



**An association of resources and advocacy for children, youth and families**

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## **Legislative Agenda 2020**

### **Family First Prevention Services Act**

- Readiness for Family First Transformations – new service development, training and support for a field transforming to enhance and accelerate meeting family, child and youth needs (HF3996/SF3817)

### **Say Yes & Invest**

- Providing Community Based Mental Health Services Requires – Sustainable rates, with the published MA rate as payment floor, and viable rate methodology (HF1967/SF1890)
- In lieu of rates and regulatory relief, DHS will not mandate additional reporting for community based mental health services (HF3592/SF3079)

### **Children's Intensive Mental Health**

- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) – specialization and sustainability through per facility per diem (HF3445/SF3291)
- PRTF Capital Investments – investing in services that reflect state of the art psychiatric care for Minnesota children, youth and their supportive families (SF4191)
- Serve MN Youth in MN – an estimated 250 youth are sent out of the state each year for acute mental health care, we can instead serve our youth in MN by bringing together clinical teams who know the child and family and can design unique services to keep MN youth safe, supported and healing close to their community (HF3910/SF3748)
- Educational support for children and youth in residential care and treatment through extended year school (HF2688/SF2735)

### **Quality Parenting Initiative-Minnesota**

- Comfort calls to all birth parents at placement of children or youth (HF3104/SF3322)
- Kinship caregiving prioritized (HF2863/SF2750)
- Updating foster care licensing to match adoption standards and increase access for kinship care in foster care (HF1050/SF1217)
- Foster Youth Bill of Rights (HF1939/SF2125)
- Foster Youth Driver's Insurance (HF1716/SF1563)
- Foster Parent Liability Insurance (HF1658/SF1564)

### **Actively supporting**

Uniform Service Standards

Northstar Care for children under six (HF1870/SF961)

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