

Community Connector Service

As part of the Dakota and Ramsey County ASD Grant, we are piloting a service called Community Connector. The purpose of this service is to help people with autism and their families build a network of unpaid, community supports. Below are details on who is eligible and how the service works.

Who? Adolescents and young adults with autism (or a related condition) who live with a primary caregiver in Dakota or Ramsey County

What? 1:1 support from a “Community Connector” to build relationships with unpaid, community supports. Individual and Community Connector will meet regularly to discuss strengths and interests and explore potential community connections. The ASD Grant is partnering with Autism Works and Twin Cities Dream Team to pilot this service. For more information on those organizations, see “Community Connector Providers”.

When? Service is available now through June, 2018. A person may use the service for as little as few weeks or up to a year, depending on their goals and needs. Organizations have availability now to begin serving people.

How? To make a referral for Community Connector services or learn more, contact Evan Henspeter at Evan.Henspeter@co.dakota.mn.us. If approved, providers bill the ASD Grant directly for services.