



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.

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.
- Some programs have their own special eligibility standards. There may be additional eligibility standards for various services.

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, 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.

Facilitated Services (formerly Wraparound)

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

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 directly related to education or employment.

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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.

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.

Youth

Child Care Services

Childcare assistance is available for families who are employed or enrolled in educational programs who meet income requirements.

Youth Support Services

Eligible youth ages kindergarten through twenty (20) who live in households that are below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline and who are enrolled in school may receive supportive services for items that help them further their education or employability.

Ge-niigaanizijig – Youth & Teen Activities

Aanjibimaadizing combined with Niigaan youth programming January 1, 2020. 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's income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline, 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://millelacsband.com/services/aanjibimaadizing> .

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