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MinnesotaHelp.info
Power User Version
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www.MinnesotaHelp.info
Navigate Minnesota's Land of Over 10,000 Helping Agencies

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What is MinnesotaHelp.info®?

- Service of the MN Board on Aging on behalf of State of Minnesota
- 1999 legislative mandate for a long-term care database that grew into a larger initiative
- Online at www.minnesotahelp.info since 2003
- A Web-based means of finding information about health and human services in Minnesota

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What's in MinnesotaHelp.info?

- Comprehensive health and human service info for:
  - Seniors and their caregivers
  - People with disabilities and their caregivers
  - Parents and families
  - Youth
  - Veterans
  - People with low income

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What's in MinnesotaHelp.info?

- Recent addition to Special Topics for Senior Link; Disability Link; Adults, Families and Children; and Refugees to support the Statewide Health Improvement Project Initiative
  - Wellness Section
    - Body Image/Weight Management
    - General Health Education
    - Nutrition
    - Physical Activity
    - Tobacco Cessation
  - Adults, Families and Children Special Topics
    - Formerly titled Our Families and Children

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What's in MinnesotaHelp.info?

- More than 31,500 services
- Nearly 12,000 providers
- Over 22,500 locations
- Data is maintained regularly
  - Average age of the data is about half a year

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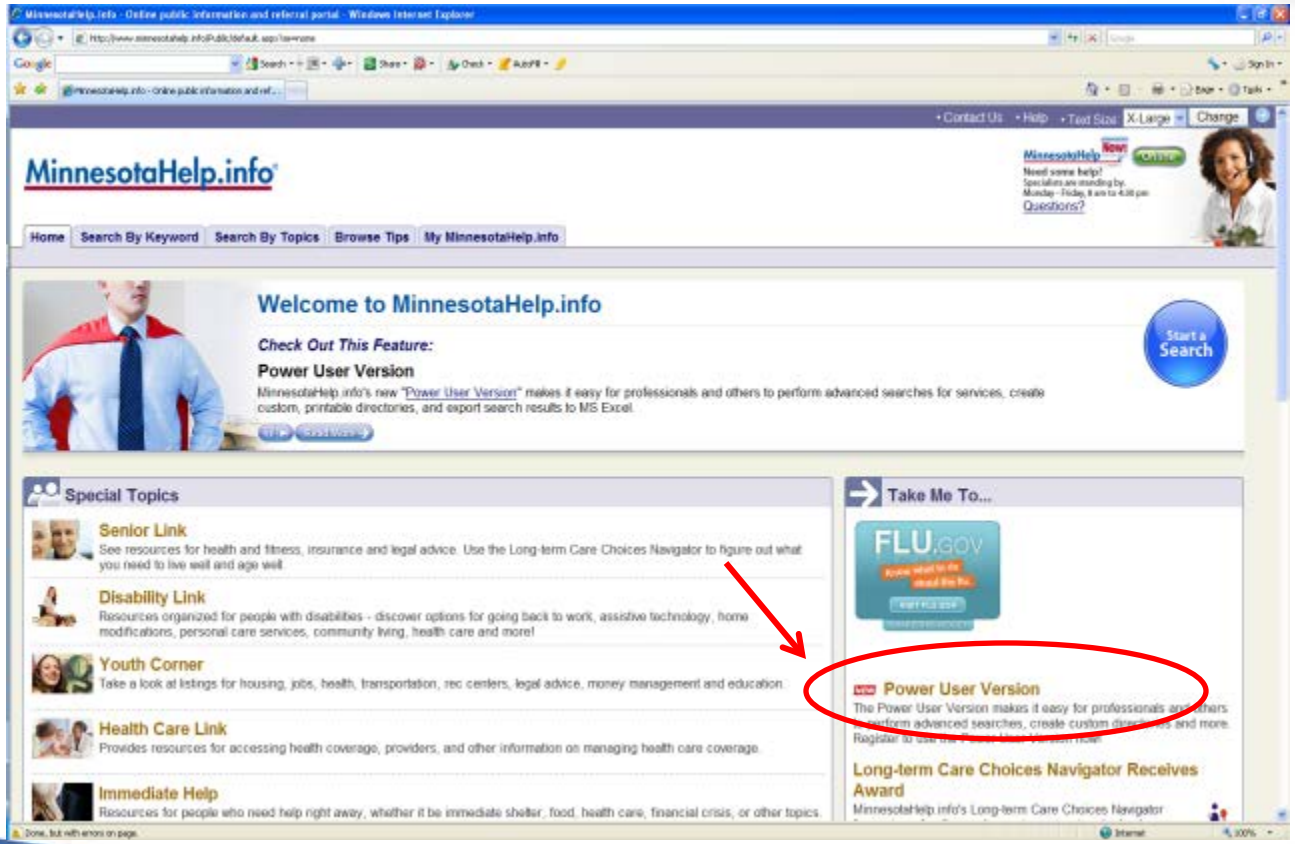
Located on the MinnesotaHelp.info homepage



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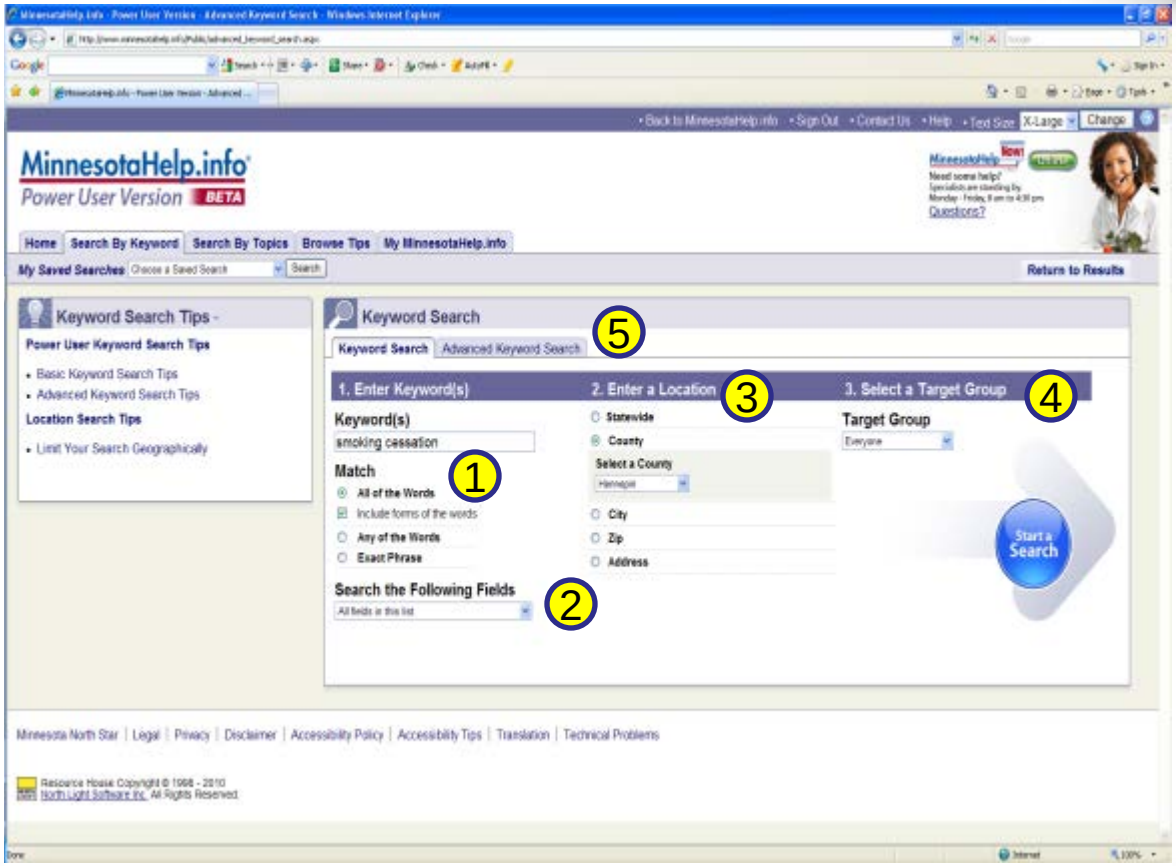
Power User Searching Options

