

Stevens County D.A.C. Fact Sheet



The D.A.C.: is a private, non-profit corporation, not part of the County but with very close ties. Stevens County owns our buildings, sets rates, provides case management of clients, and approves all client enrollments.

Clients: The D.A.C. serves adults (age 18 and older), both men and women, with developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries, or related conditions. These clients are residents of Stevens County or surrounding counties.

Program: We provide a comprehensive, individualized day program designed to assist clients in becoming as independent as possible. Our services are designed to increase community integration, productivity and income, and interaction with non-disabled individuals. Strong emphasis is placed on vocational training and job skills with opportunities for community based employment as well as in-house work. Our non-vocational services provide needed care for elderly clients or those with medical needs. Our unique personal fitness program incorporates the services of the Regional Fitness Center on the U.M.M. Campus.

Licenses: Licensed by the Department of Human Services. We also hold a restaurant license from the MN Dept. of Health. Certain clients are also under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health for programming and medical issues. We hold a federal sub-minimum wage certificate issued by the Department of Labor.

Staff:

Executive Director – oversees overall operation of D.A.C., supervises all staff, in charge of budget, building concerns, repairs, general programming, community liaison, and only employee directly responsible to Board of Directors.

Program Director – in charge of individual client programs, coordinates programs with residential providers and case managers, attends annual meetings.

QMRPs (Qualified Mental Retardation Professional) – In charge of particular program areas. QMRPs write goals, carry out programs, keep individual production figures to submit to program director, and do direct care and supervision.

Program Assistants – Do direct care and supervision. Not responsible for written goals or programs.

Cook – Prepares meals following approved menus and recipes, follows individual diet regulations, supervises client kitchen workers, keeps kitchen clean, orders food.

Nurse – Oversees individual client health concerns, in charge of first aid, coordinates medical appointments with residential providers, keeps D.A.C. medical records, and performs routine medical tests and procedures.

Funding: D.A.C. clients are funded by one of three ways. ICF/MR clients are paid for through Medical Assistance. Others are paid by the Medical Assistance Waiver or by CCSA funds, which are a combination of federal, state, and county funds.

Capacity: We are licensed for up to 75 clients.

Facility: Stevens County owns the D.A.C. buildings and provides snow removal for driveways and parking lots. The main building and grounds were paid for entirely by a HUD Community Development Block Grant, which specified that the building could only be used for a D.A.C. The annex, storage building and corresponding property was purchased by the D.A. C. and deeded to the County. The D.A.C. is responsible for most repairs and upkeep.

Community Partners: Various community businesses provide job opportunities for D.A.C. clients. The D.A.C. provides job coaching and follow-up services. All community jobs are paid positions.

Investments: Donations and funds designated for building improvements and purchases of assets are invested in CD's, money market accounts, etc. at area banks. Building repairs, purchase of vehicles, computers, improvements, etc. are usually done with these monies.

Memberships: The D.A.C. is a member of MnDACA (Minnesota Developmental Achievement Center Association) and the Morris Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mission Statement: The mission of the Stevens County Developmental Achievement Center, Inc. is to provide a comprehensive day training and habilitation program which will enable the persons with disabilities that we serve to become as independent and self-sufficient as possible. This is achieved through: vocational training, on-going employment opportunities, instruction in independent living skills, social skills, behavioral training, functional academics, and assistance in community orientation. These person-centered services are designed:



- to increase integration into the community,
- to increase productivity and income, and
- to enhance each person's interactions with individuals without disabilities.

Our services are always presented in a manner that is age appropriate and respectful of the dignity of the individuals that we serve.