

Agency Purpose

The Minnesota State Council on Disability (MSCOD) collaborates, advocates, advises and informs to expand opportunities, increase the quality of life and empower all persons with disabilities. MSCOD works closely with legislators, legislative staff, state agencies and the disability community to identify issues, develop solutions, educate policy makers, craft legislative language and pass laws that have a meaningful and positive impact in the disability community.

MSCOD is the only state agency that represents the issues of all people with disabilities as it evaluates, critiques and makes recommendations on policy issues and programs to state agencies, the legislature and the governor. Recent legislative efforts have been related to safe patient handling, disability parking, building codes and transportation. MSCOD also provides training and technical assistance to thousands of individuals each year and partners with other state agencies to develop sound public policies and comply with state and federal laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act.

At a Glance

Statistics on Disabilities in Minnesota

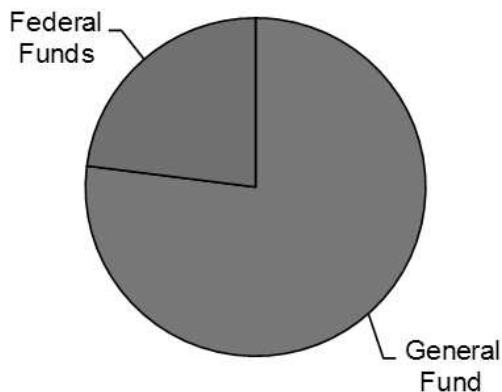
- Approximately one million Minnesotans (19.3% of the population) have a disability.
- 52% of Minnesotans with disabilities are employed compared to 79% of Minnesotans without a disability.
- 23% of Minnesotans with disabilities are at or below the poverty level, compared to 7% of those without disabilities.
- As of 2010, six Minnesota counties do not have an accessible transportation system for people with disabilities.

Figures taken from the 2008 American Community Survey and the Great Lakes ADA Center.

MSCOD FY 2010 Accomplishments

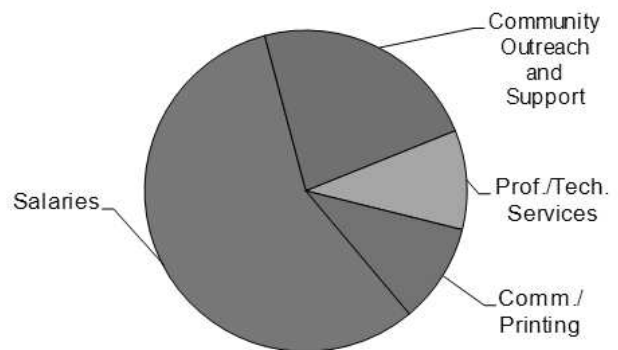
- Reached 240 new state agency supervisors with training on the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Made 61,774 email contacts to constituents on disability issues.
- Delivered training to over 100 employers on disability-related emergency preparedness.
- Distributed over 1,000 brochures on assistive technology in the workplace to employers and disability groups. This information is now available on the MSCOD website.

Est. FY 2010-11 Expenditures by Fund



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement.

Est. FY 2010-11 Expenditures by Type



Source: Minnesota Accounting and Procurement System

Strategies

MSCOD realizes its mission by providing public policy advocacy, training and technical assistance. MSCOD is the only state agency that represents the issues of all people with disabilities and evaluates and makes recommendations to state agencies, the legislature and the governor on policy issues and programs. Because MSCOD is a small entity with a broad mission, it strategically works in partnership with other organizations and coalitions to achieve its goals.

Operations

MSCOD coordinates activities of state agencies and stakeholder groups to improve disability-related public policy. MSCOD also monitors compliance with existing federal and state statutes and regulations concerning disability issues and provides a broad array of training and technical assistance.

Examples of this work include:

- Providing consultation and technical assistance on compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act to the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.
- Advocating to make the new Minnesota Twins stadium the most accessible stadium in the country for people with disabilities.
- Educating the public about disability issues by publishing and disseminating information and training curricula to employers and teachers. This includes working with organizations to correct violations of federal and state disability laws.
- Collaborating with Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Minnesota Department of Health to provide information on emergency preparedness and creating and distributing instructional books and toolkits on emergency preparedness to over 3,000 people with disabilities.
- Researching the effect of proposed legislation on people with disabilities and meeting with lawmakers to share that information.
- Providing over 14,000 information and referral contacts per year to people with disabilities on a variety of issues.

MSCOD governance is provided by a council of public representatives that is appointed by the governor. There are currently 15 MSCOD Council members.

Key Goals & Measures

MSCOD’s activities support three statewide Minnesota Milestones goals:

- People will receive support that helps them live as independently as they can. (Minnesota Milestones Indicator #25)
- All people will be welcomed, respected, and able to participate fully in Minnesota’s communities and economy. (Minnesota Milestone Indicator #32)
- Transportation is a basic service that allows people with disabilities to participate more fully in community life. (Minnesota Milestone Indicator #33)

Fiscal Year	2010
Customer Satisfaction Rating	78%
Training Evaluation Rating	4.3 out of 5.0

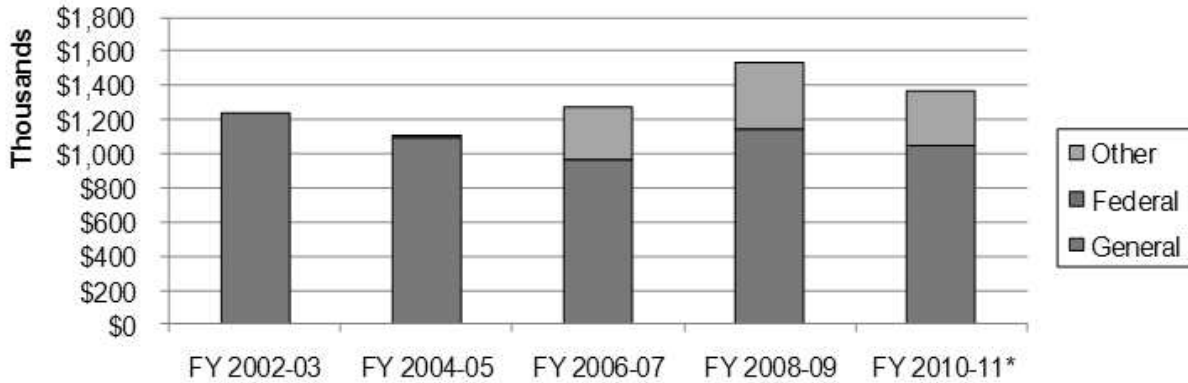
- Customer satisfaction is a key measure of MSCOD’s effectiveness. On a FY 2010 web survey, 78% of respondents indicated that the information they received from MSCOD was helpful to them.
- The training that MSCOD provides to new state supervisors received participant satisfaction ratings of 4.3 out of five possible points.

Budget Trends

MSCOD operations are supported primarily through general fund appropriations. MSCOD also occasionally participates in financial partnerships with other state agencies and community organizations. An example of this is the federal Pathways to Employment grant. For this grant, three state agencies (Department of Human Services, Department of Employment and Economic Development and MSCOD) partnered to plan and implement the

Comprehensive Employment Systems-Medicaid Infrastructure Grant that Minnesota received from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. This grant has been in place for the past three biennia, but is ending in December 2010.

Total Expenditures by Fund



* FY 2010-11 is estimated, not actual.

Source data for the previous chart is the Minnesota Accounting and Procurement System (MAPS) as of 06/30/10.

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