Keyword Search:

1. Match phrases
2. Fields
3. Locations
4. Target groups
5. Advanced keyword search



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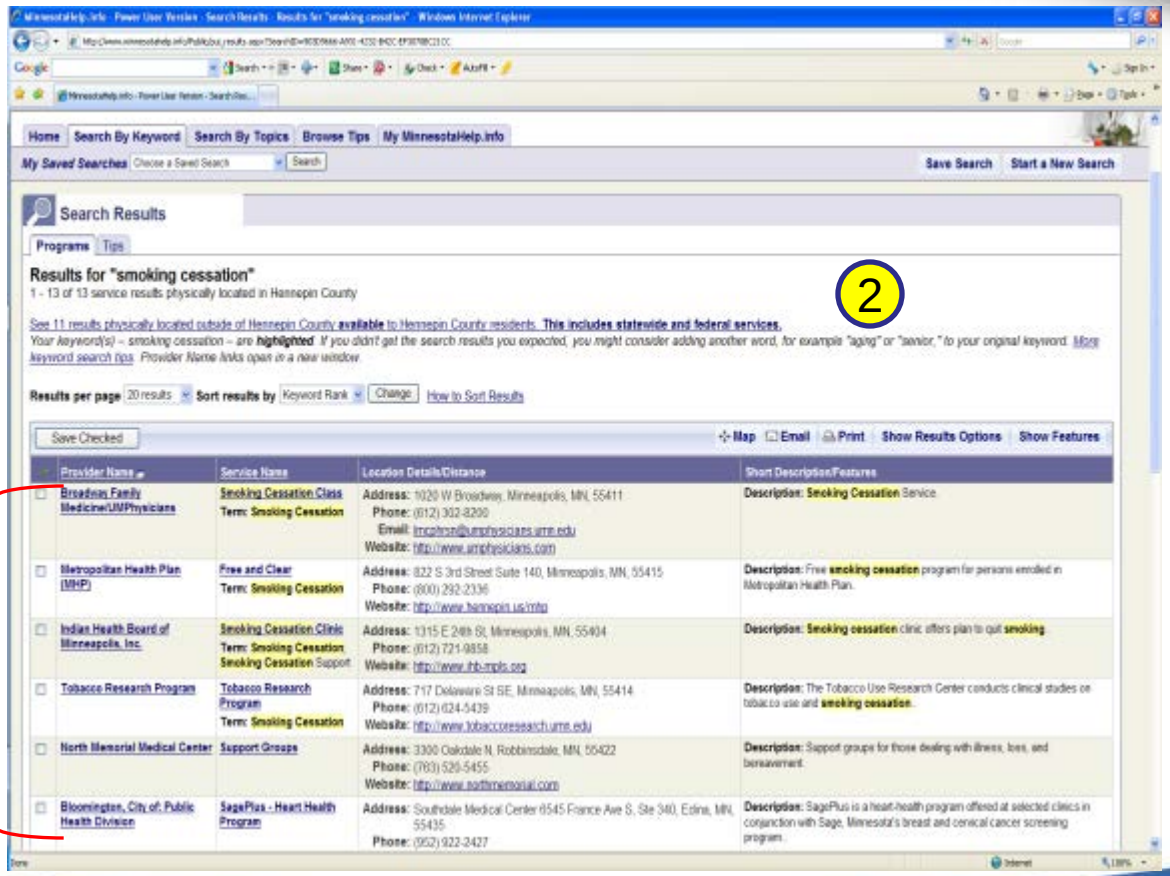
Search Results

Sample keyword search for ‘Smoking Cessation’ limited by Hennepin County’:

1. 13 services physically located in Hennepin County
2. 11 services physically located outside of Hennepin County but available to Hennepin County Residents



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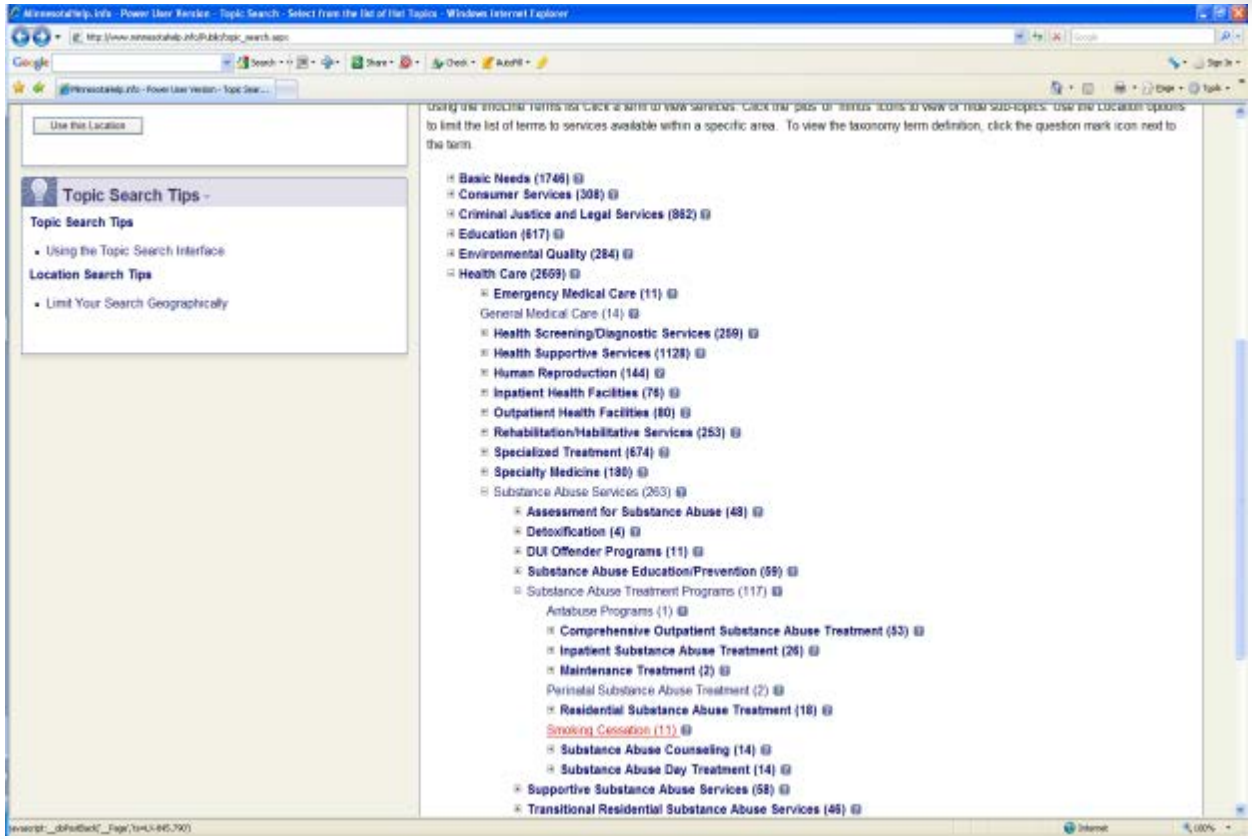
Power User Searching Options

Topic Search:

