

# 2018-2019 County MFIP Biennial Service Agreement

January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2019

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Contact	: Information				
COUNTY/CONSOR	CTIUM NAME				
Altkin					
PLAN YEAR	CONTACT PERSON	TITLE			
2018-2019	Jessica Goble	Financial Assistance Super	visor		
ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	PHONE NUMBER
204 1st St N	W	Aitkin	MN	56431	218-927-7218
MAIL ADDRESS (	where correspondence related to this form will be sent)	CONFIRM EMAIL ADDRESS			
	@co.aitkin.mn.us	jessica.goble@co.aitkin.mn.us			

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### A. Needs Statement

#### 1. Besides funding, what is the single biggest challenge you are facing in financial assistance services?

As a small county, our Financial Workers are unable to specialize in a singular program area. It is a challenge to keep all program rules clear due to the different policy per program. Creating simplicity and standardization of program rules and manuals would assist my staff immensely. All programs are going through major reforms and this causes frustration and confusion for my team.

Better resources at DHS regarding policy and less "silo" thinking would be helpful to my team. For instance, CCAP and MFIP are paired together quite often these programs have such different ways of looking at eligibility it is difficult to keep exsisting workers in the loop on changes and new workers to understand the Intricacies of each program.

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# 2. Besides funding, what is the single biggest challenge you are facing in employment services?

A significant number of our clients are open to MFIP through the FSS program with our workforce center. These clients have difficult challenges to move through to become self-sufficient. There is a lack of mental health and chemical dependency providers in our area to assist people through these challenges. Due to our area, transportation feeds into these issues for our clients.

I have been in discussion with our Employment Services Providers about these barriers and the opioid and transportation issues are the major items impeding self-sufficiency.

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	A. Needs	Statem	ent (contin	ued)				
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	MFIP	Partner	Community	Resource				
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	<b>▽</b>				Adult/elder services			
	_				Career planning			
	$\checkmark$				Childcare funds			
	$\mathbf{Z}$				Chemical health services			
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	<b>✓</b>				Job retention			
	<b>☑</b>				Job search workshops			
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	$\checkmark$				Short-term training			
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	$\checkmark$				Volunteer opportunities			
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					Other			
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Other

# 4. County Program Contact Information

Please name contacts for the following programs if different from the contact on the cover page. You only need to give a person's phone and email once.

MFIP STAFF CONTACT NAME

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

DWP STAFF CONTACT NAME

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES STAFF CONTACT NAME

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

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# A. Needs Statement (continued)

# **Employment Services Provider(s) Information**

Statute <u>2561.50</u>, <u>subdivision 8</u>: Each county, or group of counties working cooperatively, shall make available to participants the choice of at least two employment and training service providers as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section <u>2561.49</u>, <u>subdivision 4</u>, except in counties contracting with workforce centers that use multiple employment and training services or that offer multiple services options under a collaborative effort and can document that participants have choice among employment and training services designed to meet specialized needs.

List your current employment services provider(s) and check the respective box to indicate which population served. If a Workforce Center is the only employment services provider, list the multiple employment and training services among which participants can choose. Section G of this form addresses provider choice.

NAME		ADDRESS			CONTACT PERSON	PHONE NUMBER
Arrowhead Econm	ic Opportunity Ag	20 3rd Stree	t NE, Aitkin N	4N 56431	Aileen DeMenge	218-735-6123
Population Served	MFIP ES	DWP ES	FSS	✓ Teen Parents	<b>✓</b> 200% FPG	
NAME		ADDRESS			CONTACT PERSON	PHONE NUMBER
Northeast Minneso	ta Office of Job T	20 3rd Stree	t NE, Aitkin N	IN 56431	Kari Paulsen	218-735-6121
Population Served	MFIP ES	DWP ES	<b>✓</b> FSS	✓ Teen Parents	<b>☑</b> 200% FPG	

