

Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

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SSIS Worker Mentor Meeting

August 14, 2013

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Objectives



Participants will be able to:

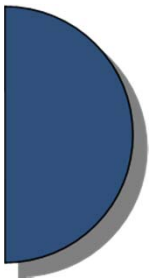
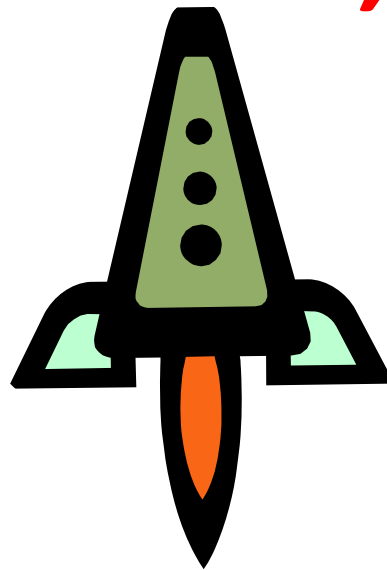
1. Describe the basic purpose and functions of MnCHOICES
2. Understand the launch plan
3. Discuss the MnCHOICES Mentor Role



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Launch begins

November 4, 2013





What is MnCHOICES?

Process

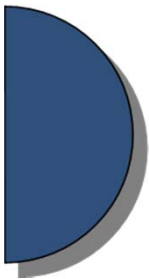
- A single, comprehensive, assessment and support planning process for people with long-term service and support needs
- Determines eligibility for programs and services
- Results in a support plan
- Used for all ages and disability types

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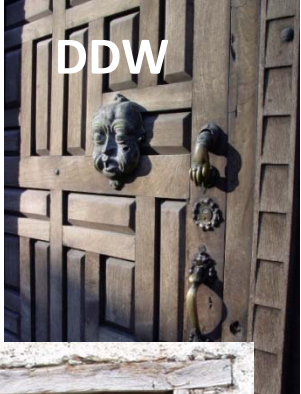
Tool



- Web-based application with off-line capability
 - Internet **not** used to complete assessment
- Policy rule-based application aligns rules, regulations, statute, etc.
 - Determines eligibility