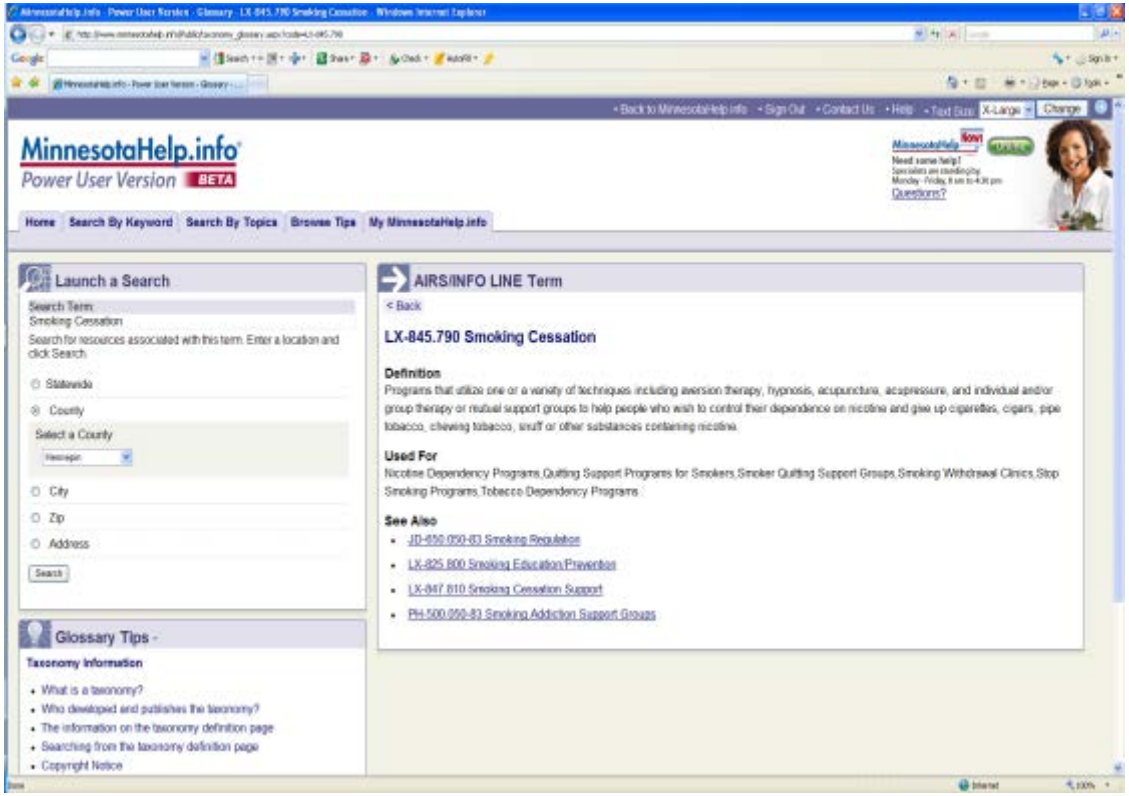
- Use AIRS/INFO LINE Terms
  - Glossary of terms



Power User Searching Options

Topic Search (cont.):

- Searching by taxonomy code definitions
- “See Also” terms



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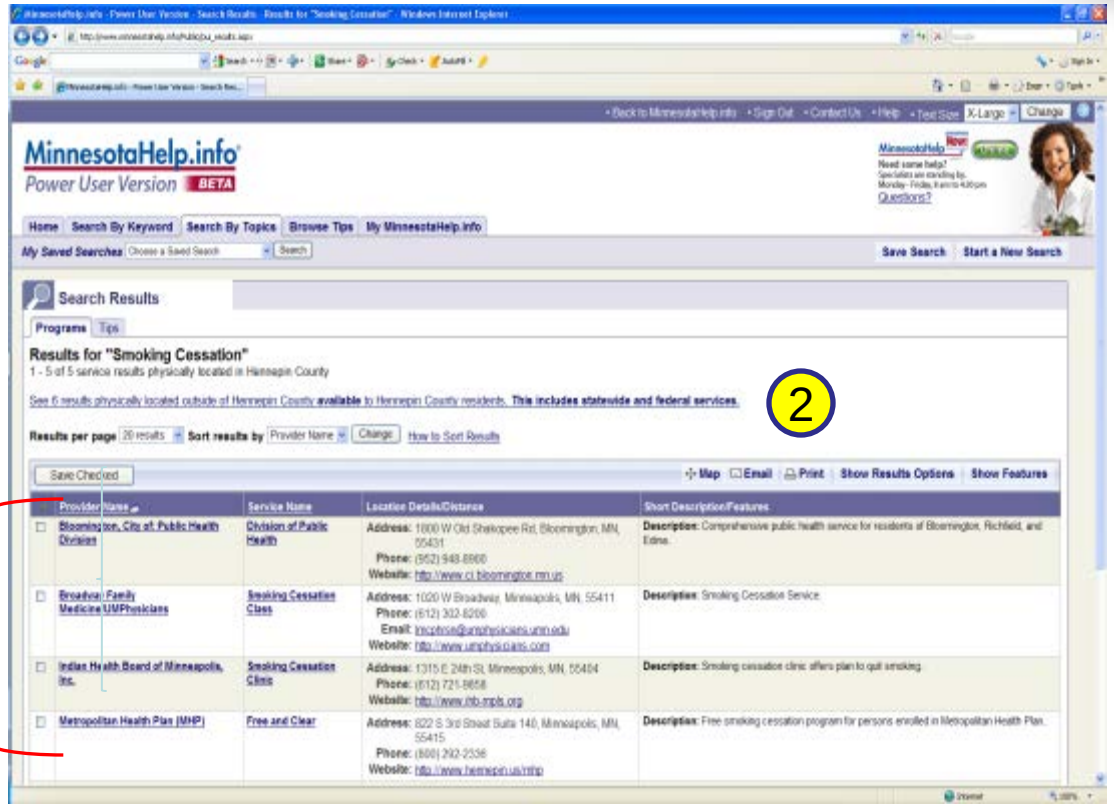
Search Results

Sample Search for ‘Smoking Cessation’ limited by Hennepin County’:

1. 5 services physically located in Hennepin County
2. 6 services physically located outside of Hennepin County but available to Hennepin County Residents



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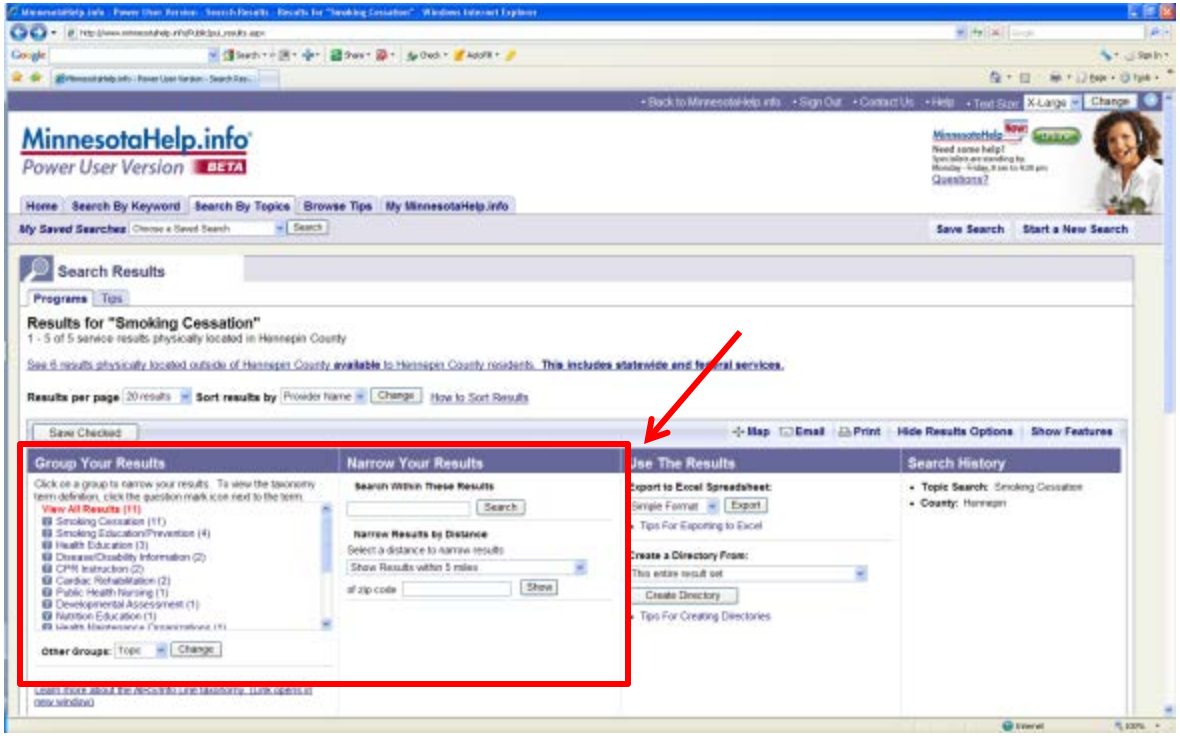
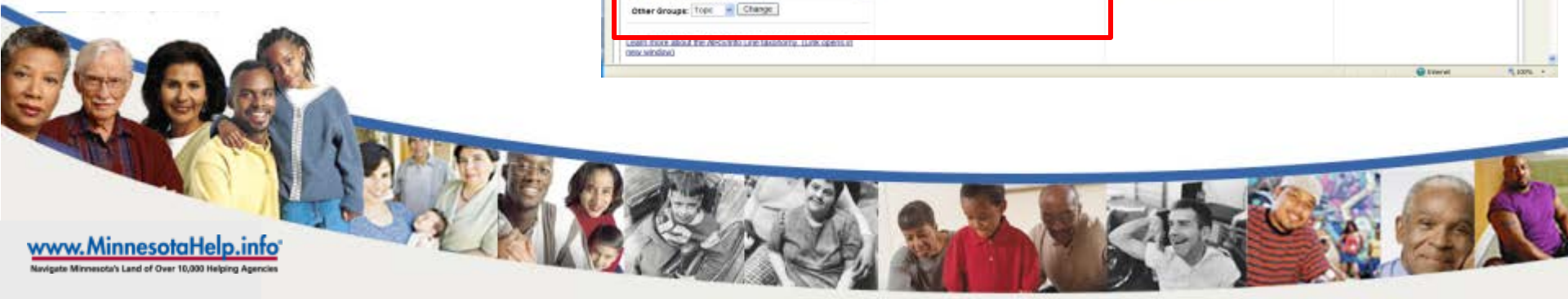
Narrowing Your Search Results