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B. Service Models	
Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and the Diversionary Work Program (DWP)	
Do you have culturally specific employment services for different racial/ethnic groups?	
○ No ⑥ Yes Check all that apply.	
☐ African American ☐ African immigrant ☐ Asian American ☐ Asian immigrant ☐ Asian immigrant ☐ Asian immigrant ☐ Asian immigrant ☐ Other	
2. What strategies do you use for hard-to-engage participants? Check all that apply.	
☐ Home visits       ✓ Sanction outreach services       ☐ Incentives         ✓ Off-site meeting opportunities       ☐ Other	
3. What types of job development do you do? Check all that apply.  ☐ Sector job development ☐ Individual job development ☐ Other	
<ul> <li>4. Do you have an ongoing job development partnership or sector based job development with community employers to help participants with employment?</li> <li>No  Yes Check all activities employers provide.</li> </ul>	
✓ Interview opportunies ✓ Job skills training ✓ Job placement ✓ Job shadowing ✓ On-site job training  ✓ Work experience ✓ Helps plan training programs ✓ Other species: Job Fairs	
<ul><li>5. Do you provide job retention services to employed participants while they are receiving MFIP?</li><li>No  Yes Check all that apply.</li></ul>	
Available to assist with issues that develop on the job	
✓ Mentoring ✓ Transportation ✓ Personal contact with the employee HOW OFTEN? Monthly  ✓ Other SPECIFY: Outreach	
How long do you provide job retention services?	
Colors than 3 months Colors Co	
On you provide job advancement services to employed participants?  One Yes Check all that apply.	
☑ Career laddering ☑ Networking ☑ Coaching/mentoring ☑ Ongoing job search	
✓ Education/training ☐ Other	
<ul> <li>7. Do you utilize any career pathways programs or skill assessment and credentialing programs for your participants?</li> <li>No  Yes Check all that apply.</li> </ul>	
Pathways to Prosperity (P2P) Work Keys National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) Other	
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Family Stabilization Services (FSS)  1. Do you have professionals available to assist with FSS cases?  ○ No ② Yes Check will that apply  □ Adult Mental Health professional □ Psychologist □ Adult Rehabilitation Mental Health Services (ARMHS) worker  □ Children's Mental Health professional □ Vestional Rehabilitation worker □ Other sections   SPECIFY: Advocates Against Domest    2. Do you make referrals for children of FSS participants?  ○ No ② Yes Check will that apply □ Other section   Child Care Assistance Program    3. Are any of these services for children offered to non-FSS families?  ○ No ③ Yes  Services for families no longer on MFIP/DWP but under 200% of Federal Poverty Guideline  1. Do you provide services to families who are not receiving DWP or MFIP assistance but are under 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline (FPC)?  ○ No ③ Yes Check will the services may be serviced but apply □ Netention services □ Other services may of the Poderal Poverty Guideline (FPC)?  ○ No ③ Yes Check will the services that apply □ Netention services □ Other □ Netention services □ Netention services □ Other □ Netention services □
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No   Yes   Check all that apply   Children's Mental Health Services   Public Health Nurse home visiting services   Child Wellness Check-ups   Child Care Assistance Program
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working with the teen, and making connections to other services? Respond for each age group separately. If yes for an age group, check the one position that serves this function within that age group.  No  Yes
Minors (under age 18) Age 18/19
○ Financial worker ○ Financial worker
Employment service worker  © Employment service worker
Social worker (Social Services)     Social worker (Social Services)
Social worker (Social Services)     Public health nurse     Public health nurse
group, check the one position that serves this function within that age group.

Minors (under age 18) Yes, mandatory

Yes, voluntary

Age 18/19 Yes, mandatory

Yes, voluntary

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#### C. Measures

#### **Performance Measures**

 Performance-based funding is determined by a service area's annualized Self-Support Index value. Review the information and report links in this section to see the effect of performance on funding and reporting, based on Statute 256J.626, subdivision 7.

Starting for calendar year 2016, each service area funding allocation starts at 100 percent. Each year starting with the 2016 allocation, a bonus to a service area's Consolidated Fund allocation will be based on its performance on the Self-Support Index in the previous April to March year.

The **three-year Self-Support Index (S-SI)**: This measure starts with all adults receiving MFIP or DWP cash assistance in a quarter and tracks what percentage of them, three years later, are no longer receiving family cash assistance or are working an average of 30 hours a week if still receiving cash assistance. Those who left MFIP after reaching 60 counted months and those who left due to 100 percent sanction are only counted as a success if they worked an average of 30 hours per week in their last month of eligibility or if they began receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) after family cash assistance ended. To provide fair comparisons across service areas, DHS calculates a "Range of Expected Performance" for the S-SI that is based on local caseload characteristics and economic conditions. The service area's Self-Support Index value is whether the service area was above, within, or below its expected Range.

The S-SI and Range are annualized for the four quarters in the April through March year ending in the reporting year before the funding year. See the MFIP Annualized S-SI and WPR report for 2017 on the MFIP Reports page on the DHS website. A service area with an annualized S-SI "above" its customized Range of Expected Performance for 2017 will receive a 2.5 percent bonus added to its Consolidated Fund allocation for calendar year 2018. MFIP Annualized S-SI and WPR report (PDF)

If your service area is receiving a bonus, congratulations! Please share a success strategy here:

In Aitkin County, MFIP and DWP rules and policies are communicated clearly to each family so that they understand what the expectations are. Additionally, we set high standards so that families are expected to be at their best and are rewarded by their success. We also focus on providing follow up services to those families who have left MFIP and DWP with a strong focus in job retention.

