### Disability Hub MN™: A Resource Network

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# What is Disability Hub MN<sup>™</sup>?

- Free statewide resource network
- A simple, single access point
- Safe, neutral, and trusted resource
- Comprehensive—puts the pieces together





## **Our Team**

- Person Centered Trained Options Counselor
- Some OC's have additional credentialing in other areas of expertise
- In multiple communities across Minnesota





### Contacts: 2022 Data



74,463 contacts which served 23,233 people



Phone calls: 58%



Emails: 16%



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# Who We Help...

- Case Managers and Social Workers
- Education professionals
- Employment support professionals
- Anyone in a support role
- Family, Friends, Neighbors, etc.
- Self-advocates
- Anyone regardless of disability

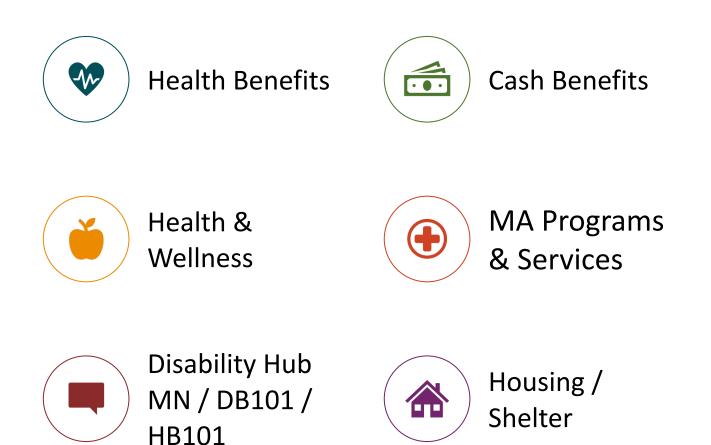


## You can ask us anything!

- What are my health insurance options?
- Support in finding community resources.
- Can I live where I want and get the help I need?
- Support in understanding what person centeredness means to me.
- Can I work, or work more?
- Troubleshoot issues with benefits and understand them



# Frequent Topics: 2022 Data





# **How We Might Help...**

- Contact information for a needed agency or service
- Support in contacting an agency or organization
- Understanding available options so a decision can be made
- Work 1:1 with an Options Counselor to meet goals
- Build knowledge around benefits, programs and tools for personal and professional success



# **Hub Helpful Tools**

- DisabilityHubMN.org
- DB101
- <u>HB101</u>
- My Vault
- MinnesotaHelp.info
- Direct Support Connect



### Anita & the Disability Hub MN



# **Anita– Initial Call**

Survived a stroke with brain injury.

Would like information about Social Security benefits.

### Discovery

Have you been working?

What income and resources are currently available? Health Care coverage?

Long Term Disability Benefits?

Are you getting any support now? What type of supports do you need and want?

# **Initial Call Education**

Social Security benefit differences.

Social Security work rules.

Health Care work rules.

Reporting changes for all benefit programs.

### DB101:

- My Vault
- Articles



## **Resource Articles for Anita**

Disability Hub Mn Website:

- Independent living
- Ways to get more money: Social Security
- Money management

Within the DB101 Programs Section:

Finding the Right Coverage for You

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## Vault Activity: Communication Profile

### Anita

#### MY COMMUNICATION PROFILE

- I prefer: English
- Pictures help me understand



#### HOW TO REACH ME

#### CONTACT ME BY:

- Text message
- Email

#### IF SOMETHING IS URGENT OR DIFFICULT:

- Put it in writing
- My staff should be present

#### HOW I USUALLY COMMUNICATE

#### I MAY:

- Have a hard time expressing myself
- Sometimes get negative
- Ask lots of questions

#### HOW I COMMUNICATE WHEN I'M UPSET





# Vault Activity: My Day, My Life – What if?

#### What If? Results

Print this out and keep it somewhere easy to find. And make sure to talk with the people who will help you before there's an emergency. Together, you can plan for these situations.

#### Home or Apartment Problems

You can't get in (locked out, jammed door)	Landlord/manager	Phil Landlord	651-555-6666
Major repair needed (no heat, no power)	Landlord/manager	Phil Landlord	651-555-6666
A fire or fire alarm	I'll use an agency	911	911
You smell gas or hear a carbon monoxide alarm	Family/friends help	Bob Test Gina Test	651-111-2222 651-222-3333
Plumbing (toilet overflow, water leak)	Family/friends help	Gina Test	651-222-3333
Small job needed (change lightbulb, shovel snow)	Family/friends help	Bob Test	651-111-2222
Pests (mice, rats, roaches, ants)	I'll use an agency		
Repairs force you to leave your place	Family/friends help	Bob Test Gina Test	651-111-2222 651-222-3333

#### Health or Personal Problems





### How to reach us?

### Contact a Hub expert.

Our experts are here to help you get answers to your questions, so you can live your best life, your way. Chat, call or email us today!



Chat with us. Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm.



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### We appreciate your time!

Please consider sharing your thoughts on today's presentation.

Click here to begin.

We appreciate your time and opinion!

# Thank you!

### Your best life, your way.

**Disability Hub MN** is a free statewide resource network that helps you solve problems, navigate the system, or plan for your future. Our team knows the ins and outs of community resources and government programs, and has years of experience helping people fit them all together