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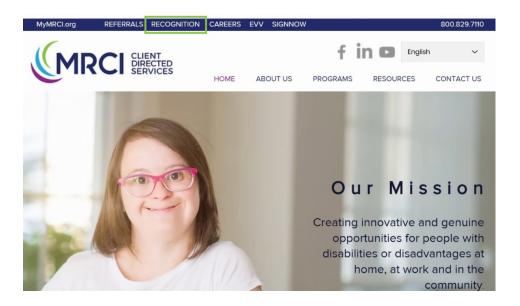
### **DSP Recognition**

Direct Support Professionals (DSP's) are a pillar of Disability Services. They serve a crucial role in the lives of those they serve at MRCI, and we want to recognize them!

MRCI is opening nominations for monthly DSP Recognition. Please click the button below to nominate a DSP. We will randomly select one DSP a month and present them with a certificate and small gift.

**DSP Appreciation Submission** 

You can find this form anytime on our website using the 'Recognition' tab at the top, as shown below.



### **Care Force Incentive Bonus**

An update regarding the Care Force Incentive Bonus: Back in October MRCI applied on behalf of direct care workers to receive the Care Force Incentive Bonus. Initially, MRCI along with other providers throughout the state were given direction that payments would be issued in early 2025. As of March 15th, notice came in from DHS indicating the process was taking longer then

expected and providers would start to see notices of who is eligible by the end of March with payments hopefully coming out late April.

As of April 21st, we have not received any updated information or timeline. MRCI will notify all approved workers once we receive notification from the DHS. We understand this is not the original timeline presented, we will keep everyone posted with updates as much as possible.

### **Taking Action**

The MN House and Senate have released their committee spending targets in the areas of Human Services. There continues to be proposed budget cuts. MRCI has been monitoring the proposed Governor's budget, the proposed House & Senate budgets, and want you to be informed as well.

You can directly message your local media outlets by visiting www.arrm.org/advocacy and clicking "TAKE ACTION" under Active Action Alerts. This is a great way to spread awareness and educate the general public.

**Message the Media** 

MRCI partners with advocacy groups such as ANCOR (American Network of Community Options and Resources), MOHR (Minnesota Organization for Habilitation and Rehabilitation), and ARRM to monitor policy and funding changes; however, we need your voice to be heard, too!

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MOHR

ARRM

# DHS requests public comment on CADI Waiver Application

DHS (Department of Human Services) requests public comments on the the proposed policy changes for the CADI Waiver application before they submit the application to CMS for approval.

View the current application, learn more, and submit your comments

#### 2025 Payroll Calendar

Visit our website to view the dates and download a PDF copy.



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Would you rather...

### have a food fight

#### partake in a water balloon battle

Last month we asked if you'd rather it be Spring or Fall all year, and the results are in! The majority voted for **Fall (56.3%)**, and **Spring** took **43.8%**. Stay tuned for the results of the next 'would you rather'!





# **Duration at MRCI:** 10 years

# Favorite Hobbies: Photography, camping, hiking, and board games.

# What's #1 on your bucket list? Visiting Norway

"Hello, I am Levi. I have been working at MRCI since 2015, and I have worn many hats since starting. I started out as an Accounting Specialist, then became a CDS Specialist, then CDS Program Specialist, and currently I am the Continuous Improvement Coordinator. I got married in 2020 and we welcomed our daughter in 2022. I am passionate about photography, and I love sharing my images that I create."

## Thank you for all you do, Levi!

### 2025 Training Schedule

Each year MRCI is required to assign training to all workers under the 245D programs of **Individualized Home Supports (IHS)**, **Respite**, **Host Home**, **Night Supervision**, **and Homemaker**. Below is the calendar of when the training will be assigned.

Training is assigned in the beginning of the month and is due by the last day of the month. If your worker does not complete the training they will be temporarily suspended and **not able to clock in or out** through the app, or be paid for the time worked until complete.

If you have questions regarding the completion of the training you can connect with our program staff at 800-829-7110.

Month: Subjects:

April CSSP-A/IAPP Annual Review

June HIPAA/Data Privacy, First Aid

**June** 8 Hour Core

Homemaker Only

August Client Rights

**September** Positive Supports Rule

October CSSP-A Review, Person-Centered Planning

Once per year CSSP-A/IAPP Annual Review

**Homemaker Staff Under the 245D Programs:** MRCI is now including the Positive Support Rule training annually. The training has been assigned, please log in and complete by the end of November.

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