



Aanjibimaadizing helps to empower participants with an acquired purpose or occupation that will contribute to the well-being of their community and family. Through this, we are able to offer services to a large percentage of our community and work closely with other organizations to help all ages embrace their culture and overcome barriers to sustainability.

477 Service Eligibility

- Eligible households must reside within one of our federally approved service areas, which include the counties of Aitkin, Anoka, Benton, Chisago, Crow Wing, Hennepin, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine and Ramsey. Proof of residency is required.
- An eligible household must include at least one adult who is an enrolled member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; or if residing within the Reservation Service Area, a first generation descendent of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; or an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe; or if residing within the Urban Service Area, an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Proof of Tribal Membership is required.
- Income eligibility is based on the household income with specific types of income excluded. Clients must fall below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines to qualify for services. Per cap is reported, but not counted. 42% of income is disregarded. Must submit 2 months of income statements.
- Selective Service registration for males (over the age of 18) is required.
- An employability development plan that is signed and dated is also required. This is completed with a case manager after application and required documentation is received.
- There may be additional eligibility standards for various services.

477 Services

Ojibwe Culture & Language

It is the purpose of Aanjibimaadizing to prepare the members of the MLBO community to contribute to the Mille Lacs Band. While a primary part of this contribution is in the form of employment that helps enrolled members thrive financially, it is of equal importance that MLBO membership reflects the unique history and culture of its people to support their quality of life holistically.

Adult Basic Education (ABE)

Aanjibimaadizing has entered into an agreement with Milaca Community Education to provide oversight for staff to become volunteer Adult Basic Education (ABE) tutors. Adult Basic Education will assist clients in increasing their reading and math skills.

Career Training and Development

Aanjibimaadizing regularly provides basic work and family related trainings and tutoring. These include such issues as, GED Preparation, Driver's License Exams, Budgeting, Parenting, Food Handling, Communications, and CPR/First Aid.

Adult Work Experience (WEX) Program

The Work Experience (WEX) Program is a 720-hour on-the-job work experience training program structured to promote self-sufficiency through the development of appropriate work habits and job skills.

Facilitated Services

Aanjibimaadizing offers facilitated services to help connect clients to other support services within the community. Case Managers may refer clients to Facilitators to assist them in meeting their goals to obtain and retain employment. Often these services support client needs that are social, health, and mental health related. Facilitated services offers a more targeted support for employment, training and self-sufficiency.

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Cash Assistance (has additional eligibility requirements)

Tribal TANF Cash Assistance makes monthly cash payments to families with minor children (must have children under the age of 18 living in home) based on family size and composition. These benefits require participating adults to agree and to follow a case plan designed to move them away from assistance and to self-reliance. Cash Assistance has a 60-month lifetime limit.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

SNAP helps low-income people buy the food they need for good health. The program provides support to help stretch your household food budget. It is not intended to meet all of your household's food needs.

Our Mission: To assist our fellow Anishinaabe with education, training, work experiences, cultural participation, and support services to be prosperous and change their life.



Adult Support Services

The expenses MUST be directly related to education or employment. Adult Support Service payments are single payments to vendors to assist participants in overcoming specific, immediate and essential family stabilization or employment related barriers.

- Car repairs, tires or insurance - Title, valid driver’s license, proof of insurance, and three quotes are required.
- New employment support such as clothes, gas or food – Requires employment verification form.
- Reinstatement fees – Documentation that requirements are complete are needed.

Adult Partial Subsidy Program

Participants who demonstrate that they are work ready and who are hired into career oriented, long-term, stable employment may arrange to have the first 720 hours of their new employment subsidized. These subsidies are paid to the employer, not the employee. A contract with the employer is required that specifies the terms of agreement for the employer and Aanjibimaadizing.

Community Services to Elders

Aanjibimaadizing has Community Service Crews in all reservation districts that provide lawn mowing, yard maintenance, limited outdoor home maintenance and walkway snow removal for all Elders living in one of the Reservation Districts. These crews support work readiness skills for clients.

Child Care Assistance

Childcare assistance is available for families who are employed or enrolled in educational programs who meet 477 income requirements. Parent co-payments are dependent on family income using a sliding fee scale.

Youth

Youth Support Services

Eligible youth ages kindergarten through twenty (20) who live in households that meet 477 eligibility requirements and are enrolled in school may receive supportive services for items that help them further their education or employability.

Ge-niigaanizijig – Youth & Teen Activities

Ge-Niigaanizijig works to develop skills in the 4 pillars of youth programming Ojibwe Culture, Community, Career, and Education. Regularly scheduled activities inspire and motivate our youth to embrace a traditions-based lifestyle free of chemicals, anti-social behavior, and dependency. Youth Mentors provide programming in all Districts except Urban. These activities are offered to all eligible reservation service area youth ages kindergarten through twenty (20).

Youth Career and Work Exploration Program

Eligible youth, ages sixteen (16) through twenty (20) and whose family meets 477 eligibility requirements, may participate in the Youth Career and Work Exploration Program. Youth are given an incentive for actual hours worked. To be eligible you must be in school, making satisfactory attendance and grades. The type of work and the number of hours worked per week depend on the needs of the worksite supervisor.

How to Apply

Aanjibimaadizing has offices in the Urban area, District I, District II, and District III. Clients can also call, email, or find an application online at <https://aanji.org/>.

DI	DII	DIII	URBAN
43500 Migizi Drive	201 W Hwy 210 Su. 100	45749 Grace Lake Road	1404 E Franklin Avenue
Onamia, MN 56359	McGregor, MN 55760	Sandstone, MN 55072	Minneapolis, MN 55404
320-532-7407	218-768-5330	320-384-6240	612-746-4800

TO STAY UP TO DATE ON EVENTS, BE SURE TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

Our Mission: To assist our fellow Anishinaabe with education, training, work experiences, cultural participation, and support services to be prosperous and change their life.