- Group your results
- Search within your results
- Search by feature





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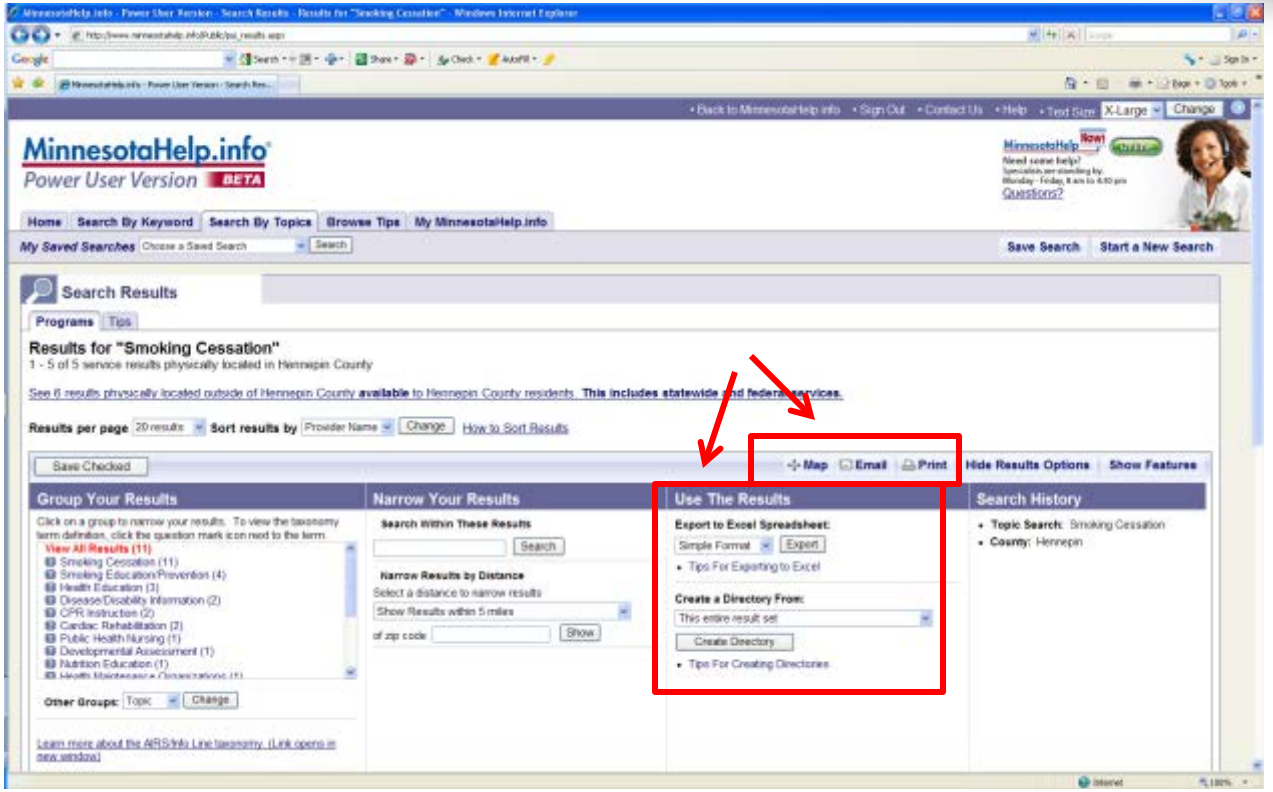
Using Your Search Results

- Map the locations of the service sites
- Email the results
- Basic printing option
- Export them to an Excel spreadsheet
- Create a directory
- Create a plan



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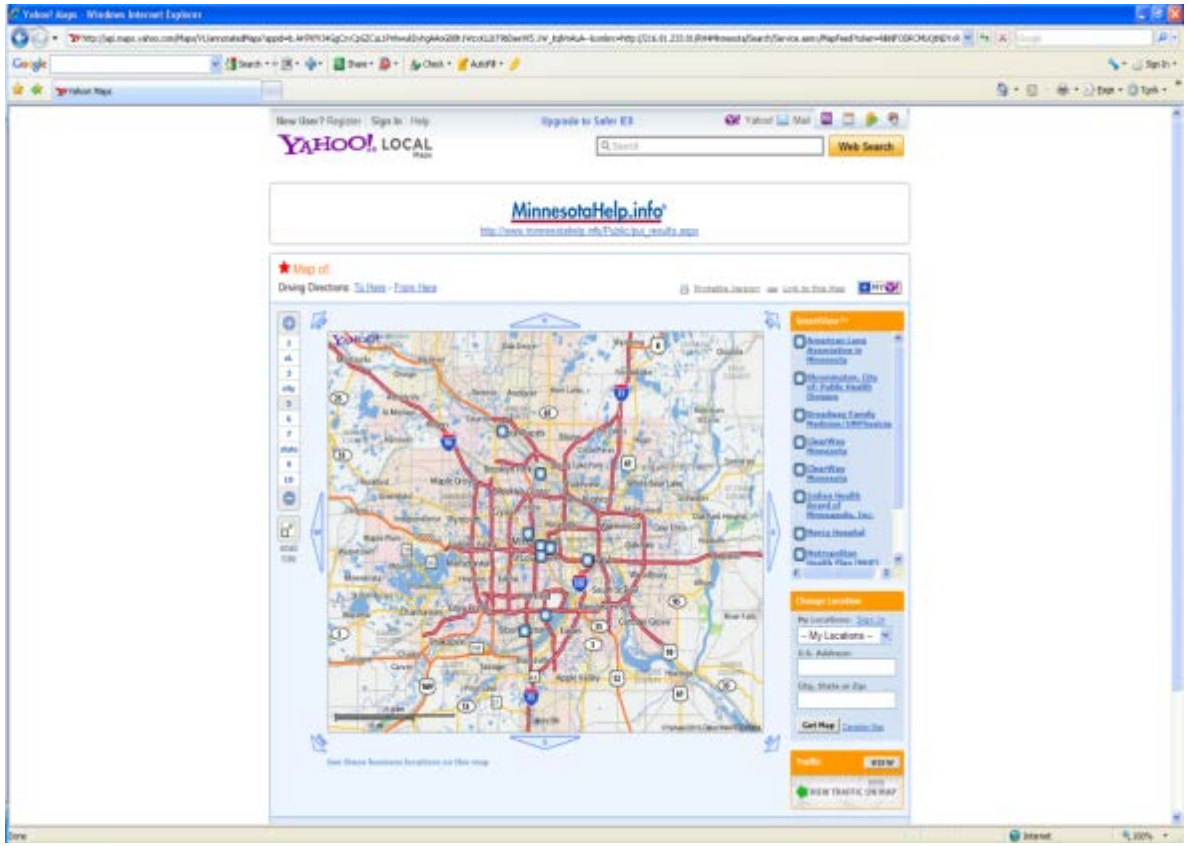

