

# EDUCATION

*When applying for education programs, ask about services you may need in order to participate (i.e. transportation or child care). Many of these programs have funds to cover such costs, so it can pay to ask for what you need!*

- Adult Literacy Hotline** ..... **1-800-222-1990**  
[www.themlc.org/hotline](http://www.themlc.org/hotline). For referral to basic reading & math skills. Adult Basic Education. GED prep testing sites. English as a second language. Computer classes. Refer for citizenship. Spanish speakers available.
- Anoka County Library Books by Mail** ..... **(763) 576-4695 ext. 4**  
[www.anoka.lib.mn.us](http://www.anoka.lib.mn.us). Anoka County Library will mail books free of charge to residents who cannot get to their community library. Contact the outreach librarian.
- Anoka Ramsey Community College** ..... **(763) 433-1100**  
[www.anokaramsey.edu](http://www.anokaramsey.edu). For general information.
- Anoka Technical College** ..... **(763) 576-4700**  
[www.anokatech.edu](http://www.anokatech.edu). Our grads get great jobs. Customized training: (763) 576-4800.
- Children’s Home Society & Family Services** ..... **(763) 785-9222**  
**Learning Disabilities Program**  
[www.chsfs.org](http://www.chsfs.org). Help for parents who worry that their child is falling behind academically, struggle with their child for hours every evening over homework, need resources in order to advocate for their child, need clarification on navigating the special education system, or wonder how to get their child assessed. Serves families of children grades K-12. Phone or in person assistance & can include attending school meetings with the parent. Services free of charge & confidential.
- English Learning Center** ..... **(612) 874-9963**  
Offers ESL, citizenship, math, & computer class (in evenings only, Monday-Thursday) serving adult immigrants & refugees. Provides some transportation.
- Family & Children’s Service: Family School Coordinator Program** ..... **(763) 569-2627**  
[www.everyfamilymatters.org](http://www.everyfamilymatters.org) The program is offered free of charge & is voluntary. Students who are referred meet with a Family School Coordinator who involves parents and school staff with developing goals and carrying out a plan for improved success in and out of school.
- Family & Children’s Service: Youth on the Move** ..... **(612)339-9101**  
[www.everyfamilymatters.org](http://www.everyfamilymatters.org). A program helping middle-school students strengthen personal connections and competency through various activities in and after school, on release days, during vacations, & in the summer.
- Family Caregiver Connection**..... **(763) 422-6960**  
[www.anokacounty.us/caregivers](http://www.anokacounty.us/caregivers). Provides educational opportunities to caregivers through support groups and community education events. Topics include: estate planning, self-care, medication management, positive aging, depression, coping with grief & loss, understanding memory loss, etc.

**Home Safety..... (763) 767-4003**

[www.sbmfire.com](http://www.sbmfire.com). Provided to residents of Spring Lake Park, Mounds View, & Blaine. Fire Department comes to the home for smoke alarm and carbon monoxide protection, fire escape planning, and general home safety. Juvenile fire setter intervention program available. Car seat checks available by appointment for children. CPR classes offered monthly (Do not have to be resident).

**Metro North Adult Basic Education..... (763) 783-4870**

[www.metronorthabe.org](http://www.metronorthabe.org). Offers citizenship & English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) classes for adults, GED, issues adult high school diplomas, basic reading, writing, & math brush up skills, Adult Basic Education (ABE), & family literacy classes.

**Minneapolis Community & Technical College (MCTC)..... (612) 659-6200**

[www.minneapolis.edu](http://www.minneapolis.edu). Power of YOU program offers recent graduates of Mpls or St. Paul public schools who are also residents of either city the chance to attend MCTC tuition free. Students who complete career programs at MCTC go on to find employment in a wide variety of professional & technical areas.

**Minnesota Safety Council ..... (651) 291-9150**

[www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org](http://www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org). Work place safety training.

**North Hennepin Community College (Brooklyn Park) ..... (763) 488-0391**

[www.nhcc.edu](http://www.nhcc.edu).