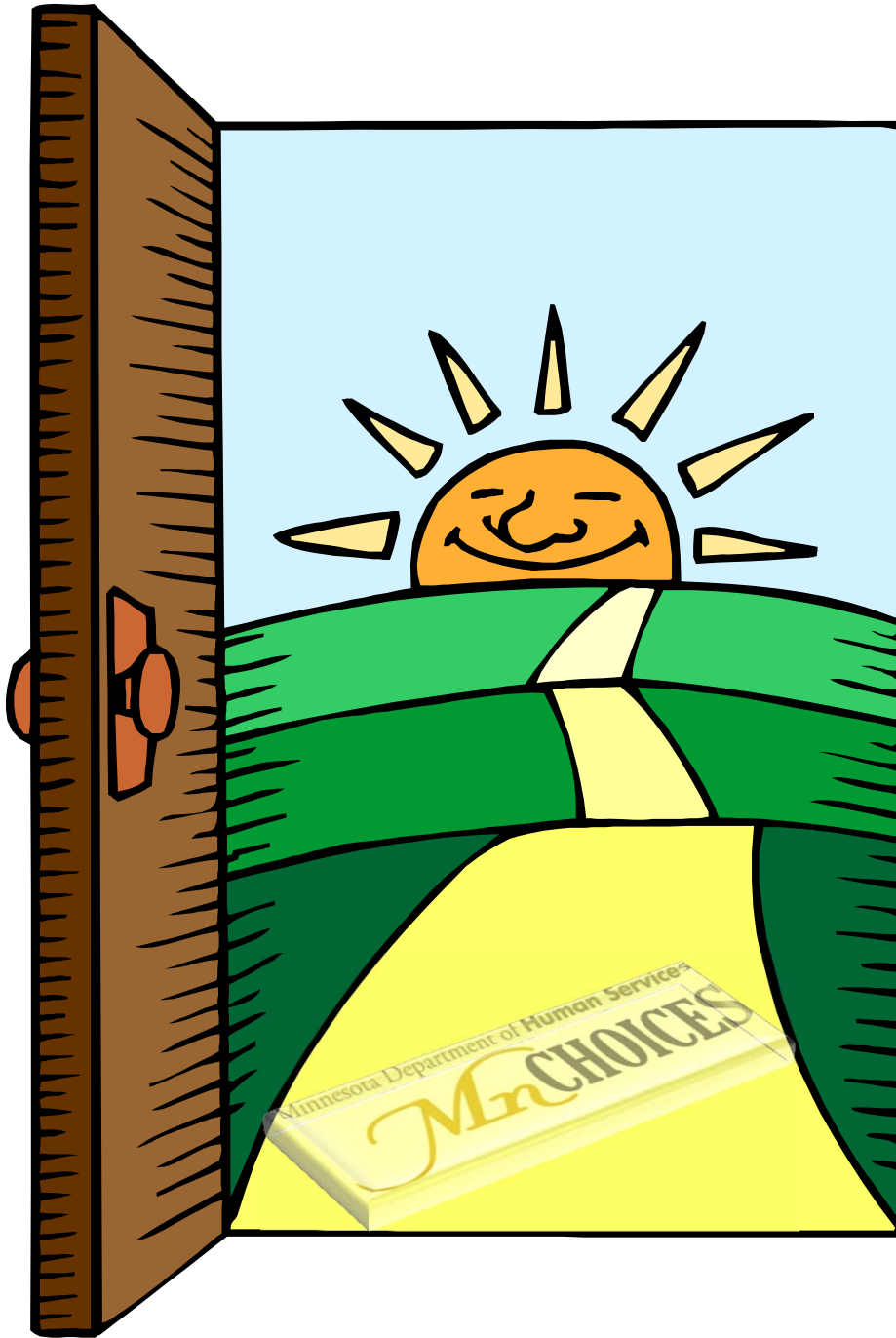


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Who can have a MnCHOICES assessment?



(b) “The team is responsible for providing long-term care consultation services to **all persons located in the county** who request the services, regardless of eligibility for Minnesota health care programs.”

Statute 256B.0911 Subd. 3. Long-term care consultation team

Who conducts a MnCHOICES Assessment?

Certified Assessors

Must at a minimum have one of these:

- Bachelor's degree in social work
- Bachelor's degree in nursing with certificate in public health nursing
- Bachelor's degree in a closely related field



At least 1 year
home and
community-based
experience



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Or, must be an:

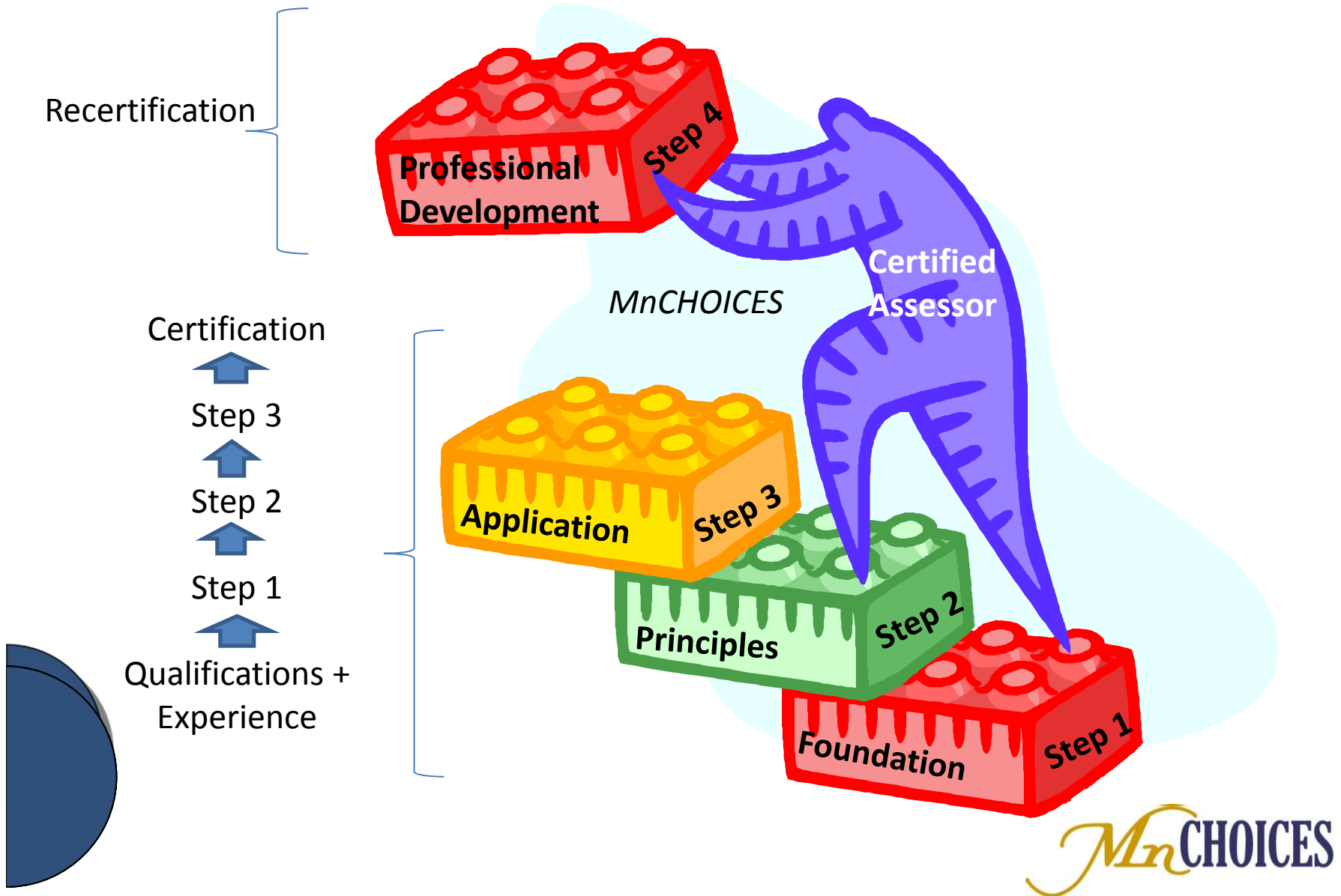
Registered Nurse (RN)

