

Eligibility

Eligible households must reside within one of our federally approved service areas, which include the counties of Aitkin, Anoka, Benton, Crow Wing, Hennepin, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine and Ramsey.

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.

Financial eligibility is based on the household income with specific types of income excluded.

Veterans and their families, including survivor families, are given preference within any of these eligibility groups.

The Band's Elder Needs-Based Supplemental Income Program has its own special eligibility standards.

There may be additional eligibility standards for various services.

How to Apply

Aanjibimaadizing has offices in the Urban area, District I, District II, and District III. The offices are open to walk in clients. Clients can also call or email.

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43408 Oodena Drive, Onamia, MN 56359

320-532-7407

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22001 MN-210, McGregor, MN 55760

218-768-5330

DIII

45749 Grace Lake Road, Sandstone, MN 55072

320-384-6240

URBAN

1404 E Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404

612-872-1424



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.

Aanjibimaadizing was formerly known as the Department of Labor. We are operated as a service organization under the Mille Lacs Band's Department of Administration.

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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.

Rosetta Stone

Research has shown that cultivating connections with one's Indigenous language and culture contributes to improved physical and mental wellbeing, and therefore success in school, family, and workplace. This curriculum is being designed to appeal to the broadest possible range of learner interests and abilities, with special emphasis on conversational speech appropriate to both the home and workplace.

Ojibwe Language Books

Over 150 stories have been collected from Mille Lacs Band elders in our Ojibwe language. Aanjibimaadizing has tentative publishing contract for three Ojibwe-language books, comprising two illustrated books for children and one for high school learners and general readers of Ojibwe. We are continuing content sessions, and hope to produce three or more books a year for the purpose of education, training and helping families.

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.

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, Conflict Management, 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.

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Cash Assistance

Tribal TANF Cash Assistance makes monthly cash payments to families with minor children 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.

Adult Support Services

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

- Be specific.
- The participant must be the owner of the obligation.
- Be directly related to education or employment.
- Verified as not otherwise provided free of charge or available from other resources.
- Be the only way available to meet the need.
- Be documented with evidence of the need verified.

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 special contract with the employer is required that specifies the terms of agreement for the employer and Aanjibimaadizing.

In addition to many of the programs mentioned before, elders may also be eligible for:

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 are staffed with Aanjibimaadizing staff and WEX Program participants.

For information on our youth programs, see the enclosed insert.