

# Welcome to Mille Lacs County Resources



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# ATTITUDE

By Charles Swindoll

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me, and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our attitudes.”



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## EMPLOYMENT

**\* Employment & Training Center, Pine Technical College**  
**155 Second Ave SW #102**  
**Milaca, MN 56353**

DWP (Diversionary Work Program)

MFIP Program (*Minnesota Family Investment Program*)

Call..... (320) 983-2222  
(866)595-7389

Central MN Jobs & Training Services..... (320) 983-2995

- Job Search Assistance
- Career Guidance
- Educational Opportunities
- On-The-Job Training
- Experience Works

**\* MN Workforce Centers..... 1-888-GET-JOBS**  
**(438-5627)**

**Area Offices:**

1575 E Hwy 95  
Cambridge, MN 55008 ..... (763) 689-7137 or 7138

1540 Northway Drive  
St. Cloud, MN 56301 ..... (320) 308-5320

- Services:-
- Unemployment Claims
  - Veteran's Assistance
  - Job Club/ Job Seeking Workshops
  - Resumes

If you have been laid off or fired contact your local unemployment office. You may be eligible for benefits.

**TO APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT DIRECTLY:**

Contact the Central Support Center at 1 877-898-9090

DRS, Dept. of Rehabilitative Services

1575 E Hwy 95

Cambridge, MN 55008 ..... (763) 689-7137 or 7138

**The biggest mistake you can make is believing you work for somebody else.**

## **EDUCATION**

### **\* Adult Basic Education \ General Equivalency Diploma (GED)**

- GED Hotline ..... 1-800-222-1990
- Milaca GED ..... (320) 982-7307  
Milaca High School, Milaca, MN
- Employment & Training Center, 155 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW, Milaca, MN.....(320) 983-  
2222
- Ogilvie GED ..... (320) 272-4431  
Ogilvie High School, Ogilvie, MN
- Princeton GED ..... (763) 389-6196  
Community Education Building
- Isle GED.....(320) 676-  
3721

### **\* Alternative Education Programs**

- Milaca Area Learning Center ..... (320) 982-7249
- Oakland Area Learning Center ..... (763) 689-3344  
630 NW 8th Ave., Cambridge, MN
- Isle Learning Center..... (320) 676-3721
- Princeton Schools ..... (763) 389-4101  
606 Third St., Princeton, MN
- Onamia ALC ..... (320) 532-4423
- \* META-5 ..... 1-800-933-0346**

META-5 is a program for anyone unemployed, underemployed, or seeking a career change. Topics covered:

- Interest Inventories
- Personal Needs Assessment
- Skill Identification
- Marketing Your Skills
- Job Search Methods

### **\* Community Education Classes/ Local Schools**

- Milaca Community Education .....(320) 982-7307-- (320) 982-7210
- Princeton Community Education.....(763) 389-4789--(763) 389-2422
- Isle Community Education .....(320) 676-3101--(320) 676-8597

- Onamia Community Education.....(320) 532-4174--(320) 532-4174

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES



### \* **Child Care**

#### Basic Sliding Fee Child Care

- Helps low-income families pay for child care costs if they are working at least 20 hours per week, job searching or training.
- Can pay all or some of child care costs depending on family total gross income, family size and provider costs.

#### DWP/MFIP & Transition Year Child Care

- Child care costs paid to families on public assistance or exiting public assistance.
- Payment and co-payment costs vary also according to family total gross income, family size and provider costs.

**Contact**    **Mille Lacs County Family Services @ 320-983-8208 or 1-888-270-8208**

### \* **Child Care Resource & Referral for Region 7E.....1-800-890-5399**

- Assistance in locating quality child care.
- Listing of available child care openings.
- Parenting and provider education and training.