- Bachelor's no PHN
 - Closely related field.....
- Capped (3 year)
- Two-year



At least 2 years
home and community-
based experience

MnCAT (Certified Assessor Training)



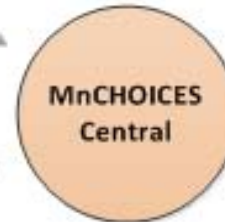
SSIS and MnCHOICES Connection

Uses SSIS Platform

The route to MnCHOICES is direct or through SSIS



- SSIS Users
- User agency association
- Client Information/Demographics
- Entry point to MnCHOICES
- Time Tracking (if applicable)



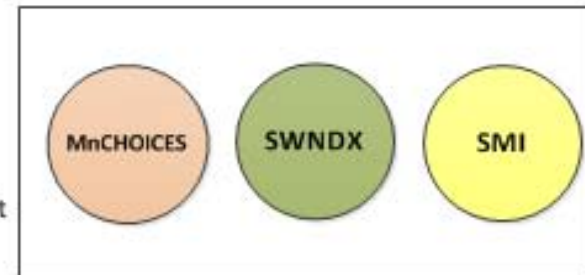
- MnCHOICES Intake
- MnCHOICES Assessment
- MnCHOICES Support Planning



- Non SSIS Users (ex. MCO, Public Health) and/or SSIS Users
- User agency association
- Client Information/Demographics



Individual/Client



- Searches to determine if an individual/client exists. Will search against MnCHOICES, SWNDX, and SMI. This is where demographic information will pull from.



Important Event: Payment Methodology Changes for Counties & Tribes

- **October 1, 2013** - Random Moment Time Studies payment for counties and tribes starts
- Separates *administrative activities* from *service* of case management
- MnCHOICES assessment & support planning is administrative
- DHS Financial Operations Division will provide training and technical assistance

- Tuesday, August 27th SSTS am
- Tuesday, August 27th LCTS pm
- Monday, September 9th MATTS



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MnCHOICES Launch Strategy

LAUNCH	# Lead Agencies Per Launch Group
11/04/2013	2-3 FI
6-8 weeks later	2-3 FI
6-8 weeks later	2-3
3-4 weeks later	6-12
3-4 weeks later	6-12
3-4 weeks later	6-12
2-3 weeks later	12-18
2-3 weeks later	12-18
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6/03/2014	Any remaining

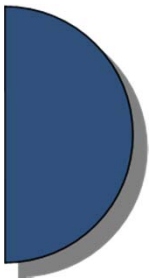
← Dakota, Ramsey, and White Earth Nation

← Hennepin



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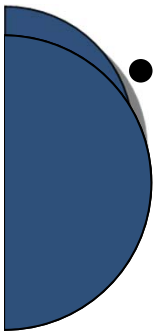
- Begin with “new” assessments
 - Persons not currently on programs or receiving services for which MnCHOICES determines eligibility
- Transition in “reassessments”
 - Re-determine eligibility for persons currently on programs or receiving services for which MnCHOICES determines eligibility