In autumn of 2017, our employment services and financial workers have started utilizing a new tool to ensure we have cases coded correctly. We are working through this as a new function to our meetings and are hoping to improve the WPR in Aitkin County.

A couple of our major challenges in improvement of our WPR are the first two months a client is open are counted in our rate even if the individual is FSS, our transportation issues in the county and we need to be more diligent with our sanction process.

Aitkin County and our ESP have an excellent working relationship and have a shared vision of improving our WPR and S-SI numbers. Aitkin County has fairly successful S-SI number but our WPR is a challenge to meet.

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In the future, if your service area has an annualized S-SI below its range for two consecutive years, you will have to **negotiate a multi-year improvement plan** with the commissioner. If no improvement is shown by the end of the second year of the multi-year plan, the next year's allocation must be decreased by 2.5 percent, to remain in effect until the service area performs within or above its Range of Expected Performance. For example, a service area scoring "below" for 2016 and 2017 would need to put in place a multi-year improvement plan. If continuing "below" for 2018 and 2019, there would be a 2.5 percent decrease for the 2020 Consolidated Fund allocation which would continue until an annualized S-SI above or within its Range. Then the service area would receive 100 percent of the allocation.

Supplemental Information about the Performance Management System and Performance Improvement Plans can be found on CountyLink: www.dhs.state.mn.us/HSPM. If you would like additional information, contact the DHS Performance Management team at DHS.HSPM@state.mn.us or 651-431-5780.

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#### C. Measures (continued)

A racial/ethnic disparity for a service area is defined as a one-year Self-S points lower for a non-white racial/ethnic group than for the white group of M report "Two-Year Performance Trends of Racial/Ethnic and Immigrant Group". racial/ethnic disparities requiring action and (2) the table of differences for all	This report lists (1) service areas that have any	
Performance Measures by Racial/Ethnic or Immigrant Group (PDF)		
If your service area is in the disparity list, please answer the following DHS will work with you to reduce these disparities.  What strategies and action steps for each of the groups with disparities do you		
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D	. Program Monitoring/Complian	ce		
1.	What procedures do you have in place to ensure that i	rogram funds are being used	appropriately as directed in law? Check all that apply	
	Budget control procedures for approving expenditures			
	Cash management procedures for ensuring program inco	ne is used for permitted activities	5	
	Internal policies around use of funds, i.e. participant sup	ort services		
	Other			
2.	What procedures do you have in place to ensure progr	am policies are followed and a	applied accurately? Check all that apply.	
	Case consultation Sample case rev	ew by workers [	Sample case review by supervisors	
	Other			
τf	your service area has <u>not</u> made changes to your r	ndom drua testina policy s	since the last BSA, go to Section E.	
	your service area has not made an anges to your	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	, ,	
3.	What procedures/policies do you have in place for adm as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 256J.26, so	Inistering random drug tests bdivision 1?	of convicted drug felons on MFIP	
	Written policy within the MFIP unit	Coordination with Cor	rrections	
	Ourrently establishing new policy/procedure(s)	Other SPECIFY:		

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E.	Collaboration and Communication with Others	
1.	How many employment services front-line staff are employed in your county or consortium?	
	How many employment services front-line staff in your county or consortium have MAXIS access?	
	How many managers/supervisors have MAXIS access?	
2.	Describe the process your service area uses to identify and resolve discrepancies between MAXIS and WF1 data in areas such as Family Stabilization Services coding, employment/hours, sanction status, etc.	
	Employment Service staff work very closely with Aitkin County Health and Human Services Financial Workers to clarify any discrepancies. We meet monthly for caseload reviews where Maxis access is available so that cases can be reviewed and any shortcomings can be discussed and corrected.  In autumn of 2017, our employment services and financial workers have started utilizing a new tool to ensure we have cases coded correctly. We are working through this as a new function to our meetings and are hoping to improve the WPR in Aitkin County.	^
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# F. Emergency Services 1. Does your county provide emergency or crisis services from your Consolidated Fund? No Yes If yes, enter your most up-to-date emergency/crisis services plan This will be attached in an email to you. This is an updated plan that will go before the County Board on 1/23/18 for approval.

