

# EDUCATION

*When applying for education programs, ask about services you may need in order to participate (i.e., transportation or childcare). Many of these programs have funds to cover such costs, so it can pay to ask for what you need!*

**Adult Literacy Hotline..... 1-800-222-1990**

[www.MNliteracy.org/hotline](http://www.MNliteracy.org/hotline). For referrals to basic reading & math skills, Adult Basic Education, GED prep testing sites, ESL Classes, and computer classes. Refer for citizenship. Spanish speakers available.

**Affordable Colleges Online ..... [www.affordablecollegesonline.org](http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org)**

An online guide that focuses on various on-campus, off-campus, and online resources that students can utilize to help make college affordable for them.

**American Red Cross, Minnesota Region ..... (612) 871-7676**

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Nurse Assistant Training Program: CNA classes can help prepare you for a career in the medical industry. With an emphasis on academics and hands-on skills training, our CNA classes can help you gain the information you need to pass your state CNA exam and achieve a position working in healthcare. Students can expect to complete all in-class and clinical training, and be ready to take their state certification exams within 3-7 weeks of beginning the program.

**Anoka County Library, Books by Mail..... (763) 324-1529**

[www.anokacountymn.gov](http://www.anokacountymn.gov). Anoka County Library will mail books free of charge to residents who cannot get to their community library. Contact the outreach librarian.

**Anoka Ramsey Community College..... (763) 433-1100**

[www.anokaramsey.edu](http://www.anokaramsey.edu). For general information.

**Anoka Technical College ..... (763) 576-7710**

[www.anokatech.edu](http://www.anokatech.edu). Develop the skills you need to get started on a career path in a supportive community. Anoka Tech offers low-cost tuition and a small campus with comfortable atmospheres, faculty experts & credentialed instructors that teach courses in more than 70 program areas. Please contact enrollment services for more information or email [enrollmentservices@anokatech.edu](mailto:enrollmentservices@anokatech.edu).

**English Learning Center ..... (612) 874-9963**

Offers ESL, citizenship, math, and computer class. Serves adult immigrants and refugees. Provides some transportation. Monday-Thursday mornings and evenings.

**Family Caregiver Connection ..... (763) 324-1608**

[www.anokacountymn.gov/655/Family-Caregive-Connection](http://www.anokacountymn.gov/655/Family-Caregive-Connection). Provides educational opportunities to caregivers through support groups & community education events. Topics include: estate planning, self-care, medication management, positive aging, depression, coping with grief/loss & understanding memory loss.

**Home Safety Check..... (763) 767-4003**

[www.sbmfire.org](http://www.sbmfire.org) Provided to residents of Spring Lake Park, Mounds View, & Blaine by their fire departments. Includes free child safety seat checks by appointment, home safety surveys, fire extinguisher training, injury prevention program, and juvenile fire setting program. Provide CPR training for small fee.

**Metro North Adult Basic Education..... (763) 433-4200**

[www.metronorthabe.org](http://www.metronorthabe.org). Email: [info@metronorthabe.org](mailto:info@metronorthabe.org). Offers free classes for adults including English as a Second Language (ESL), GED preparation, Minnesota State diploma, college entrance preparation, and basic reading, writing & math brush up. Classes offered at multiple locations with various schedules including morning and evening classes.

**Minneapolis Community & Technical College (MCTC)..... (612) 659-6000**

[www.minneapolis.edu](http://www.minneapolis.edu). Power of YOU program offers recent graduates of Minneapolis or St. Paul public schools who are also residents of either city the chance to attend MCTC tuition free. Students who complete career programs at MCTC go on to find employment in a wide variety of professional & technical areas.

**Minnesota Safety Council ..... (651) 291-9150**

[www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org](http://www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org). Workplace safety training.

**North Hennepin Community College..... (763) 488-0391**

[www.nhcc.edu](http://www.nhcc.edu).

**Pacer Center, Inc. (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights) ..... 1-800-537-2237**

**General Number ..... (952) 838-9000**

[www.pacer.org](http://www.pacer.org). Serves the information & training needs of parents in Minnesota who have children & young adults with disabilities. No fee.

**Parent Involvement.....Contact your local school**

Each school district has funds designated to assist parents in helping their children be ready to learn, improve communication between home & school, expand parent volunteer opportunities, support parents as they help their children learn, and help parents share in the decision making at the school district & state level. Contact your local school's parent involvement coordinator or parent involvement committee.

**People Incorporated** ..... (651) 774-0011  
[www.peopleincorporated.org](http://www.peopleincorporated.org). Offers mental health therapy for individuals, groups, and families. Day treatment for 2<sup>nd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade children with trauma, depression, anxiety, or severe emotional disturbances. Referrals required.