**[www.mn.childcare.org](http://www.mn.childcare.org)**

**Within the child lies the fate of  
the future.**

\* **Headstart**..... (320) 679-1800 ~ 1-800-832-6082  
Lakes & Pines CAC, Inc.  
1700 Maple Ave E  
Mora, MN 55051-1227

- Education
- Social Services
- Home Visits
- Evaluation and Referrals
- Special Services for Special Needs
- Health Services

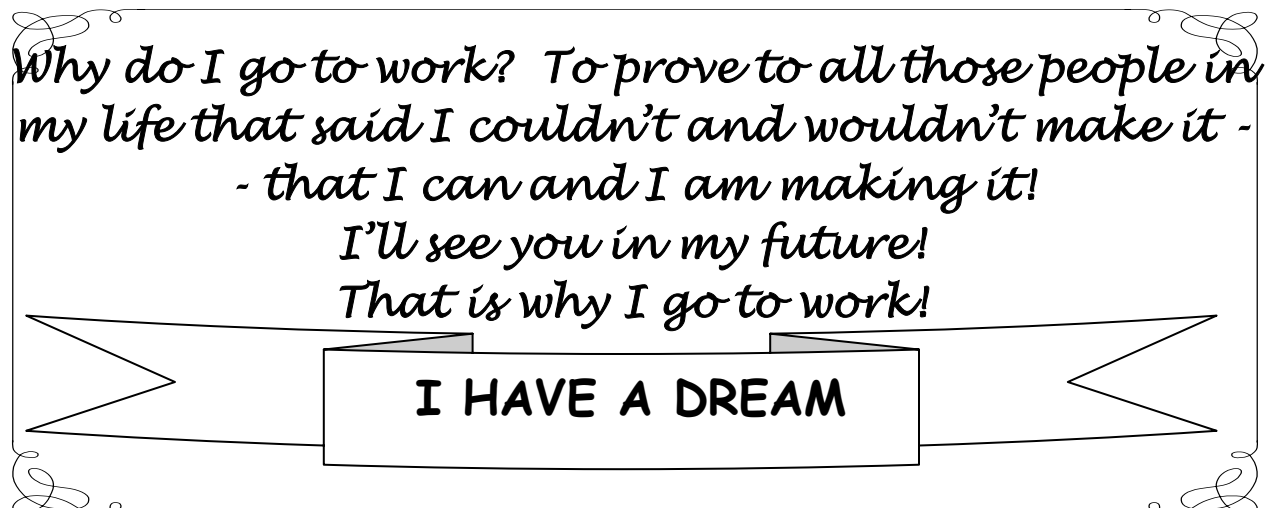
\* **Early Childhood Family Education \ Learning Readiness**

ECFE is an opportunity for parents and children to learn and play together. This program is run through the Community Education Department in your community.

- Princeton..... (763) 389-1086
- Isle ..... (320) 676-3993
- Milaca..... (320) 982-7303
- Onamia ..... (320) 532-4176

\* **Mille Lacs County Public Health Nursing Services**..... (320) 983-8318  
620 Central Ave N (800)983-8385  
Milaca, MN 56353

- **WIC Program (Women, Infants & Children)**  
Provides for health education and vouchers for nutritious foods from early pregnancy until your child reaches age 5. Contact Public Health .Nursing Services for more information.



Today I woke up and I did not want to go to work...

**But I have a dream.**

The voice inside me said, "You deserve a day off, you've been working hard. It's a lousy job." Another voice said, "You can't miss work!" The two voices fought in my head like boxers as I lay there looking at the ceiling, trying to remember...

**But I have a dream!**

My body hurt with the work of the day before; my head hurt from the boss yelling, my spirit hurt from being far from my dream, my soul hurt till I reached deep down inside of it and found...

**But I have a dream!**

The two voices battled like heavy weight boxers; stay - go - stay - go - stay - go - stay - go...Who will get the title? Which voice will win?

**But I have a dream!**

I say my dream out loud so the voices can hear from this job - to a better job - to a better life. I can see the next job and the one after that... I am on the road and the stay home voice had better move over...

**Because I have a dream** that won't listen to defeat; won't listen to going backward, that will keep me on the ladder of hope for a better day.

The stay home voice will come back; the body aches will return the boss yelling will happen again; there will be another match soon. I hope I find the strength to win again.