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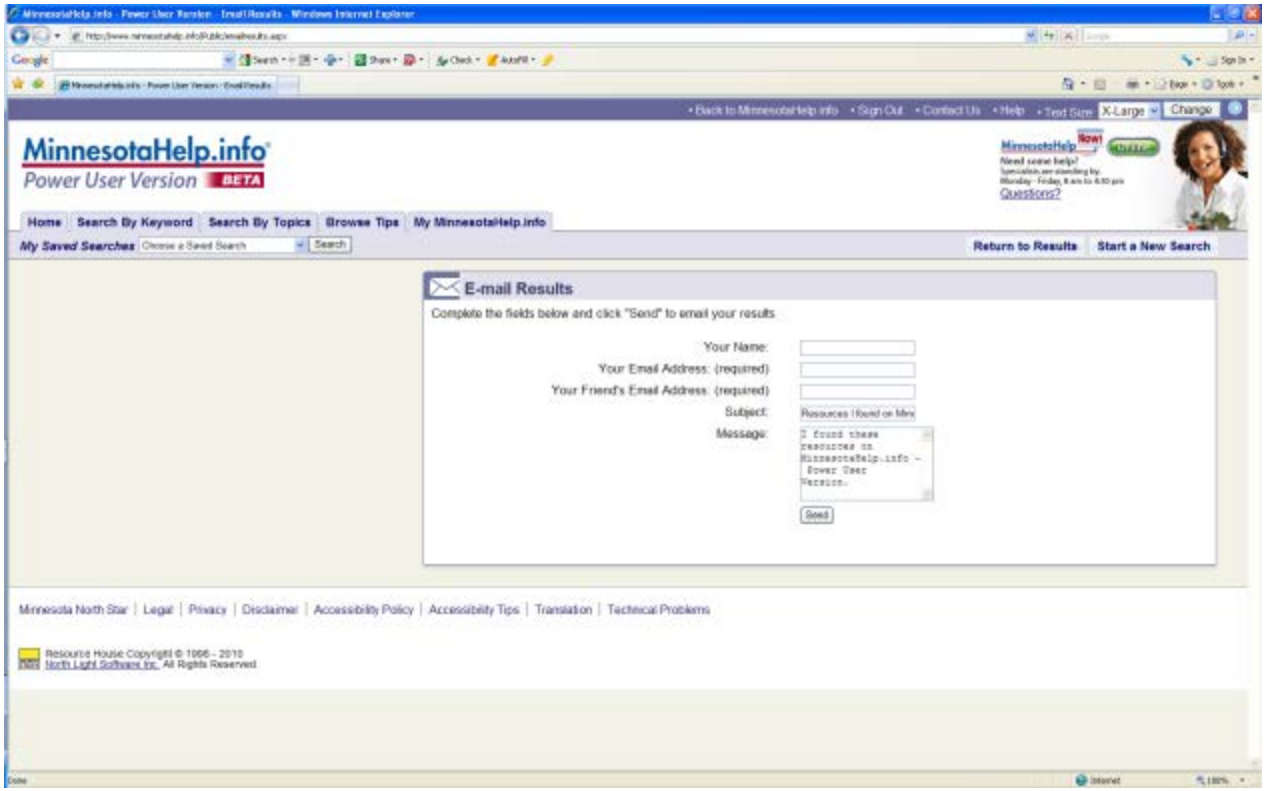

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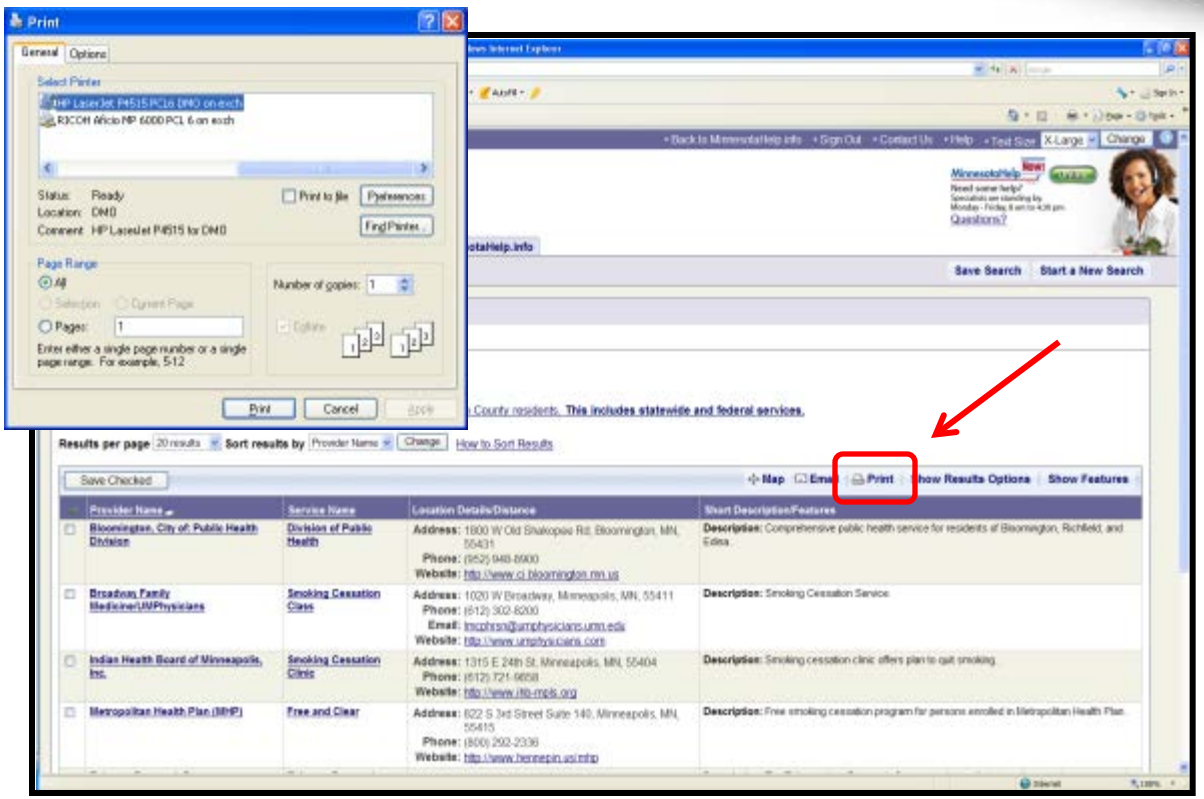