MnCHOICES Launch Preparation

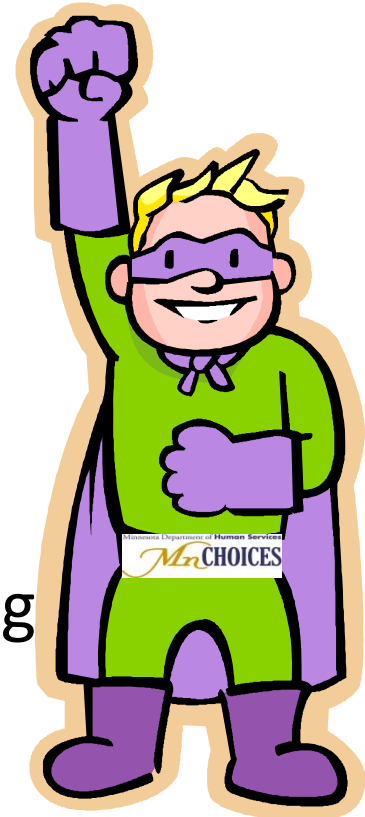


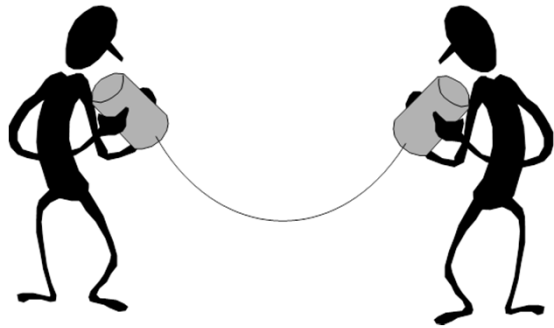
- Internal beta 3 testing – August
- Announce presumptive launch groups – August
- Payment training - August and September
- External beta 3 testing – September
- Mentor training – November
- MnCHOICES launches - November



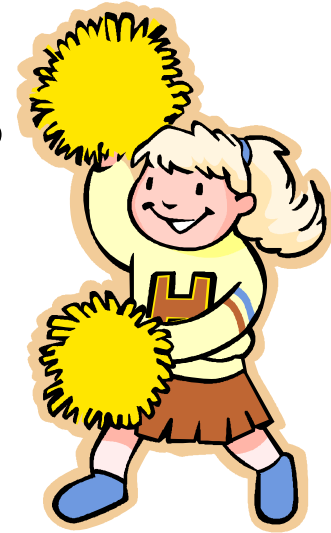
MnCHOICES Mentors

- Lead agency principal contact and resource person
 - Liaison for communication and training
 - Supports agency's MnCHOICES users
 - Troubleshoots policy and technology questions and issues