It's a battle between the voices; I am the writer that writes their words, but they fight inside me like two opponents. When I see, say and believe my dream, their words fade and my dream grows brighter and stronger. I know they'll be back, but today I'm going to work because **I have a dream!**

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| <b>FAMILY LIFE SERVICES</b> |
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\* **Catholic Charities** ..... **Toll-Free: 1-800-562-5130**  
 P.O. Box 961  
 St. Cloud, MN 56302

\* **Mille Lacs County Family Services** ..... **(320) 983-8208**  
**Toll-Free: 1-888-270-8208**

Mille Lacs Courthouse Square  
 525 - 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE  
 Milaca, MN 56353  
 - MFIP/DWP  
 - Food Support  
 - Medical Assistance  
 - County Crisis Fund  
 - Referrals

**Free and/Or Reduced School Lunch Program**

Contact your children’s school for the application. If your family is currently on food stamps you are already qualified, you just need to complete and send in the form. Please contact your school District for more information.

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|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b><u>Milaca</u></b> | <b><u>Princeton</u></b> | <b><u>Onamia</u></b>        | <b><u>Isle</u></b> |
| 500 Hwy 23 W         | 706 1 <sup>st</sup> St  | 35465 125 <sup>th</sup> Ave | P.O. Box 25        |
| Milaca, MN 56353     | Princeton, MN 55371     | Onamia, MN 56359            | Isle, MN 56342     |
| 320-982-7210         | 763-389-2422            | 320-532-4174                | 320-676-3721       |

\* **Mille Lacs County Social Services** ..... **(320) 983-8208**  
**Toll-Free: 1-888-270-8208**

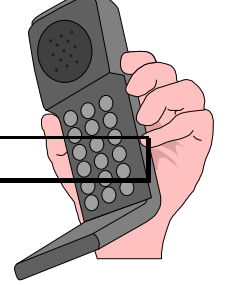
- Family Services
- Adult Foster Care
- Vulnerable Adult Services
- Chemical Dependency Services
- Mental Health Services

\* **Lakes & Pines CAC, Inc** ..... **1-800-832-6082 ~ (320) 679-1800**  
 1700 Maple Ave E  
 Mora, MN 55051-1227

A private, non-profit corporation serves lower income residents of Aitkin, Carlton, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine counties.

- Energy Assistance
- Head Start Program
- Emergency Homeless Program
- Garden Seed Distribution Project
- Rural Housing Assistance & Stability Program
- MN Housing Finance Agency Rehabilitation Program
- Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Program
- Weatherization
- Educational Case Management
- Emergency Food & Shelter Program

## INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE



- \* **First Call for Help**.....1-800-KIDS-709  
- 24-hour information and referral helpline.
- \* **Rum River Recovery Plus**.....1-800-964-8524 ~ (763) 389-5080  
-Aftercare groups, outpatient treatment, family programs
- \* **Life Choices**  
121 Second Ave SW, Milaca, MN..... (320) 983-3771 ~ Call Collect  
Free, confidential pregnancy tests and counseling services.
- \* **American Red Cross**..... (320) 983-2953  
PO Box 201  
Milaca, MN 56353
- \* **Salvation Army**  
120 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW Milaca  
(320) 339-0199

### A Winner's Blueprint for Achievement

BELIEVE while others doubt.  
PLAN while others are playing.  
STUDY while others are sleeping.  
DECIDE while others are delaying.  
PREPARE while others are daydreaming.  
BEGIN while others are procrastinating.  
WORK while others are wishing.  
SAVE while others are wasting.  
LISTEN while others are talking.  
SMILE while others are frowning.  
COMMEND while others are criticizing.  
PERSIST while others are quitting.

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you can dream it, you can become it.

## DOMESTIC ABUSE

- \* Pearl Crisis Center.....**Business: (320) 982-2901**  
**Crisis Line: 1-320-982-6914 or 1-800-933-6914**
  
- \* Mille Lacs Safe Home.....**1-866-867-4006**
  
- \* Anna Marie House Shelter..... **1-800-950-2203 ~ (320) 252-1603**  
Box 195, St. Cloud, MN 55302
  
- \* The Refuge.....**1-800-338-SAFE (7233)**  
PO Box 325, Cambridge, MN 55008 or (763) 689-3532
  
- \* Legal Aid..... **1-888-360-2889**
  
- \* Safe Haven Shelter ..... **(218) 728-6481**

## BATTERING

### WHAT IT IS...

Battering, or the use of physical and/or sexual force, is a system of behaviors used to establish and maintain power and control over others.