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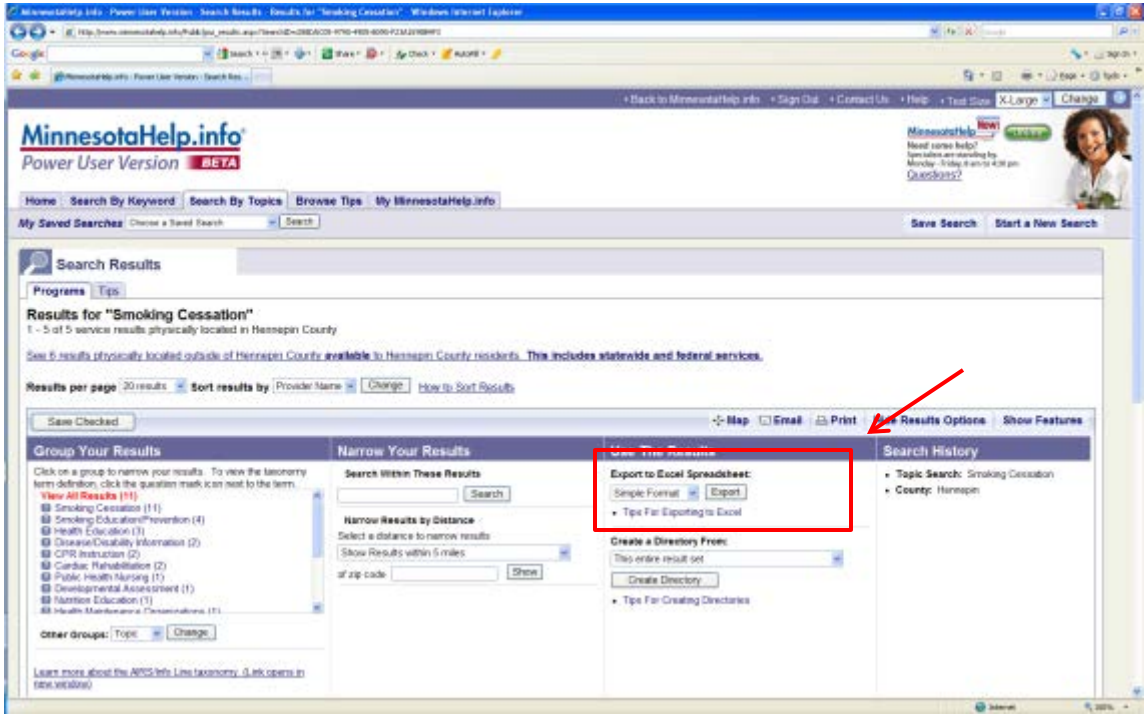
Using Your Search Results

Create an Excel Spreadsheet:



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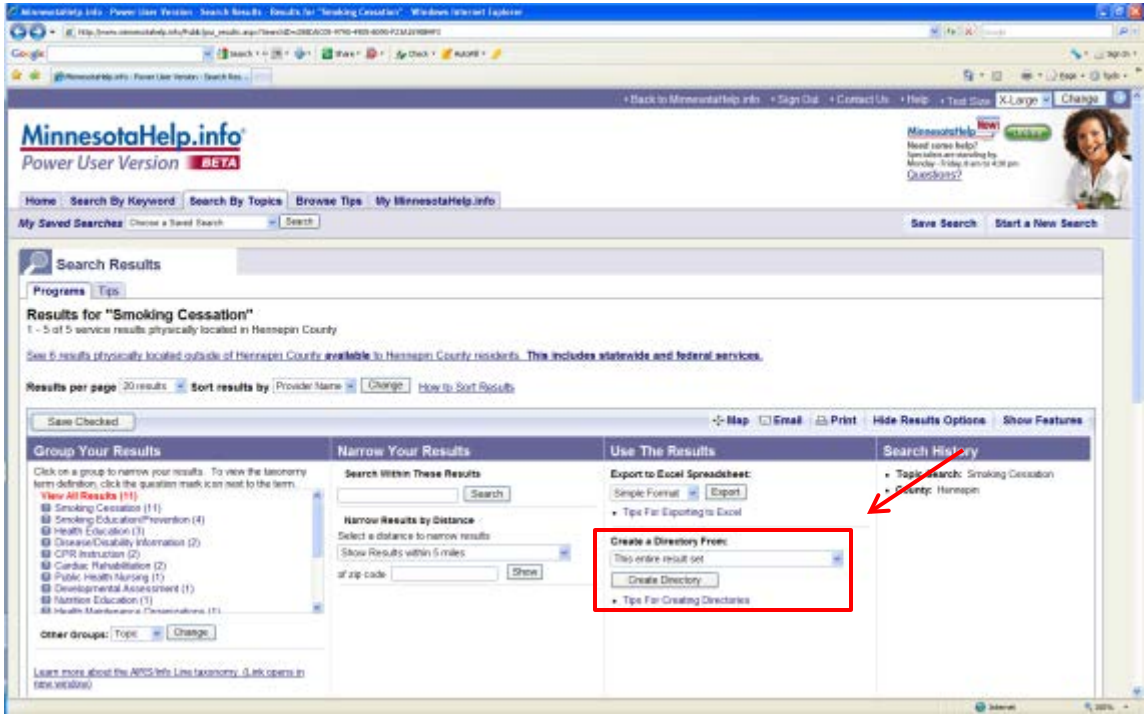
Using Your Search Results

Directories:

- Create and print a directory of your search results
- Save the directory to be reprinted at a later date



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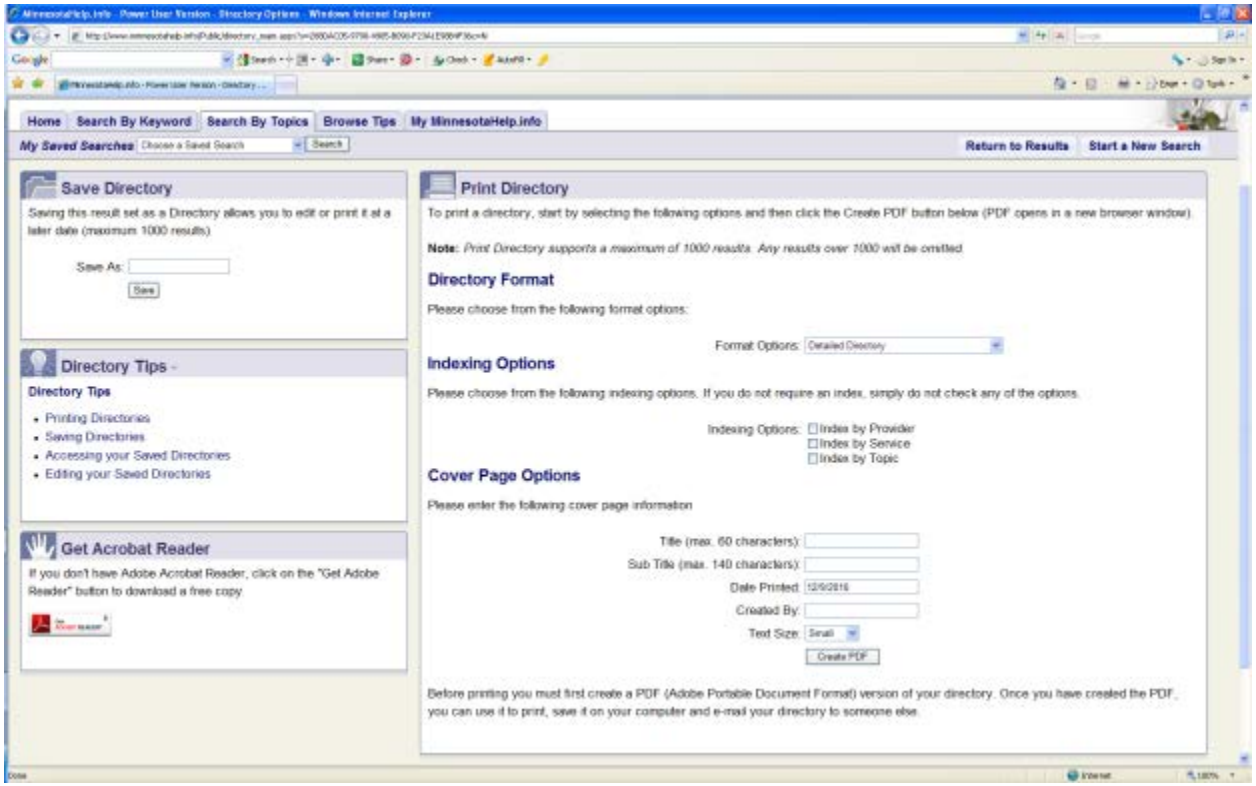
Using Your Search Results

