

Regional Quality Councils



Who We Are

Established in 2016, Regional Quality Councils are a network of advocates based in the Metro, Southeastern, and Northeastern Minnesota.

All three Councils have diverse stakeholder membership, including self-advocate leaders, family members, lead agencies, service providers, DHS staff, and advocates.

Our Regional Quality Councils are centered in learning from, engaging with, and taking direction from people who have disabilities and the trusted individuals who support them.

What We Do

We work to monitor quality in disability services and supports, advance person-centered outcomes, and engage in systems change that will improve the overall quality of life for people who have disabilities across the state.

The Regional Quality Councils use an equity and justice framework to guide our work.

We support DHS to fulfill their commitment to competitive, integrated employment, inclusive housing, self-direction, and accessible communities.

With Your Help

The Governor's human services budget package eliminated funding for our Regional Quality Councils.

With your help, we can sustain this funding and continue our vital work with and on behalf of people who have disabilities statewide.

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Our Impact

Individual

Person-Centered Discussions

The Regional Quality Councils engage with individuals through one-on-one discussions, focus groups informational interviews to learn about their choice and control in housing, employment, direct support, relationships, community involvement, safety, and more.

Through meaningful connections, we collect and analyze important data on quality of life experiences in these critical areas. RQCs report on and present themes, best practices, challenges, making recommendations to DHS and other decision-makers.

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Community Leadership

The Regional Quality Councils collaborate with community leaders and strategic partners to:

- Prevent abuse against people who have disabilities
- Improve competitive, integrated employment outcomes
- Identify solutions for the direct support professional workforce shortage
- Support self-advocacy initiatives, groups, events, and learning opportunities
- Educate regional stakeholders on best practices in leveraging innovative technologies
- Promote tenant protections and housing rights of people who have disabilities

Statewide

Technology Assessment

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Regional Quality Councils developed a statewide technology needs assessment to better understand the challenges and barriers to getting and using technology for Minnesotans with disabilities.

The results of this needs assessment will inform the development of resources and trainings for people with disabilities and their caregivers. It will also be used to inform advocacy efforts to increase technology access.

Community Feedback:

“You have truly made the difference for us, and we are extremely grateful.”

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