



# COUNTY OF ANOKA

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Your Opinion Is Important

Wilder Research is conducting a survey of Anoka County residents and is offering incentives to participate. Responses will provide a snapshot of current perceptions of mental illness. Information collected will help guide the work of the Mental Wellness Campaign for Anoka County, a group of consumers, family members, community leaders, and human services professionals.

Anoka County residents are encouraged to participate, according to Anoka County Commissioner Rhonda Sivarajah, chair of the county's Human Services Committee.

"We know mental health is in the top five public health concerns in Anoka County," said Commissioner Sivarajah. "The information in the survey will help us address local mental health issues."

To participate, county residents can call 651-280-2800 or go on line at [www.wildersurveys.org/anoka](http://www.wildersurveys.org/anoka). There's also a new link available at [www.anokacounty.us](http://www.anokacounty.us). It takes less than 10 minutes to complete the survey. Respondents remain anonymous.

Participants are eligible to enter a drawing for one of several prizes, including cash and passes to Anoka County Parks' attractions, such as Bunker Beach and Chomonix Golf. Prizes will be awarded on March 1.

Wilder Research was hired by the Campaign with financial support from Mercy & Unity Hospitals' Foundation, The Rose Foundation, Anoka County, and Connexus Energy.

Connexus Energy, located in Ramsey, is proud to be a part of the project, according to Tammy Ferguson, manager in human resources and chair of the Mental Wellness Campaign for Anoka County.

"More than 1,000 surveys have been completed so far," Ferguson said. "I encourage people to take part, and, in particular, we would really appreciate hearing from men, business people and members of faith communities."

For more information on the Mental Wellness Campaign for Anoka County, call Tammy Ferguson, 612-280-0386.

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