Create a directory (cont.):

- Directory format
- Indexing
- Cover page
- Font size



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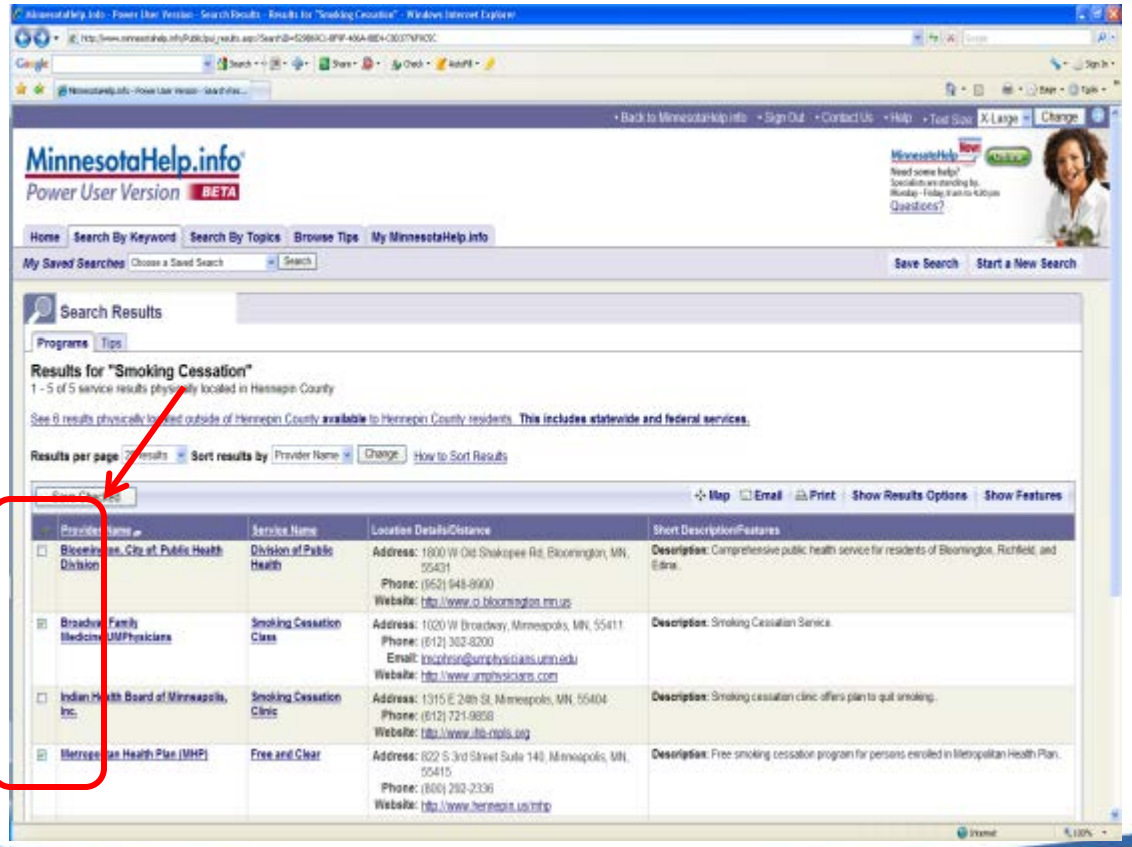
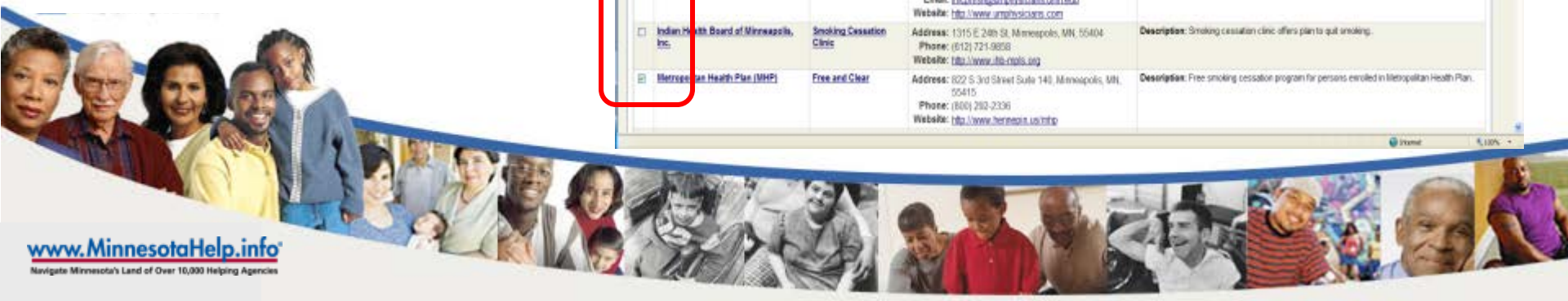
Create a plan:

- Allows you to save different types of resources and consolidate them into one area. (Example: Saving resources related to smoking cessation, transportation to medical appointments, and peer support groups.)





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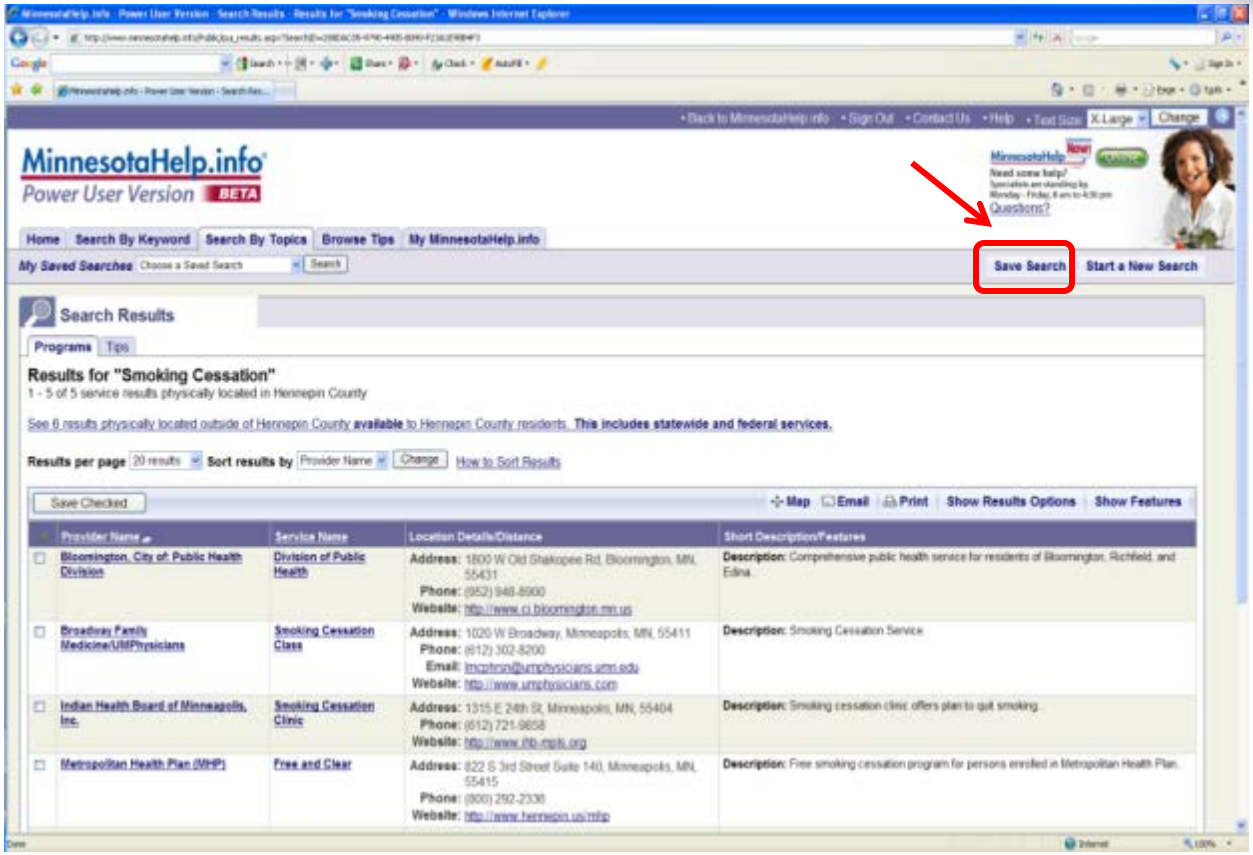
Saving Your Search