#### **Behaviors used to maintain power and control:**

**INTIMIDATION...**Instilling fear through looks, gestures, threats, destruction of property.

**ISOLATION...**Controlling what she does, who she sees and talks to, where she goes.

**EMOTIONAL ABUSE...**Attempting to undermine her self-esteem, playing mind games.

**ECONOMIC ABUSE...**Creating economic dependence through preventing employment and access to money.

**MINIMIZING, DENYING AND BLAMING...**Making light of the abuse, denying the abuse ever happened, or accusing her of causing it.

**USING CHILDREN...**Making her feel guilty about the children. Using the children to give messages, using visitation as a way to harass her.

**COERCION AND THREATS...**Making and/or carrying out threats to do something to hurt her emotionally. Threatening to take the children, commit suicide, report her to welfare.

**USING MALE PRIVILEGE...**Treating her like a servant. Making all the “big” decisions. Acting like the “master of the castle”.

*These behaviors are more powerful because they are reinforced by the threat of/or use of violence.*

### THE FACTS...

**The number of women affected by violence in their own homes is overwhelming:**

- ◆ Every 15 second a woman is beaten in the United States, according to the FBI.
- ◆ Battery is the most significant cause of injury to women in this country, according to the U.S. Surgeon General.
- ◆ About 30% of women seeking treatment in hospital emergency rooms are victims of abuse from husbands or boyfriends.
- ◆ More than half of all abusive husbands batter their wives when they are pregnant, making them four times more likely to bear infants with low birth weight.

#### **Victims of domestic violence can:**

- ◆ ask for community assistance by calling the police or sheriff.
- ◆ go to court and file a petition requesting an Order for Protection from domestic abuse.

#### **Obtaining an Order for Protection can:**

- ◆ restrain abusers from further acts of abuse
- ◆ direct the abuser to leave your household
- ◆ prevent the abuser from entering your residence, school, or place of employment
- ◆ award you temporary custody of your children and set up conditions for visitation
- ◆ direct the abuser to pay support to you and the minor children if the abuser has a legal obligation to do so
- ◆ direct the abuser to enter a batterers program, CD treatment or other counseling.

*Advocates will assist in filling out the Order for Protection and accompany you to court hearings.*

## HOUSING - Low/Moderate Income Housing

### ISLE:

**ISLE APARTMENTS**, 205 NORTH 1ST AVE Isle (320) 676-8624

### MILACA:

*Centennial Manor*, 210 First St NE  
Managed By: Garsten Management Corporation (320) 982-5405  
Big Lake, MN 55309

*Centennial Terrace (Senior Housing)*, 280 First St Call "Garsten" above

*Key Row Apartments*, 410 – 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW (320) 982-3371

*Milaca Park Apartments*, 240 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW (320) 983-6631

### ONAMIA:

*Oakwood Apartments*, 109 Oak St (320) 532-4321

*Onamia Manor & Onamia Town Square* (320) 982-5405

### PRINCETON:

*D&G Apartments*, 805 – 6<sup>th</sup> Ave N (763) 389-1125

*Princeton Apartments*, 206-4<sup>th</sup> Ave S (763) 389-5074

*Riverview Place & Riverview Place North*  
Managed By: Lifestyle Inc., Owatonna, MN 55060 (800) 676-6505

*Riverview Plaza Apartments*, 1400 N 15<sup>th</sup> Ave (888 )203-9301  
*West Birch Townhomes*

Bellhaven Housing (800) 964-8524  
Sober family housing

### **Our Home Transitional Housing Program, Isle, MN 56386..... (320) 676-1632**

A community of women and children living interdependently in private living spaces with some shared resources. The program is designed to empower women to set goals and take steps toward growth, self-sufficiency and hope.