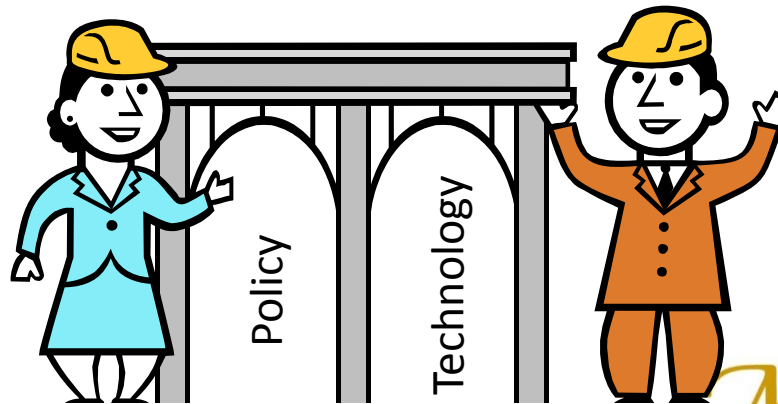




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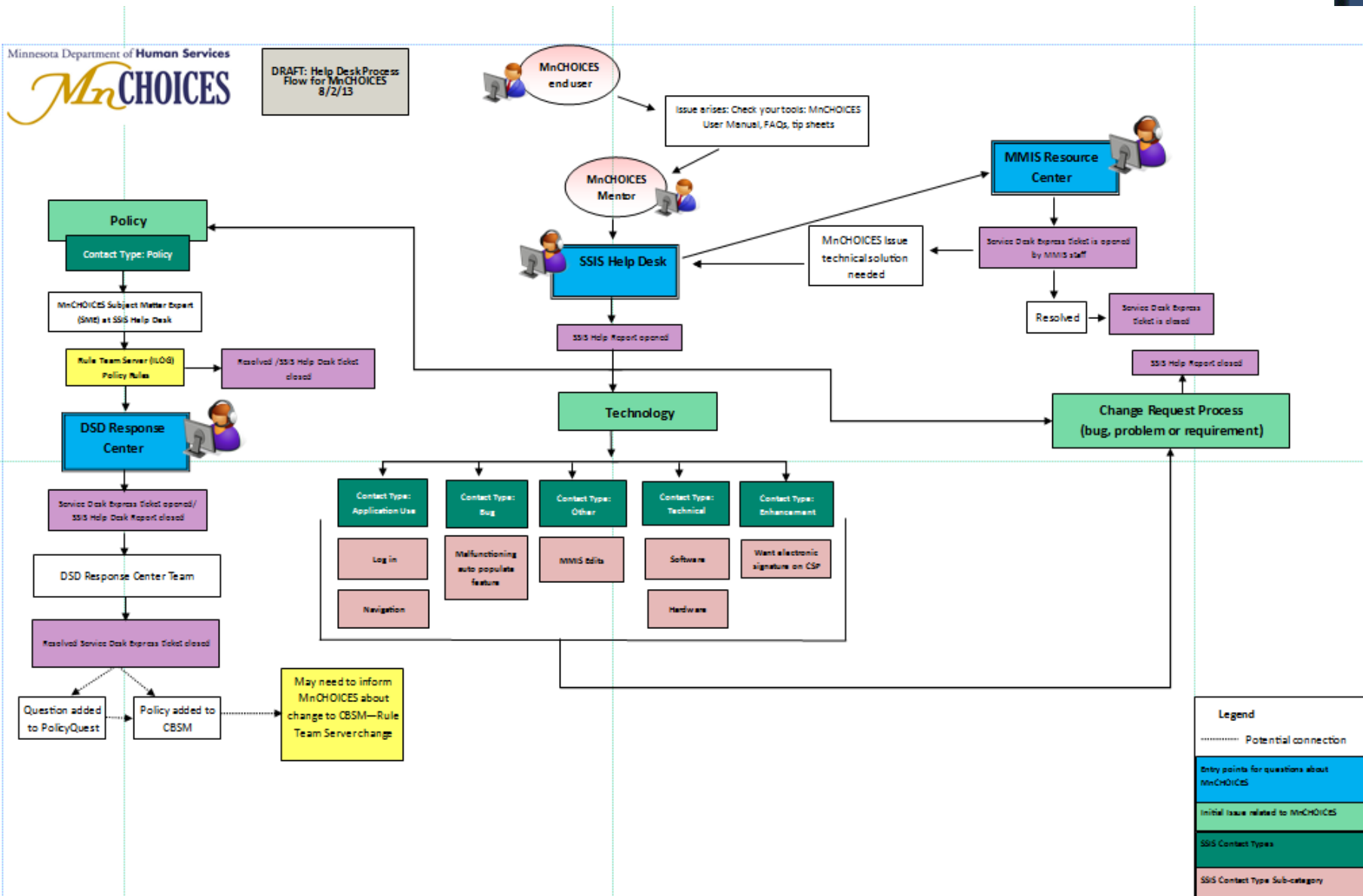


- Primary functions:
 - Receive and share communications
 - Encourage and coach staff
 - Provide hands-on support
 - Help identify issues and problem solve



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SSIS/MnCHOICES Help Desk

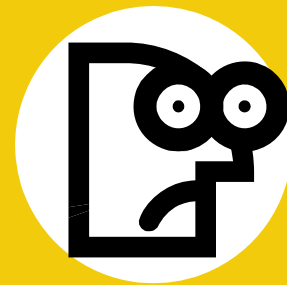
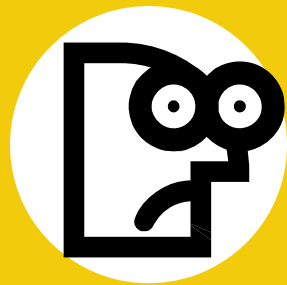


Learn more about MnCHOICES

Access the **MnCHOICES** website:
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It's QUESTION TIME!!