**Pacer Center, Inc. (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights) ..... 1-800-537-2237**

**General Number ..... (952) 838-9000**

**TTY (Hearing Impaired) ..... (952) 838-0190**

[www.pacer.org](http://www.pacer.org). Serves the information & training needs of parents in Minnesota who have children & young adults with disabilities. No fee.

**Parent Involvement ..... Contact your local school**

Each school district has funds designated to assist parents in helping their children be ready to learn; improve communication between home & school; expand parent volunteer opportunities; support parents as they help their children learn; & help parents share in the decision making at the school district & state level. Contact your local school's parent involvement coordinator or parent involvement committee.

**Preschool Screening..... Contact your local school district**

All children are required to have a preschool screening after they are 3 years old and before entering kindergarten. Contact your local school district to find out how to have your child screened.

**Professional Learning Alternatives, Inc..... (651) 464-8777**

[www.pla-inc.org](http://www.pla-inc.org). Nonprofit training and advocacy resource for caregivers, parents, and those interested in supporting the development and education of young children. Offers in-service seminars, conferences, phone and on-site consulting, mentoring, and referrals.

**St. Paul College..... (651) 846-1600**

[www.saintpaul.edu](http://www.saintpaul.edu).

**University of Minnesota Extension, Anoka County ..... (763) 755-1280**

**AnswerLine (for household questions) ..... 1-800-854-1678**  
[www.extension.umn.edu/county/anoka](http://www.extension.umn.edu/county/anoka). Provides a variety of educational opportunities to county residents through 4-H Youth Development, the Master Gardener program, Dollars Into Sense (family financial management), Youth Teaching Youth (offered through participating high schools), homeowner education for septic systems, & the Natural Resources Field Trip (offered to elementary schools).

**University of Minnesota Information Line ..... (612) 625-5000**

## **School District Offices**

*School Boards are made up of elected officials. Vote in school board elections!*

**District 11, Anoka-Hennepin ..... (763) 506-1000**  
[www.anoka.k12.mn.us](http://www.anoka.k12.mn.us). 2727 North Ferry Street, Anoka 55303.

**District 12, Centennial ..... (763) 792-6000**  
[www.isd12.org](http://www.isd12.org). 4707 North Rd, Circle Pines 55014.

**District 13, Columbia Heights ..... (763) 528-4500**  
[www.colheights.k12.mn.us](http://www.colheights.k12.mn.us). 1440 49<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Columbia Heights 55421.

**District 14, Fridley ..... (763) 502-5000**  
[www.fridley.k12.mn.us](http://www.fridley.k12.mn.us). 6000 W Moore Lake Dr, Fridley 55432.

**District 15, St. Francis ..... (763) 753-7040**  
[www.stfrancis.k12.mn.us](http://www.stfrancis.k12.mn.us). 4115 Ambassador Blvd, St. Francis 55070.

**District 16, Spring Lake Park ..... (763) 600-5000**  
[www.springlakeparkschools.org](http://www.springlakeparkschools.org). 1415 81<sup>st</sup> Ave NE, Spring Lake Park 55432.

**District 831, Forest Lake ..... (651) 982-8100**  
[www.forestlake.k12.mn.us](http://www.forestlake.k12.mn.us). 6100 N 210<sup>th</sup> St, Forest Lake 55025.

**District 4049 (Charter School), Coon Rapids ..... (763) 862-9223**  
[www.nwphs.org](http://www.nwphs.org). 11345 Robinson Drive NW, Coon Rapids 55433.