### **\* Lakes & Pines CAC, Inc (Emergency Program & Shelter Projects) ..... 1-800-832-6082**

### **\* USDA - Rural Development.....(320) 255-9111**

110 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Suite 120, Waite Park, MN 56387

• **Mora HRA-** .....(320) 679-4789

• **Aitkin HRA-**.....(218) 927-2151

• **Renters Legal Hotline**.....(866) 866-3546

**Home Line** is an organization that offers free legal housing services. If you rent or if you own please call: 1-866-866-3546 or (612) 728-5767

**FOOD SHELVES**

**Princeton Food Pantry ..... (763) 631-3578**

Located behind K-Bob's  
104 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S  
Princeton, MN 55371  
Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Milaca Food Pantry ..... (320) 982-3773**

Central Ave. SW  
Milaca, MN 56353  
Hours: Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Onamia Food Pantry ..... (320) 532-7665**

Family Pathways  
502 Main St Woodland  
Onamia, MN  
Hours: Monday & Wednesday 12 noon to 5 p.m

**Isle Pantry ..... (320) 676-3184**

Old Fire Hall, next door to City Hall  
Isle, MN 56432  
Hours: Third Monday of each month, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**New Hope Christian Reformed Church.....(320)272-4284**

Last Saturday of every month, begins at 9 a.m. until gone  
Food Distribution for \$12 cash donation you can receive up to \$100 in food

**FARE FOR ALL .....1-800-582-4291**

Stretch your food dollars; \$12-\$22 buys different food packages  
Pay with cash, check or EBT card.

## CLOTHING

- \* **Mora One More Time Clothing Center** ..... (320) 679-0538  
206 W Forest, Mora, MN 55051 Mon-Sat 9 am – 4 pm
- \* **The Fashion Exchange**..... (320) 656-1525  
540 N 25th Ave., St. Cloud, MN 56301 Mon-Fri 10am-6pm Sat. 10am-6pm
- \* **Savers** ..... (320) 203-0558  
3326 West Division, St. Cloud, MN 56301 Mon-Sat 9am-9pm Sun 10am-6pm
- \* **Salvation Army** ..... (320) 251-7554  
506 Division St., Waite Park, MN 56387 Mon-Fri 10am-6:30pm Sat 5am-5:30pm
- \* **Salvation Army** ..... (763) 274-  
**2764** 321 Baldwin Ave, Elk River, MN 55330 Mon-Sat 10am-9pm
- \* **Once Upon A Child**..... (320) 253-7193  
3419 West Division St., St. Cloud, MN 56301 Mon-Fri 10am-8pm Sat 9:30am-5pm  
Sun 12pm-5pm
- \* **Princeton Used Clothing Center** Mon. 12-5:30 Wed. Closed Fri. 12-5:30  
Princeton Mall, Princeton, MN 55371 Tues. 9-4 Thurs. 9-4 Sat. 9-1:00
- \* **Our Home Resource Center**..... (320) 676-1642  
585 Polar Ave Office Suite Isle, MN 56342
- \* **GoodWill**..... (320) 654-9012  
50 S Second Ave., Waite Park, MN 56387
- \* **GoodWill**..... (763) 274-1822  
19463 Evans St. .NE Elk River, MN 55330
- \* **Community Closet**.....(320) 982-2901  
151 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW, Milaca Mon-Thur. 10-4pm
- ❖ **Second Hand Savvy**..... (320)369-3069  
Hwy 169 Pease T-Fri. 9-5:30pm Sat. 10-4pm
- ❖ **Thrift Store** .....(320) 532-7665  
502 Main St.  
Onamia
- ❖ **Isle IREC Closet**  
Located in the old high school Mondays 9-3pm

**Like Martin Luther King said, “I have a dream”. That is why I  
go to work.**

**TRANSPORTATION**

- \* **Handi-Van** ..... 1-800-528-9538 ~ 389-9440
- \* **Timber Trails Transit – Covers Mille Lacs County** ..... 1-888-217-5222  
 ..... (320) 983-2494
- \* **Interfaith Caregivers, Princeton** ..... (763) 389-3762



