



2019 Priorities for Children, Youth and Families

Please join Minnesota's statewide providers of services for children and youth, in supporting the following priorities to benefit Minnesota's kids and families.

Children's Intensive Mental Health, HF1888-Rep Morrison / SF1835-Sen Relph – Sustains state funds for Children's Residential Mental Health services for the 2020/21 biennium, supports enhanced capacity to establish Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities, and expands eligibility for intensive mental health services to be delivered within community settings for children and youth.

Say Yes & Invest!, HF1967-Rep Loeffler / SF1890-Sen Jensen – creates sustainability for essential community based mental health services, with a rate increase for community based mental health, establishing the MA rate as the floor for payment from all payers, and, outlines a rate-setting proposal for consideration in the 2020 session.

Parity for Mental Health Services, HF1340-Rep Lien / SF1229-Sen Utke

School Linked Mental Health, HF814-Rep Edelson / SF969-Sen Rosen – meets mental health needs of students by co-locating mental health services in schools.

Shelter Linked Mental Health Grants, HF1759-Rep Olson / SF1665-Sen Rosen – establishes a mental health grant program to provide mental health services to youth experiencing homelessness or sexual exploitation.

Foster Youth Bill of Rights, HF1939-Rep Kunesh-Podein / SF2125-Sen Abeler.

Foster Parent Liability Insurance, HF1658-Rep Richardson / SF1564-Sen. Mathews – expands property liability insurance coverage for foster parents.

2019 Homeless Youth Act, HF1542-Rep Richardson / SF1730-Sen. Dibble – increases funds for the Homeless Youth Act, and initiates state agency discussion on helping youth access their vital documents for employment, housing, independence.

Child Welfare Training Academy, HF499-Rep Kresha / SF958-Sen Mathews – establishes and funds a new training academy for child welfare workers and supervisors, including invitation to private agency staff.