OUR MISSION

The Minnesota State Council on Disability (MSCOD) is a state agency providing leadership to empower and strengthen the rights of Minnesotans with disabilities. We collaborate with the public and private sectors as a policy, training and technical resource advisor.
Whether you write the law, follow it, or need to know your rights, MSCOD is your disability policy, training and technical resource in Minnesota.

**POLICY**
MSCOD collaborates with organizations statewide to provide policy advice on issues related to disability.

**TRAINING**
MSCOD provides customized training on a variety of issues, including: disability awareness, emergency preparedness, building access, and advancing the rights of people with disabilities.

**TECHNICAL**
MSCOD is a technical expert on disability matters, including disability parking, transportation access, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, building codes, assistive technology, accessibility, employment rights, and other issues.
The Minnesota State Council on Disability (MSCOD) advocates for policies and programs that advance the rights of people with disabilities. We examine issues and disseminate information fairly and objectively, promoting self-sufficiency and choice for all individuals. Our work strives to empower you, so that you may expand your opportunities and improve your quality of life. We work towards living in a world with few barriers. Where there are few barriers, there are few limitations.

To advance our mission, we seek the input of all Minnesotans. We invite you to engage MSCOD staff and council members at initiatives and events such as:

- Annual Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Celebration
- Minnesota State Fair
- Annual Awards Luncheon during Disability Employment Awareness Month
- Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey
- Town Hall Meetings
- Annual Legislative Forum
- Policy Dialogues
- Disability Day at the Capitol
Minnesota is known for consistently going above and beyond the national ADA standards. MSCOD continues to oversee the removal of accessibility barriers in all state-owned facilities.

For more information or a list of our publications, go to our website: www.disability.state.mn.us
The Minnesota State Council on Disability (MSCOD) advises the governor, state legislature, state agencies, and local units of government on issues affecting Minnesotans with disabilities.

MSCOD analyzes legislative initiatives and advises how proposed policies will impact the disability community. Our goal is to ensure all policymakers understand the effects of their decisions on Minnesotans with disabilities.

We engage policymakers with the community through:

- **Our Annual Legislative Forum**, which analyzes policy issues affecting Minnesotans with disabilities in the upcoming legislative session.
- **Town Hall Meetings** that bring together legislators with their constituents and community organizations.
- **Policy Dialogues**, which previously served as a catalyst for the expansion of accessible public transit in greater Minnesota.
The number of Minnesota counties without public transportation dropped from 7 in 2007 to 2 in 2011 as a result of MSCOD’s Transportation Policy Dialogues.

Contact us for advice on public policy affecting people with disabilities.

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The Minnesota State Council on Disability (MSCOD) provides technical assistance and training on disability issues to Minnesota governments, businesses, non-profit organizations, and other community groups.

Our specialties and customized training programs include:

- Disability Awareness
- Building Codes and Building Accessibility
- Accessible Housing
- Disability Parking
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Transportation Access
- Emergency Preparedness
- Assistive Technology
- Employment Rights
MSCOD lead a collaborative effort to ensure that Target Field is the most accessible stadium in the country.

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Established in 1973 by the state legislature, the Minnesota State Council on Disability (MSCOD) was created to advise the governor, state agencies, state legislature, and the public on disability policy. MSCOD advocates for policies and programs that advance the rights of Minnesotans with disabilities.

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