**Driver’s License**

- \* **Driver’s License Examination** ..... (320) 983-3143  
 Milaca Government Center, Milaca, MN 56353  
 Call for Road Test: (763) 689-7078 (*Tuesdays or Wednesdays*)  
*Exams given: Thursdays. 10:00 a.m.*

**“These three things -- work, will, success -- fill human existence.  
 Will opens the door to success, both brilliant and happy.  
 Work passes these doors, and at the end of the journey  
 success comes in to crown one’s efforts.”**  
**--Louis Pasteur**

**HEALTH CARE**

**\* Hospitals**

Fairview Northland Regional Hospital  
911 Northland Dr., Princeton, MN 55371 ..... (763) 389-1313  
  
Mille Lacs Health Care Systems  
PO Box A, 200 N Elm St., Onamia, MN 56359 ..... (320) 532-3154

**\* Clinics**

Fairview Northland Clinics  
150 NW 10th St., Milaca, MN 56353 ..... (320) 983-7400  
  
919 Northland Dr., Princeton, MN 55371 ..... (763) 389-3344  
  
Mille Lacs Family Clinics  
375 W Isle St  
Isle, MN 56342 ..... (320) 676-3661  
  
200 N Elm St., Box A  
Onamia, MN 56359 ..... (320) 532-3154  
  
Nay-Ah-Shing Clinic  
HCR 67 Box 241, Onamia, MN 56359..... (320) 532-4163

**\* Other Services**

Minnesota Care (*Health Insurance*).....1-800-657-3672  
  
Senior Link (*Senior Drug Program*)..... 1-800-333-2433  
  
Central Minnesota Council on Aging (*Health Insurance Counseling*).....1-800-333-2433  
  
Elim Nursing Home .....Milaca (320) 983-2185 ~ Princeton (763) 389-1171  
  
Express Care 4544 Co Rd 134 & 15, St. Cloud ..... (320) 529-4741  
  
Fairview Home Care and Hospice ..... 1-800-570-6650 ~ (763) 389-1923  
  
Mille Lacs Home Care ..... (320) 532-4127  
  
Mille Lacs Nursing Home..... (320) 532-7970  
  
Volunteer Health Insurance Counseling Program ..... 1-800-333-2433  
  
Renters Hotline..... 1-866-866-3546  
  
Mille Lacs Veterans .....(320)983-8490

# MENTAL HEALTH & EMOTIONAL CARE

## \* Mental Health Professionals

- Nystroms.....(218)829-9307 Brainerd
- Catholic Charities..... (320) 252-4121.....or....1-800-562-5130
- Central MN Mental Health .....(320) 252-6654
- Fairview Counseling Center**  
*Mon – Friday at Milaca* ..... (320) 983-7400  
*Monday – Friday at Princeton* ..... (763) 389-6326
- Five County Mental Health**..... (320) 983-3485 ~ 1-800-223-1513  
110 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NW, Milaca, MN 56353 (Midtown Plaza Building)
- Mille Lacs Counseling Service** ..... (320) 532-3154  
Onamia, MN 56359
- Nay-Ah-Shing Clinic**..... (320) 532-4163

## \* Support Groups

### Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon

- Isle..... Holden Church  
Milaca ..... Alano Bldg at W River Rd (320) 983-3373  
Mille Lacs Reservation ..... (320) 532-4163  
Princeton ..... 1315 N 3rd St  
Onamia..... Bethany Lutheran Church  
Wahkon ..... Sacred Heart Church
- Recovery Resource Center of Princeton**..... (763) 389-9138  
209 N Rum River Drive
- Diabetes Support Group** .....  
*Meets at Fairview Northland Regional Hospital the second Tuesday of each month.*
- Battered Women’s Support Group**..... 1-800-933-9614 ~ (320) 982-2901
- Hope Builders**.....Contact Lois (320) 369-4334  
A monthly peer support group providing information and support for the challenges of balancing work and family. Meets the first Thursday of each month in Pease.

\*\* Dental Services: In Milaca and Onamia monthly. Call 1-877-56brush for more information.