**Preschool Screening** ..... **Contact your local school district**  
All children are required to have a preschool screening after they are 3 years old and before entering kindergarten. Contact your local school district to find out how to have your child screened.

**St. Paul College**..... (651) 846-1600  
[www.saintpaul.edu](http://www.saintpaul.edu).

**University of Minnesota Extension, Anoka County** ..... (763) 324-3495  
**Answer Line (for household questions)** ..... 1-800-854-1678  
[www.local.extension.umn.edu/county/anoka](http://www.local.extension.umn.edu/county/anoka). Provides a variety of educational opportunities to county residents through 4-H Youth Development, the Master Gardener program, Youth Teaching Youth (offered through participating high schools), & the Natural Resources Field Trip (offered to elementary schools).

**University of Minnesota Information Line**..... (612) 625-5000

## School District Offices

*School Boards are made up of elected officials. Vote in school board elections!*

**District 11, Anoka-Hennepin** ..... (763) 506-1000  
[www.ahschools.us](http://www.ahschools.us). 2727 North Ferry Street, Anoka 55303.

**District 12, Centennial** ..... (763) 792-6000  
[www.isd12.org](http://www.isd12.org). 4707 North Rd, Circle Pines 55014.

**District 13, Columbia Heights**..... (763) 528-4500  
[www.colheights.k12.mn.us](http://www.colheights.k12.mn.us). 1440 49<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Columbia Heights 55421.

**District 14, Fridley** ..... (763) 502-5000  
[www.fridley.k12.mn.us](http://www.fridley.k12.mn.us). 6000 W Moore Lake Dr, Fridley 55432.

**District 15, St. Francis** ..... (763) 753-7040  
[www.isd15.org](http://www.isd15.org). 4115 Ambassador Blvd, St. Francis 55070.

**District 16, Spring Lake Park**..... (763) 600-5000  
[www.springlakeparkschools.org](http://www.springlakeparkschools.org). 1415 81<sup>st</sup> Ave NE, Spring Lake Park 55432.

District 831, Forest Lake ..... (651) 982-8100  
[www.flaschools.org](http://www.flaschools.org). 6100 N 210<sup>th</sup> St, Forest Lake 55025.

District 4049 (Charter School), Coon Rapids ..... (763) 862-9223  
[www.nwphs.org](http://www.nwphs.org). 11345 Robinson Drive NW, Coon Rapids 55433.

## Community Education Departments

*The Community Education Departments offer informative classes on all kinds of topics for adults, youth, early childhood education, and more. Most classes are very inexpensive, and scholarships may be available. Call your school district to get a catalog.*

District 11, Anoka-Hennepin, [www.ahschools.us](http://www.ahschools.us). ..... (763) 506-1260

District 12, Centennial, [www.isd12.org](http://www.isd12.org). ..... (763) 792-6100

District 13, Columbia Heights, [www.colheights.k12.mn.us](http://www.colheights.k12.mn.us). ..... (763) 528-4517

District 14, Fridley, [www.fridley.k12.mn.us](http://www.fridley.k12.mn.us). ..... (763) 502-5100

District 15, St. Francis, [www.isd15.org](http://www.isd15.org). ..... (763) 753-7048

District 16, Spring Lake Park, [www.springlakeparkschools.org](http://www.springlakeparkschools.org). ..... (763) 600-5050

District 831, Forest Lake, [www.flaschools.org](http://www.flaschools.org). ..... (651) 982-8100

## Community Education Departments Special Needs

*The State Department assures the provision of mandatory Special Education Services.*

District 11, Anoka-Hennepin, [www.ahschools.us](http://www.ahschools.us). ..... (763) 506-1350

District 12, Centennial, [www.isd12.org](http://www.isd12.org). ..... (763) 792-6123

District 13, Columbia Heights, [www.colheights.k12.mn.us](http://www.colheights.k12.mn.us). ..... (763) 528-4414

District 14, Fridley, [www.fridley.k12.mn.us](http://www.fridley.k12.mn.us). ..... (763) 502-5024

District 15, St. Francis, [www.isd15.org](http://www.isd15.org). ..... (763) 753-7170

District 16, Spring Lake Park, [www.springlakeparkschools.org](http://www.springlakeparkschools.org). ... (763) 600-5000  
or (763) 600-5900

District 831, Forest Lake, [www.flaschools.org](http://www.flaschools.org). ..... (651) 982-8129

**Project Power / Special Needs for Adults ..... (763) 506-1279**  
Anoka-Hennepin District 11 Community Education Department. Community education for people with special needs, including access to existing community education programs for persons of 18+, and specialized programs for adults with disabilities.

