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# **WF1 Connect Mobile App**

The future of connecting customers to services



#### **Environment**

Without mobile access to services, Minnesotans in need may lose services and benefits

#### **Factors:**

- Increased economic uncertainty
- Pandemic limits in-person access
- Inequitable access to desktop computers, scanners, fax machines

#### **Outcome risks:**

- Homelessness
- Hunger
- Unemployment
- Poor health outcomes







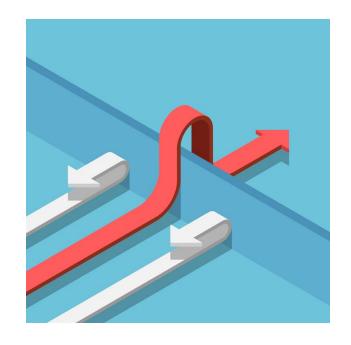
# **Overcoming Obstacles**

#### **Problem**

Communication obstacles result in lost services for customers

#### **Solution**

A mobile messaging app for customers

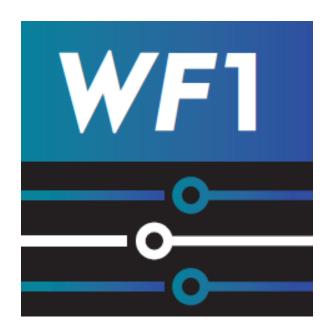






# **WF1 Connect Mobile App**

- Accessible
- Easy-to-use
- Simplifies customer access to services







### **App Core Capabilities**

- Allows customer to message their assigned staff
- Messages flow to case management system and are easy to make part of case notes
- Remote document scanning and delivery
- Links to local resources
- Provider contact list







### **Communications Strategy – Providers**

- WF1 Connect informational materials
- Monthly updates from sprint meetings
- DHS learning network meetings
- Provider user guides
- Provider peer support network
- YouTube videos
- Signage for CareerForce locations







# **Communications Strategy – Customers**

- Opportunity to review app and provide feedback
- Emails that introduce the app, promote engagement, detail benefits and ease-of-use
- How-to guidance one-pagers
- YouTube how-to videos
- User success stories

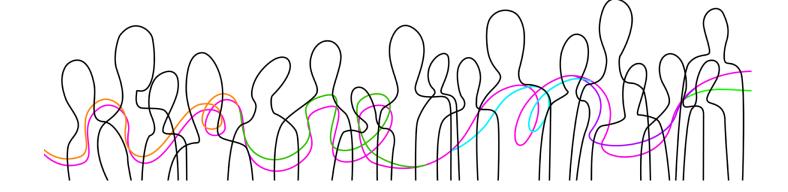






#### **Public Awareness**

Press releases prior to full launch to create public awareness







# **User Acceptance Testing (UAT)**

Customers & staff will have the opportunity to test how the WF1 Connect app:

- Meets their needs and expectations
- Integrates with provider work flow
- Aligns to program goals and objectives







# **Provider Training**

- Champions will be trained
- Provider staff will be trained by their champions
- Short training videos created for refresher courses
- Staff user guides

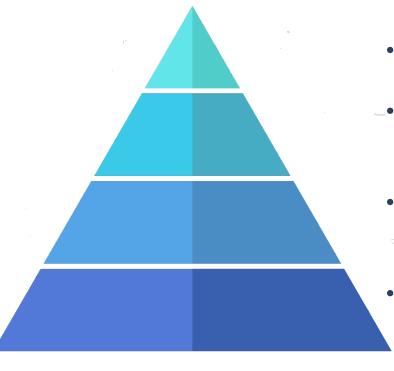






### **Customer Support**

Support pyramid provides the highest level of support needed to resolve any issue



- Provider experts contact WF1 Team
- Provider champion contacts
  volunteer team of provider experts
- Case manager contacts provider champions
  - Customer contacts case manager for support



#### **Timeline**

- November to January Ongoing app development
- February User Acceptance Testing (UAT)
- March Provider training begins
- April Soft launch of 15 providers
- May Full launch
- June and beyond Supporting new users







# A Look at the App

#### WF1 Connect Includes:

- Messages & Documents
- Resources
- Contacts







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