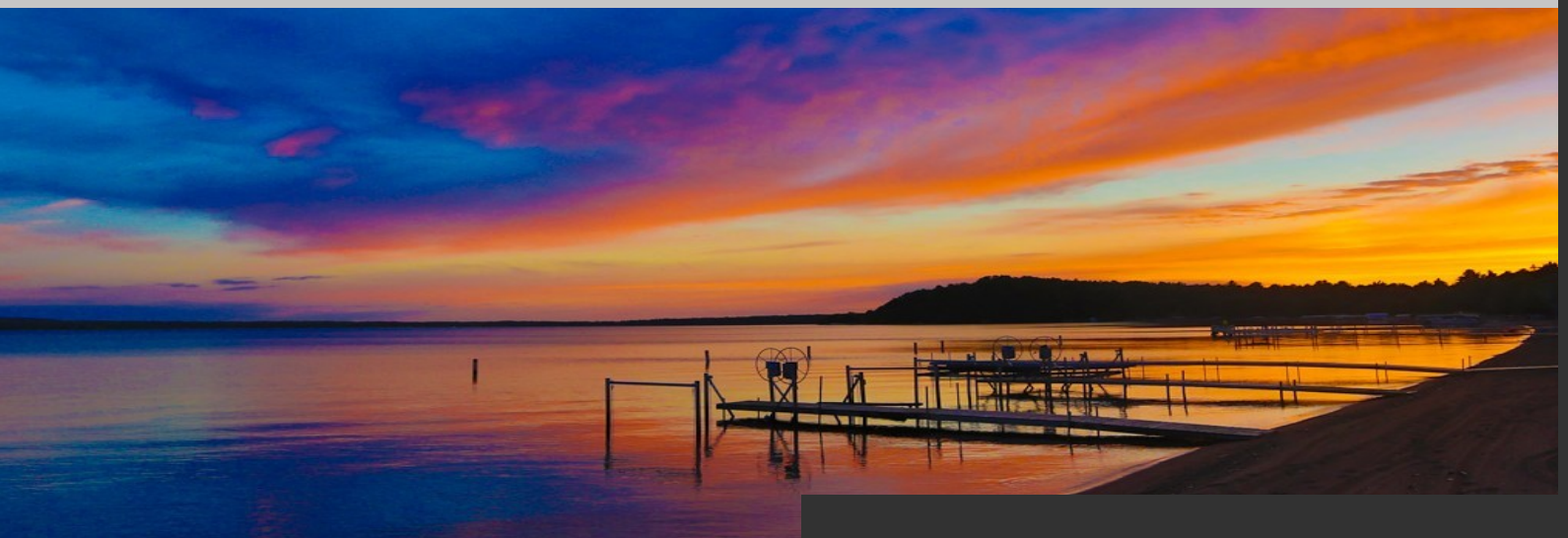
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Presenter Proposals

2022 MCA Annual Training Institute

Deadline for submission is May 31, 2022



**Submit your presenter proposal for the
MCA Annual Training Institute
October 26-28, 2022**

Grand View Lodge

We're looking for a wide range of engaging topics geared toward corrections professionals and partners.

**Deadline for proposal submission is May 31, 2022
Presenters will be notified by June 17th if presentation
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E-mail proposal to Christine Schweich with "Presenter Proposal" in subject line.

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2022 MCA Awards

Mark Bliven, Past President / 2022 Awards Committee Chair

Please Consider Your Nominations for 2022 MCA Awards

The pandemic really does appear to be falling behind us. Now is the time to recognize those who have stepped up and demonstrated leadership and innovation during these trying times. A committee made up of past presidents of MCA will review and recommend your 2022 nominations to the MCA Board for presentation at the Fall Institute this October at Grandview Lodge in Nisswa. This annual awards tradition recognizes not only individuals and programs but the whole community of those working within the correctional field in Minnesota.

A few of the awards are specifically designated for positions either at a correctional facility or within the field services area. Other awards cover the broadest area of corrections within MCA. Please think about and consider your nominations for making significant contributions to the field of corrections. We will have the nomination forms available by the end of May for submission by the end of July. Please feel free to submit a nomination regardless of where you feel it might fit within the awards categories. The committee will determine the appropriate category. You just need to provide information and background on why you think this person, group of people, or program should be recognized for their contributions to our vital work.

While these awards single out individuals and groups we should keep in mind that at a more important level they represent what so many of you do every day within your profession. These awards belong to and represent all of you.

Corrections Person of the Year

Corrections Officer of the Year

Professional Achievement Award—Correctional Facility

Professional Achievement Award—Field Services

Technology Award

President's Award

Board of Director's Award

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me as chair of the awards committee with any questions or submissions. As members you will all receive an email from MCA at the end of May with the nomination form and a reminder to get your nominations submitted by July 31 though sooner is always appreciated.

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May 10 Clean Up Your Room Day
May 11 Eat What You Want Day
May 12 Thursday Limerick Day
May 13 Friday Frog Jumping Day
May 14 Dance Like a Chicken Day
May 15 Chocolate Chip Day
May 20 Pizza Party Day
May 21 Talk Like Yoda Day
May 24 Scavenger Hunt Day
May 27 Sun Screen Day
May 28 Hamburger Day
May 30 My Bucket's Got a Hole Day
May 31 Macaroon Day



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Jun 1 Say Something Nice Day
Jun 2 Leave the Office Early Day
Jun 3 Repeat Day
Jun 3 National Doughnut Day
Jun 8 Best Friends Day
Jun 9 Donald Duck Day
Jun 11 Corn on the Cob Day
Jun 14 Bourbon Day
Jun 15 Nature Photography Day
Jun 17 Eat Your Vegetables Day
Jun 18 World Juggling Day
Jun 18 International Picnic Day
Jun 22 Onion Ring Day
Jun 24 Take Your Dog to Work Day
Jun 25 Please Take my Children to Work Day
Jun 29 Camera Day

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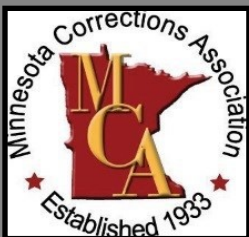
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