## **Parenting / Child Development**

**Anoka County Children & Family Council ..... (763) 324-1289**  
[www.anokacountychildrenfamilycouncil.org](http://www.anokacountychildrenfamilycouncil.org). Nurtures collaborative efforts by building bridges & networks between people and agencies who share a vision of a healthier community for children & families.

**CAPE (Child & Parent Education) Centers ..... (763) 506-1561**  
Provides childcare while student parents attend classes at their own schools. Transportation for child & parent is provided free for residents of Anoka-Hennepin School District 11. Students out of district may be eligible but would need to provide own transportation. Must attend school within District 11 to qualify. Serving young parents up to age 21. Programs include ECFE, Early Head Start, and parenting classes.

### **Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)**

Each school district offers many different fun & educational experiences for children ages birth to 5 & their families. Many programs also have “drop-in & play” opportunities for children & parents. Sliding fees.

- District 11, Anoka-Hennepin ECFE ..... (763) 506-1275**
- District 12, Centennial ECFE..... (763) 792-6120**
- District 13, Columbia Heights ECFE ..... (763) 528-4515**
- District 14, Fridley ECFE..... (763) 502-5124**
- District 15, St. Francis ECFE..... (763) 753-7170**
- District 16, Spring Lake Park ECFE ..... (763) 600-5900**
- District 831, Forest Lake ECFE..... (651) 982-8300**

### **Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)**

- District 11, Anoka-Hennepin ECSE ..... (763) 433-4800**
- District 12, Centennial ECSE..... (763) 792-6120**
- District 13, Columbia Heights ECSE ..... (763) 528-4540**
- District 14, Fridley ECSE..... (763) 502-5024**
- District 15, St. Francis ECSE ..... (763) 753-7170**
- District 16, Spring Lake Park ECSE ..... (763) 600-5900**
- District 831, Forest Lake ECSE..... (651) 982-8131**

**Jacob Wetterling Resource Center ..... (651) 714-4673**  
**Missing & Exploited Children Hotline 9:00am – 5:00pm.. 1-800-325-HOPE (1-800-325-4673)**

[www.jwrc.org](http://www.jwrc.org). Educates families and communities to prevent the exploitation of children. Presents to parent groups, schools, faith-based communities, and other groups on the topics of internet safety, personal body safety for children, and the importance of coming together to advocate for children. Provides helpline assistance and support for families of missing and/or exploited children and adults. Program of Zero Abuse Project [www.zeroabuseproject.org](http://www.zeroabuseproject.org).

**Minnesota State CAREERwise ..... [www.careerwise.minnstate.edu](http://www.careerwise.minnstate.edu)**

Annual career exploration publications. Includes MN specific occupational details, assistance with making current and future career decisions. Sample copies can be found at CareerForce centers or local libraries.

**Safe Kids Anoka County ..... [www.acsafekids.org](http://www.acsafekids.org)**

C/o Fire Departments, 11920 Ulysses St NE, Blaine 55434. Comprised of Anoka County Law Enforcement Agencies, Anoka Human Services, and Unity & Mercy Hospital personnel. Mission is to reduce unintentional injuries among children through education of children and families. Provides free car seat inspections for Anoka County residents by appointment.

**Small Talk..... (612) 889-0780**

[www.signlanguageforbaby.com](http://www.signlanguageforbaby.com). Sign language for you and your hearing baby. Babies hear and understand language before they are able to speak. Use baby sign language as a method to communicate with your baby. Using baby signs will enhance interaction with baby & help adults to understand what baby wants, as well as what baby is thinking. Email: [smalltalksign@aol.com](mailto:smalltalksign@aol.com)

**Stop It Now!..... Helpline 1-888-PREVENT (1-888-773-8368)**

[www.stopitnow.org](http://www.stopitnow.org). Confidential resource for anyone concerned about their own or another's sexualized thoughts or behaviors towards children. Call for support, resources, and referral. Call to learn what you can do to keep children safe or how to help a child who may have been harmed. Open M-F, 12:00-6:00 pm eastern time. Online chats available from 12:15 pm - 5:30 pm.

**What's OK? [www.whatsok.org](http://www.whatsok.org)**. For youth and young adults between the ages of 14-23 who have questions about sexual behaviors toward other people. This is an online resource that also has text and chat available.

**Teen Pregnancy Program ..... (763) 506-1572**

[www.anoka.k12.mn.us](http://www.anoka.k12.mn.us). A school-based program for pregnant girls offering regular scheduled classes plus extra classes to meet the needs of the teen-aged pregnant student. Transportation is provided for free to residents of Anoka-Hennepin School District 11. Also accepts teens from other school districts. (Also, see CAPE).