## **Community Education Departments**

*The Community Education Departments offer informative classes on all kinds of topics for adults, youth, early childhood education, and more. Most classes are very inexpensive and scholarships may be available. Call your school district to get a catalog.*

**District 11, Anoka-Hennepin, [www.anoka.k12.mn.us](http://www.anoka.k12.mn.us) ..... (763) 506-1260**

**District 12, Centennial, [www.isd12.org](http://www.isd12.org) ..... (763) 792-6100**

**District 13, Columbia Heights, [www.colheights.k12.mn.us](http://www.colheights.k12.mn.us) ..... (763) 528-4517**

**District 14, Fridley, [www.fridley.k12.mn.us](http://www.fridley.k12.mn.us) ..... (763) 502-5100**

- District 15, St. Francis, [www.stfrancis.k12.mn.us](http://www.stfrancis.k12.mn.us) ..... (763) 213-1508
- District 16, Spring Lake Park, [www.springlakeparkschools.org](http://www.springlakeparkschools.org)..... (763) 786-1338
- District 831, Forest Lake, [www.forestlake.k12.mn.us](http://www.forestlake.k12.mn.us) ..... (651) 982-8100

## Community Education Departments Special Needs

*The State Department assures the provision of mandatory Special Education Services.*

- District 11, Anoka-Hennepin, [www.anoka.k12.mn.us](http://www.anoka.k12.mn.us)..... (763) 506-1279
- District 12, Centennial, [www.isd12.org](http://www.isd12.org)..... (763) 792-5231
- District 13, Columbia Heights, [www.colheights.k12.mn.us](http://www.colheights.k12.mn.us) ..... (763) 528-4414
- District 14, Fridley, [www.fridley.k12.mn.us](http://www.fridley.k12.mn.us)..... (763) 502-5100
- District 15, St. Francis, [www.stfrancis.k12.mn.us](http://www.stfrancis.k12.mn.us). Monday-Thursday, 8 am-4 pm. .... (763) 213-1508
- District 16, Spring Lake Park, [www.springlakeparkschools.org](http://www.springlakeparkschools.org)..... (763) 600-5000
- District 831, Forest Lake..... (651) 982-8303  
[www.forestlake.k12.mn.us](http://www.forestlake.k12.mn.us). LINK: serving adults with disabilities. Hours vary.

**Project Power / Special Needs for Adults** ..... (763) 506-1279  
 Anoka Hennepin District 11 Community Education Department, Community education for people with special needs, including access to existing community education programs for persons of 18+ & specialized programs for adults with disabilities.

## Parenting / Child Development

**Anoka County Children & Family Council** ..... (763) 323-6159  
[www.anokacounty.us](http://www.anokacounty.us). Nurtures collaborative efforts between people & agencies who share a vision of a healthier community for children & families.

**CAPE (Child & Parent Education) Centers** ..... (763) 506-1561  
 Provides child care while student parents attend classes at their own schools. Transportation for child & parent is provided free for residents of Anoka-Hennepin School District 11. Students out of district may be eligible but would need to provide own transportation. Must attend school within District 11 to qualify. Serving young parents up to age 21. Programs include ECFE & parenting classes.

**Children’s Home Society & Family Services** ..... (763) 785-1181  
**Child Abuse Prevention Services for residents of Anoka County** [www.chsfs.org](http://www.chsfs.org) Provides support to families experiencing stress or crisis, short & long term support in meeting goals in moving forward. Offer 24 hr parent support, advocacy, face to face support meetings, adoption services, pregnancy counseling, resource & referral. Available to families with children ages newborn to 12 yrs. Free, voluntary & confidential. Can assist families facing financial challenges. Able to help with basic budgets. Will work with parents of children with learning disabilities.

**Circle of Parents** .....(651) 523-0099 or 1-800-CHILDREN (1-800-244-5373)

Support groups help parents to improve their parenting skills & strengthen their family relationships. During meetings, parents share the challenges & successes of child rearing. Group meetings provide opportunities for parents to exchange ideas, meet other parents, & talk about their feelings in a safe, supportive environment. Visit [www.pcamn.org](http://www.pcamn.org) for meeting locations.

**Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)**

Each school district offers many different fun & educational experiences for children ages birth to 5 & their families. Many programs also have “drop-in & play” opportunities for children & parents. Sliding fees.