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# **County MFIP Biennial Service Agreement** G. Other **Administrative Cap Waiver** Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) allows counties to request a waiver of the MFIP administrative cap (currently at 7.5%) for providing supported employment, uncompensated work or community work experience program for a major segment of the county's MFIP population. Counties that are operating such a program may request up to 15% administrative costs. If your county is interested in applying for the walver for the coming blennium, please complete the following four questions. Email Tria.Change@state.mn.us if you need assistance with the walver. 1. Describe the activity(s) you will provide. 4000 characters remaining

2.	Explain the reasons for the increased administrative cost.	
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3.	Describe the target population and number of people expected to be served.	
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4.	Describe how the unpaid work experience is designed to impart skills and what steps are taken to help participants move from unpaid work to paid work.	
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Pro	your county is providing unpaid work experience activities for MFIP participants and you don't already have a otection Plan (IPP) in place, please <u>fill out the IPP form</u> . Emall the completed form to Tria.Chang@state.mn.us	n injury s.
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•	Have at least two employment and training services providers. Go to Section H.	
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# G. Other (continued)

# Financial Hardship Request

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP - Exception to Choice of Employment Service Providers Requirement

MFIP provisions require countles to make a choice of at least two employment service providers available to participants unless a workforce center is being utilized (Minnesota Statutes, section 256J.50, subdivision 8). Countles may request an exception if meeting this requirement results in a financial hardship (Minnesota Statutes, section 256J.50, subdivision 9).

A financial hardship is defined as a county's inability to provide the minimum level of service for all programs if a disproportionate amount of the MFIP consolidated fund must be used to cover the costs of purchasing employment services from two providers or the cost of contracting with a workforce center.

To request approval of a financial hardship exception from the choice of provider requirement, please provide the following information.

- . If the county had a choice of providers in calendar year 2015, describe:
  - factors that have changed which indicate a financial hardship
  - why the hardship is expected to persist in the near future and
  - the magnitude of the hardship, which makes limiting delivery of employment services the best financial option for the county.

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- 2. Summarize options explored by the county, including use of other partners in a workforce center or other community agencies, such as a Community Action Program or a technical college. The summary should also include:
  - · major factors which prevent the county from utilizing these options and include a cost analysis of each option considered; and
  - the process used to determine the cost of other options (RFP or other county process).

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3. If the county proposes to directly deliver MFIP employment services, provide a budget and staffing plan that clearly indicates consolidated funds will not be used to supplant county funds. The description should include information about what steps will be taken to ensure that county staff have the experience and skills to deliver employment services.

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The Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Employment and Economic (DEED) will also review the amount budgeted by the county for employment and training during calendar year 2015 and use this amount as a guide to determine whether the amount budgeted by the county for calendar year 2016 is reasonable.

If a financial hardship is approved, DHS and DEED will closely monitor county programs to ensure outcomes are achieved and services are being delivered consistent with state law.

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### H. Budget

Click on the link below to review your service area's 2018 MFIP allocations:

#### MFIP Consolldated Fund (PDF)

In the budget table, indicate the amount and percentage for each item listed for the budget line items for calendar years 2018-2019. Also note:

- Total percent must equal 100.
- MFIP administration is capped at 7.5 percent unless the county is applying for an administrative cap waiver. To apply for the administrative cap waiver, respond to the questions in Section G under Administrative Cap Waiver.
- If "other" is used, briefly describe the line Item.

#### 2018 Budget

Budgeted Amount Percent Line Items

Employment Services (DWP)
Employment Services (MFIP)
Emergency Services/Crisis Fund
Administration (cap at 7.5%)
Income Maintenance Administration

Other 1
Other 2
Total

## 2019 Budget

Budgeted Amount Percent Line Items

Employment Services (DWP)
Employment Services (MFIP)
Emergency Services/Crisis Fund
Administration (cap at 7.5%)
Income Maintenance Administration

Other 1
Other 2
Total

Email Brandon.Riley@state.mn.us If you need assistance with this section.

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# **Certifications and Assurances**

## **Public Input**

Prior to submission, did the county solicit public input for at least 30 days on the contents of the agreement?

No ○ Yes

Was public input received?

O No O Yes

If received but not used, please explain.

The notice will be on the Altkin County website from 12/27/2017 through 1/31/2018 and in the publications of the Altkin Independent Age on the following dates: 1/3/2018, 1/10/2018, 1/17/2018 & 1/24/2018

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#### **Assurances**

It is understood and agreed by the county board that funds granted pursuant to this service agreement will be expended for the purposes outlined in Minnesota Statutes, section 2561; that the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services (hereafter department) has the authority to review and monitor compliance with the service agreement, that documentation of

compliance will be available for audit; that the county shall make reasonable efforts to comply with all MFIP requirements, including efforts to identify and apply for available state and federal funding for services within the limits of available funding; and that the county agrees to operate MFIP in accordance with state law and federal law and guidance from the department.

**Federal Funding Sources** 

The catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CDFA) Number is 93.558 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) The Award number for the period of January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2019 is 2014G996115.

# **Service Agreement Certification**

Checking this box certifies that this 2018-2019 MFIP Biennial Service Agreement has been prepared as required and approved by the county board(s) under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 256J. In the box below, state the name of the chair of the county board of commissioners or authorized designee, their mailing address and the name of the county.

DATE OF CERTIFICATION NAME (CHAIR OR DESIGNEE)

COUNTY

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