

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Harry Meyering Center to facilitate and support meaningful lifestyles for the people we serve.

The Harry Meyering Center aspires to provide the people they serve and their families with services that encourage dreams, focus on independence, foster community connections, help people cope with life-changing events and offer special attention to safety, health needs and security.



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History and Overview

Harry Meyering Center opened in 1973 as a home for 44 individuals with developmental disabilities, due to the efforts of the local ARC and the parents of those individuals. HMC was established when state hospitals were the non-metro option.

Harry Meyering Center was named after Harry Meyering, a former professor at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Meyering, who was the first director of the Department of Special Education, was an early leader in the field.

Harry Meyering Center has grown to serve approximately 150 individuals and consists of three programs: Intermediate Care Facility

(ICF), Supportive Living Services (SLS) and Semi-Independent Living Services (SILS)/SLS In-home.



Harry Meyering Center is a non-profit organization, governed by a volunteer board of directors and employs about 300 staff members.

Summary of Services

Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)

The ICF on Homestead Road is an apartment-style setting. The apartments are designed to meet the complex medical and behavioral needs of the 25 individuals living there. Prairie's Edge is home to six adults. In both programs, each person has their own bedroom, shares the living room, dining room, and bathrooms, and has access to outdoor areas.

Both are licensed as ICFs and staff are trained to proactively support people with behavioral issues, physical disabilities, health maintenance, speech and language development, deafness, blindness, aging, retirement and community integration.

Supportive Living Services (SLS)

The SLS program began in 1983. Two to four individuals share a home and services are designed to meet the unique needs and desires of the people living there. All homes have 24-hour staff supervision, a consulting nurse, emergency on-call for staff and consumers, and a vehicle.

Semi-Independent Living Services (SILS)/SLS In-home

The SILS program, created in 1975, is one of the oldest in the state of Minnesota. SILS/SLS In-home provides counseling, training and support needed in order for people to live alone or with a friend, spouse or family in their own home. Services are designed with each individual to encourage success and independence.

The amount of staff assistance varies based on the needs of the individual. A unique feature of SILS/SLS In-home is the availability of an on-call service on holidays, weekends and overnight.

Values

HMC is proud of the self-directed lives that people lead with the support of HMC services. Staff support individuals in their homes to successfully direct their own lives and be full members of their community.

HMC's philosophy is detailed in 14 core values which are practiced in all aspects and on all levels of the agency. It is a living document making the Harry Meyering Center unique, exceptional and unmatched in supporting and advocating for individuals served.