- District 11, Anoka-Hennepin ECFE ..... (763) 506-1275**
- District 12, Centennial ECFE..... (763) 792-6120**
- District 13, Columbia Heights ECFE ..... (763) 528-4515**
- District 14, Fridley ECFE..... (763) 502-5123**
- District 15, St. Francis ECFE..... (763) 753-7170**
- District 16, Spring Lake Park ECFE ..... (763) 600-5900**
- District 831, Forest Lake ECFE ..... (651) 982-8300**

**Families in Safe Hands: Raising Relatives children ..... (612) 879-5328**

Offers information & emotional support through support groups, recreation, & free phone consultation.

**Jacob Wetterling Resource Center ..... (651) 714-4673**

**Missing and exploited children helpline..... 1-800-325-HOPE (1-800-325-4673)**  
[www.jwrc.org](http://www.jwrc.org). Educates families and communities to prevent the exploitation of children. Presents to parent groups, schools, faith based communities, and other groups on the topics of internet safety, personal body safety for children, and the importance of coming together to advocate for children. Provides helpline assistance for families of missing & exploited children.

**Kinship .....(763) 862-6755**

[www.kinship.org](http://www.kinship.org). Faith based mentoring program providing adult friendship to children ages 5-15. Serves single parents & children from refugee or immigrant families. No fee for service.

**Minnesota Careers .....[www.iseek.org](http://www.iseek.org)**

Includes most of the information found on the website: MN Careers Parent Guide helps parents, guardians, & mentors of young people understand the changing worlds of education & work. The guide assists parents in taking an active role in their child’s career exploration, career development process, & the realities of the labor market. Sample copies can be found at WorkForce centers or local libraries.

**Parents as Teachers .....1-866-728-4968**

[www.parentsasteachers.org](http://www.parentsasteachers.org). Information & materials for parents.

**Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota ..... (651) 523-0099**

**Minnesota Communities Care for Child.....1-800-CHILDREN (1-800-244-5373)**

[www.pcamn.org](http://www.pcamn.org). Mission: To prevent child abuse & neglect by promoting positive parenting, healthy families, & supportive communities where children are respected & valued. Home of Circle of Parents.

**Professional Learning Alternatives, Inc.....(651) 464-8777**

[www.pla-inc.org](http://www.pla-inc.org). Nonprofit training and advocacy resource for caregivers, parents, and those interested in supporting the development and education of young children. Offers in-service seminars, conferences, phone and on-site consulting, mentoring, and referrals.

**Safe Kids Anoka County ..... (763) 767-4664**

[www.usa.safekids.org](http://www.usa.safekids.org). c/o SBM Fire, Comprised of Anoka County Law Enforcement Agencies, Anoka Human Services, and Unity & Mercy Hospital personnel. Mission: reduce unintentional injuries among children through education of children & families. Provides free car seat inspections for Anoka County residents by appointment. Brochure at [www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch](http://www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch).

**Small Talk..... (612) 889-0780**

[www.signlanguageforbaby.com](http://www.signlanguageforbaby.com). Sign language for you & your hearing baby. Babies hear & understand language before they are able to speak. Use baby sign language as a method to communicate with your baby. Using baby signs will enhance interaction with baby & help adults to understand what baby wants, as well as what baby is thinking.

**Stop It Now! Minnesota.....Helpline 1-888-PREVENT (1-888-773-8368)**

[www.stopitnow.org/mn](http://www.stopitnow.org/mn). Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm. Safe and confidential resource for anyone concerned about their own or another's sexualized thoughts or behaviors towards children. Call for support, resources, and referral. Silence shatters lives. Call to learn what you can do to keep children safe or how to help a child who may have been harmed.

**Teen Pregnancy Program ..... (763) 506-1572**

[www.anoka.k12.mn.us](http://www.anoka.k12.mn.us). A school-based program for pregnant girls offering regular scheduled classes plus extra classes to meet the needs of the teen-aged pregnant student. Transportation is provided for free to residents of Anoka-Hennepin School District 11. Also accepts teens from other school districts. (Also see CAPE).