- Allows you to save all of your search criteria that brought you to your search results



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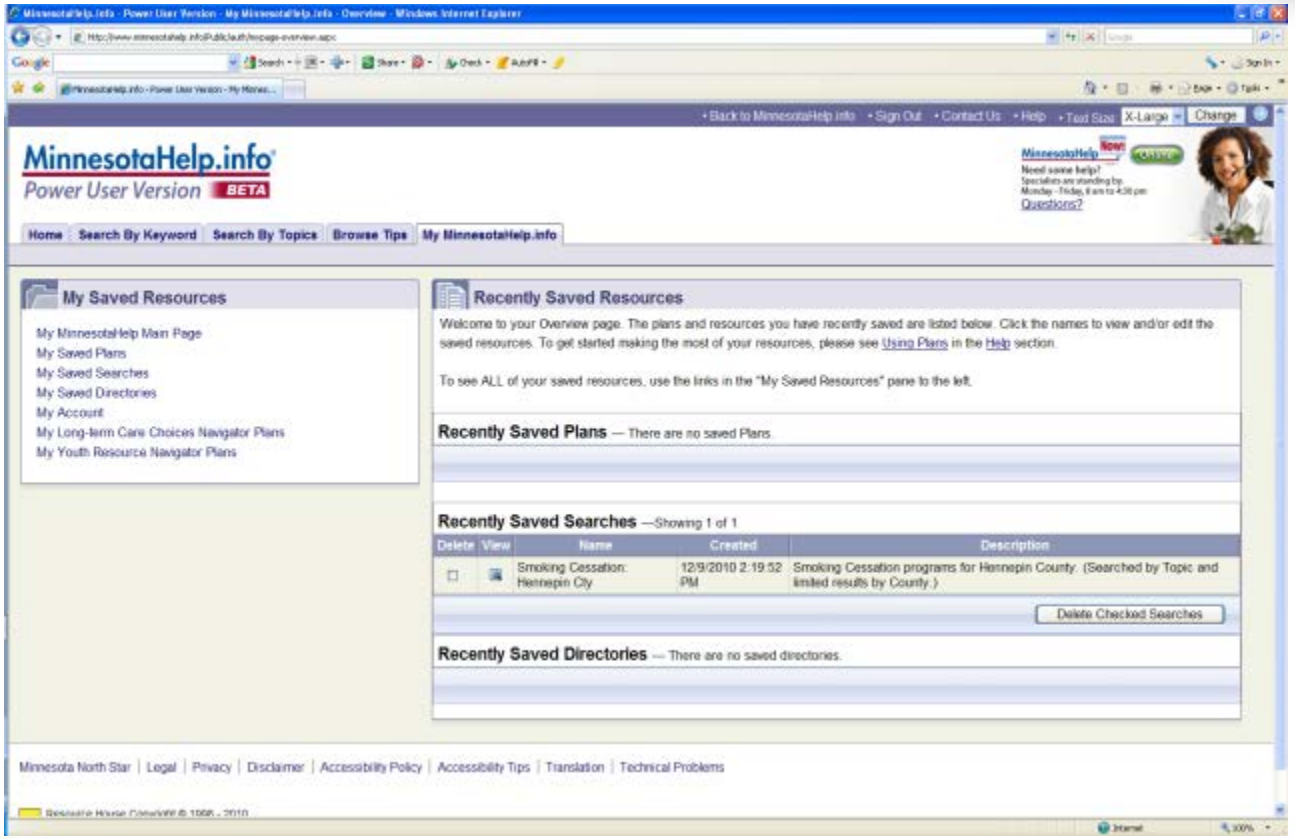
My MinnesotaHelp.info Tab

Allows you to find your:

- Saved Plans
- Saved Searches
- Saved Directories
- And more



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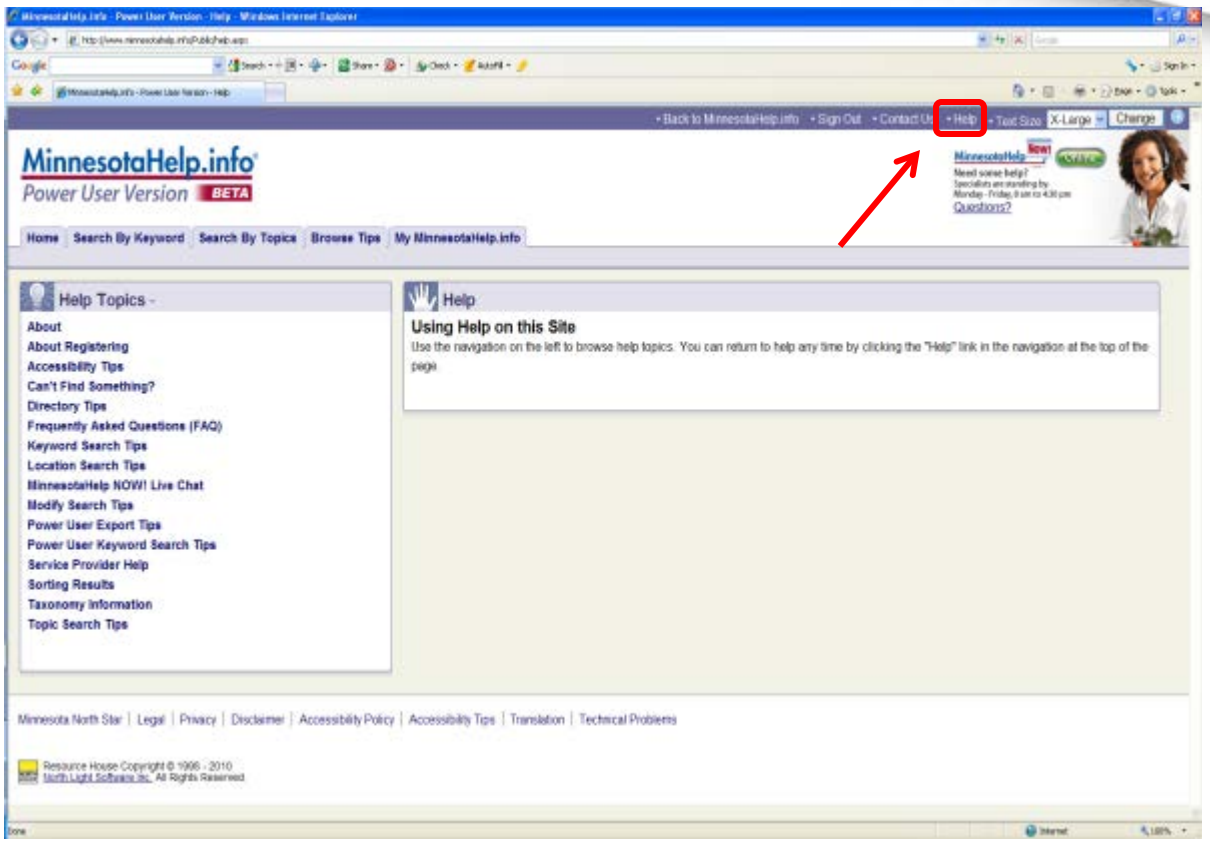
Search Tips

- Clicking the ‘Help’ link will bring you to several other help subjects to assist with using MinnesotaHelp.info Power User



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