



Our Locations

Apple Valley

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Oakdale

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Oakdale, MN 55128
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Brooklyn Park

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Brooklyn Park, MN 55428
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Fax: 763-557-1458

St. Paul

900 Ocean Street
St. Paul, MN 55106
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Eagan

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Eagan, MN 55121
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Shoreview

1045 Tomlyn Ave.
Shoreview, MN 55126
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For more information about MSS programs, locations and possibilities, visit us at mssmn.org or call 651-778-1000.





MSS

Our Services

About MSS



We provide community and employment services to individuals with a wide range of disabilities. As an organization that believes everyone is a vital and contributing member of their community, our goal is to help create a future where people are supported to live the life **they** envision. A life full of friendship, community, and most of all – choices.

The people we support as well as our volunteers, staff, and visitors, are provided with opportunities to develop partnerships built on collaboration, learn new skills, share passions and talents, and engage with the larger community.

Welcome to MSS!





Choices



Each of our six locations provides innovative programs and services that are individualized to meet the specific aspirations and needs of every individual. Our creative and professional staff work with you to determine which of the following opportunities best align with the life you choose:

- Employment Services
- Day Services – Develop new life enrichment skills
- Creative Arts opportunities at MSS and through our partnership with The Show Gallery Lowertown in St. Paul, MN
- Community integrated education and volunteer opportunities
- Support for personal development and increasing self-sufficiency
- Self-Advocacy skill building



Experiences

At MSS you will be welcomed into an environment that encourages and empowers you to expand your world. Our goal is to provide respectful, professional, and compassionate support as we work with you to understand your unique strengths, interests, and goals.

Our individualized, person-centered Day Services help people with developmental disabilities or related conditions develop and maintain life skills so they can fully participate in community life. We support people in engaging and becoming involved in their communities, identifying resources, and building natural, supportive relationships.

While we serve individuals with a wide range of abilities, many people who receive Day Services have significantly high medical needs. Many of our staff members have received specialized training to meet those needs.





We provide opportunities to explore a range of unique experiences, including:

- Creative Arts programming - where MSS Art Facilitators utilize adaptive tools and techniques to make art accessible for all
- Opportunities to engage in our adaptive Beekeeping experience at two of our locations
- Community integrated education and volunteer opportunities
- Life enrichment activities at MSS and in the greater community
- Self-Advocacy skill building
- Self-care communication, and interpersonal skills support
- Access to adaptive equipment and assistive technology



Employment Opportunities

Seeking and Finding Employment

Employment may mean something different to each person, which is why we provide Employment Exploration Services to introduce concepts about work so you can make a truly informed choice about what type of career path is right for you.

We can help you explore a wide range of opportunities, from traditional work to non-traditional employment, such as being a self-employed artist.





From resume and cover letter writing to interview practice and job application assistance, our qualified Employment Specialists will help you find the right position. We network with local businesses to find supportive employers and positive and welcoming work environments.

Options include:

- Job Seeking Skills Training
- Internship Programs
- Placement and Retention Services
- Employment Development Services
- eTrac® Online Vocational Training





Maintaining and Advancing in Employment

Finding the right job is just one step in the process; mastering job tasks, learning new skills, and building effective working relationships with supervisors and coworkers all contribute to successful and stable employment. We can provide short- and long-term support to ensure continued workplace stability and explore opportunities for advancement.

Options include:

- Employment Support Services
- Short-Term Support Services (Job Coaching)
- Long-Term Support Services (Extended Employment)
- Workplace Advocacy and Employer Relations
- Skills Training
- Occupational Vocational Training
- Ticket to Work



Creative Outlets

MSS artists receive individual mentorship, group instruction, and an open studio environment that empowers them to express themselves to the fullest extent. Members of the public and local arts community frequently collaborate with the artists. Previous partners include, Kairos Alive, Z Puppets Rosenschnoz, composers Chris Coyle and Paul Giess, Upstream Arts, Cow Tipping Press, and the Textile Center.

We specialize in the facilitation of fine arts programming for individuals of all ability levels. We utilize enthusiastic encouragement to make art accessible for all and have an extensive array of adapted techniques and tools available as needed.

A variety of art mediums are available for MSS artists to explore including painting, drawing, printmaking, screen printing, fiber arts, ceramics, woodworking, photography, and more. We provide quality art materials and opportunities for artists to share their work with other members of the community through exhibits, events, and art fairs.



Art as Enjoyment and Employment

Some MSS artists choose to pursue art as employment and earn an income from the sales. Our dedicated art facilitators can provide support and guidance to explore your options, develop your body of work, and find the best paths to self-employment.



The Show Gallery Lowertown

In 2014, MSS became one of the founding partners of The Show Gallery Lowertown in St. Paul. The mission of the gallery is to create accessibility in the arts and unite artists of all skills. MSS artists have the opportunity to submit work for exhibitions, display their work in the gift shop, and take classes. Come visit at 346 N Sibley Street, Saint Paul, MN 55101!





We are extremely proud of the work we do, and our peers concur.

For over 30 years, we have received accreditation from CARF, the international accrediting body for organizations like MSS. We've also received exemplary ratings for our creative arts program, our eTrac® software, and our services for people with autism – an honor that is given to less than 1% of agencies in North America.

This continuous accreditation is the result of our strong commitment to value every person that comes our way.

MSS will always value:

- Partnership and Collaboration
- Choice
- Embracing Diversity and Celebrating Individuality
- Innovation
- Taking a Position of Possibility



To learn more about MSS and programs and services we offer, visit our website at mssmn.org, or give us a call at 651-778-1000. We can't wait to meet you!

