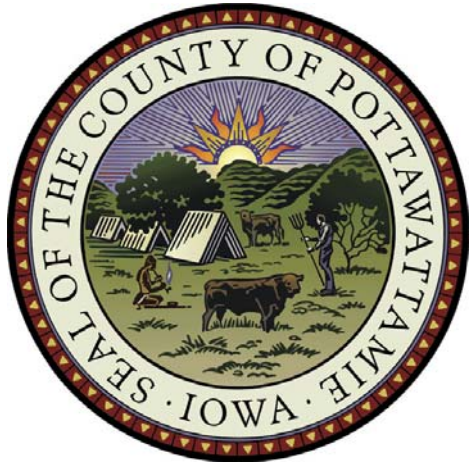


Vocational and Day Options for persons with Mental Retardation



Pottawattamie County Community Services

Case Management
515 5th Avenue
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Phone: (712) 328-5645
Fax: (712) 328-5668
TDD: (712) 328-5890

Provider contact information:

Cass, Inc.
PO Box 431
Atlantic, IA 50022
712-243-2668

Concerned, Inc.
1802 Industrial Pkwy, Box 47
Harlan, IA 51537
712-755-5834

Crossroads of Western Iowa
1529 9th Avenue
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
712-328-1930

Crossroads of Western Iowa
One Crossroads Place
Missouri Valley, IA 51555
712-642-4114

Genesis Development
1607 N. Lake Avenue
Storm Lake, IA 50588
712-732-5038

Innovative Industries
215 N Walnut, Po Box 216
Creston, IA 50801
641-782-8495

New Hope Village
1211 E. 19th, PO Box 887
Carroll, IA 51401
712-792-5500

Nishna Productions
PO Box 70
Shenandoah, IA 51601
712-246-1242

REM - Avoca
1607 N. Frost Ave
PO Box 249
Avoca, IA 51521
712-307-6555

VODEC
612 S. Main Street
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
712-328-2638

WESCO
415 S. 11th St, PO Box 340
Denison, IA 51442
712-263-6141

The list of agency providers in this brochure should not be considered all-inclusive. There may be other providers that are not listed.

To access any of the listed services, please call the Community Services intake number at (712) 328-5812.

For children's services in Pottawattamie County, please call the Department of Human Services at (712) 328-5661

Adult Day Care

These services are organized supportive care in a group environment to persons who need a degree of supervision and assistance on a regular or intermittent basis.

Concerned, Inc.
REM- Avoca
WESCO

Adult Day Habilitation

These services assist or support the consumer in developing or maintaining life skills and community integration.

Cass, Inc.
Concerned, Inc.
Crossroads of Western Iowa – CB
Crossroads of Western Iowa - MV
Nishna Productions – Shenandoah
REM - Avoca
VODEC

Work Enclave

These services are generally work crews that will work at a business in the community. They are usually employed and supervised by an agency. A variety of work can be offered in this type of setting.

Nishna Productions

Prevocational Services

These services are aimed at preparing a consumer who is eligible for the MR waiver for paid or unpaid employment, but is not job-task oriented. These services include teaching concepts necessary such as job readiness skills, following directions, attending to task, task completion, problem solving and safety and mobility training.

Cass, Inc.
Concerned, Inc.
Crossroads of Western Iowa - MV
Genesis Development
New Hope Village
VODEC
WESCO

Sheltered Work and Work Activity

These services are designed for persons that do not have the skills or behaviors necessary for community employment. Sheltered workshop services will provide the opportunity to learn appropriate work skills with the eventual goal of community employment.

Cass, Inc.
Concerned, Inc.
Crossroads of Western Iowa - MV
Innovative Industries
Nishna Productions
VODEC

Supported Employment

These services provide instructional support that enables an individual to obtain a job in the community. This could include everything from assessments to interviewing skills. Once a job placement is secured, the agency will provide a “job coach” to help the consumer on the job and help them maintain employment.

Vocational Rehabilitation is the starting point for all supported employment.

Contact them at:

Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation
300 W. Broadway, Suite 33
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
(712) 328-3821

www.ivrs.iowa.gov

If denied by Vocational Rehabilitation, contact your case management office to determine eligibility for county-funded supported employment services.

Following is a list of potential providers.

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Concerned, Inc.
Crossroads of Western Iowa - CB
Crossroads of Western Iowa - MV
Nishna Productions
VODEC
WESCO