

# what you get

As an MSSA member, you receive:

- ◆ **Voting Delegate**—Vote to impact MSSA's Public Policy.
- ◆ **MSSA Voice**—Published ten times annually. The Voice offers up-to-date information for the human service professional.
- ◆ **Electronic Legislative Updates & Alerts**—Produced throughout the legislative session.
- ◆ **Jobs eBulletin**—Weekly publishing and distribution of your employment opportunities FREE.
- ◆ **Block Rate Pricing**—For the Annual Training Conference & Expo.
- ◆ **Reduced Conference & Education Forum Fees**—Lower fees for individual members and individual agency members to all conferences and education forums. Discount on Annual Conference Exhibit space.
- ◆ **Committee & Board of Directors Involvement**—Agency membership allows for individual members to become active on MSSA committees and Board of Directors.
- ◆ **Agency Council Meetings**—Special invitations for agencies to meet with legislators and other decision makers in the state.

# Our Mission

To provide leadership to enhance the lives of Minnesotans by supporting diversity, impacting public policy, educating and communicating among human service professionals.



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## You owe it to your agency

Human service professionals tend to spend a lot of time taking care of clients. Sometimes you have to put your staff first. You owe it to yourself, your staff and your agency. Take a look inside and see what MSSA has to offer.

# who are we

Minnesota Social Service Association invites your agency to become an agency member—making you part of an association with a long history of serving the human service profession.

MSSA was established in 1893 as the Minnesota Conference on Corrections and Charities to share best practices from Minnesota and other states to improve care to clients.

Today MSSA represents a unique cross section of non-profit and for-profit agencies from the public and private sector. Our members work in all fields of human services including mental health, chemical health, aging, children's services, unemployment, homelessness and more.

Our membership includes anyone concerned about the human service system—social workers, case aides, public health nurses, managers, child support offices, financial workers, county commissioners, probation officers and more.

MSSA continues to strive to provide our members with the tools to help them serve their clients better, through education, advocacy, jobs eBulletin and networking.



## advocate

Public Policy you and your staff can impact.

Since 1893, MSSA has been a grassroots public interest group with a public policy agenda that reflects our membership. Our legislative agenda reflects what our members, the majority being front line workers, see as policies that need to be made to better serve Minnesotans.

All MSSA members have the opportunity to bring a legislative proposal forward for consideration. These proposals are debated and voted on by the delegates at Delegate Assembly. MSSA staff and Legislative Council then advocate for those positions at the State Legislature.

Throughout the Legislative Session your agency will receive Legislative Updates, with insights on what is happening at the legislature and notices to let you know when to call your legislator. Together, agencies with their staff can make a difference.



## educate

You're staff needs quality education.

**MSSA Annual Conference and Training Expo**—MSSA hosts the largest, most comprehensive Human Service Conference in Minnesota. The Annual Training Conference & Expo offers over 150 workshops and institutes with the latest information on issues your staff faces on a daily basis.

**Regional Trainings**—In the fall, MSSA Regions host Training Conferences throughout the state. These conferences reflect issues happening in your region.

**Education/Emerging Issues**—MSSA provides training throughout the year on current issues with up-to-date information presented by professionals.



## network

Meet human service professionals from across the state.

MSSA offer your agency many opportunities to network with other agencies and individuals in the human service field.

MSSA hosts meetings for agency members with legislators, as well as state, county and private agencies—allowing you to meet counterparts from other agencies, learn about current issues and share information.

As an agency member you may post open employment opportunities free of charge. MSSA's Jobs eBulletin is sent out weekly to all of our members. This is a great tool for recruitment for your agency.

MSSA gives your staff many opportunities to develop leadership skills on both a regional and a state level.



## collective voice

Our goal is to make you even more successful.

Since 1893, the Minnesota Social Service Association has provided "best-practice" information, training and other resources to support its members' efforts in government, community and public relations.

More than 3,400 individual members and 150 agencies— representing more than 8,000 human service professionals – gives MSSA one of the strongest voices in Minnesota public policy, education and networking.

Don't wait—join today!

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