## CRISIS HOTLINES



### TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE

|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Alcohol and Drugs .....     | 800-742-HELP (4357) |
| Domestic Abuse .....        | 800-950-2203        |
| Emergency Crisis Line.....  | 800-523-3333        |
| Family Planning/STD's ..... | 800-783-2287        |
| First Call for Help .....   | 800-543-7709        |
| Gambling Hotline.....       | 800-437-3641        |
| Mental Health Hotline ..... | 800-523-3333        |
| Poison Control .....        | 800-222-1222        |
| Sexual Assault.....         | 800-522-2055        |

## INFORMATION SERVICES

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Developmental Disabilities Information.....       | 800-582-5256 |
| Disabilities .....                                | 800-652-9747 |
| MN Insurance Information .....                    | 800-642-6121 |
| Legal Aid .....                                   | 800-622-7773 |
| Mental Health Information .....                   | 800-223-1513 |
| Minnesota Children with Special Health Needs..... | 800-728-5420 |
| MN Senior Federation .....                        | 800-365-8765 |
| Road Conditions .....                             | 800-542-0220 |
| Social Security/SSI .....                         | 800-772-1213 |
| Veterans' Affairs.....                            | 800-488-8244 |
| Women's Information Line.....                     | 800-657-3949 |

**“Holding a job is like holding a tool for my future.  
Some days the tool is heavy and hard to hold, but I won't let go and drop my tool,  
because my job is building my future like a good hammer will build my house.”**

# WORK PAYS!!!

When You Work, You Can Be Eligible To Receive

EXTRA .....



\$\$\$\$ TAX REFUNDS \$\$\$\$

- ✚ Working Family Credit
- ✚ Earned Income Credit
- ✚ Renters/Homeowners Refund
- ✚ Child Care Credit

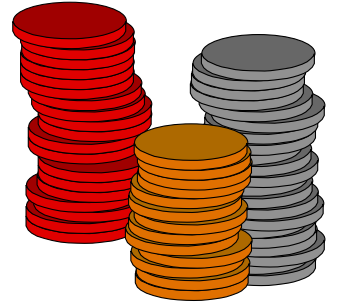
***Your Credit Is Worth More Than Think!!  
It Pays To Find Out If You Qualify!!***

"Why do I go to work?"  
Because going to work is easier than looking for work.  
Looking for work is worse than most jobs.

# \$\$\$\$ TAX REFUNDS \$\$\$\$

**When you work, you can be eligible to receive extra money. How?**

- Working Family Credit
- Earned Income Credit
- Renters/Homeowners Refund
- Dependant Care Credit
- Child Tax Credit



**Your credit is worth more than you think. It pays to find out if you qualify!**

## **Working Family Credit & Earned Income Credit (EIC)**

You qualify if you have:

—At least part of your income must be from a job.

—Children must be under 19 (under 24 if a full-time student) or disabled. They must live with you at least six months out of the year (the entire year if a foster child).

—Last year, the average refund from Federal and Minnesota credits combined was more than **\$1,800.00**

—It is possible to receive Advanced Earned Income throughout the year on your paycheck instead of waiting until you file your taxes.

**Contact the IRS for more information at 1-800-829-1040 or  
Log on to [www.taxes.state.mn.us](http://www.taxes.state.mn.us)**

**Renters/Homeowners Credit**

Whether you're a renter or a homeowner, you could be eligible for a property tax refund. Fill out a Minnesota property tax refund form (M1 – PR) to see if you qualify.

**Renters**—You'll need a "Certificate of Rent Paid." Get one from your landlord in January. It shows how much of your rent helped pay property taxes.

**Homeowners**—You'll need your "Statement of Property Taxes" to find out how much tax you paid on your home.

**FREE TAX HELP!!**

From **February 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>**, trained volunteers will help those with low incomes fill out their tax returns at over 450 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites throughout the state.

To find a VITA site near you, call (651) 296-3781

**Lakes and Pines** offers free tax assistance February – April .....1- 800-832-6082

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State Tax Credit information 1-800-652-9094**

\* **Earned Income Credits**.....  
MN State 800-652-9094  
Federal 800-829-1040

\* **Catholic Charities & Financial Counseling**..... (320) 252-4121

