

We are neighbors helping neighbors live full and abundant lives. Our public policy priorities provide practical solutions and strengthen resources that inspire hope, change lives and build community.

## Invest in Services that Respond to Community Needs

LSS promotes resiliency and long-term stability for people in all stages of life through innovative, person-centered service delivery that meets current and emerging needs in our communities. We support policies that improve access to service, promote social connectedness, and enhance the quality of life for our neighbors.



### REQUESTS:

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#### **Sustain and Grow the Direct Support Professional Workforce**

[HF 382](#) | [SF 402](#)

Fully fund and implement regular adjustments to the Competitive Workforce Factor to reduce the wage gap that exists between DSPs and other occupations with similar training and education requirements.

#### **Strengthen Mental Health.**

[HF 1005](#) | [SF 1402](#)

Implement rate increases that will maintain and improve access to service.

#### **Expand Student Loan Debt Counseling.**

Increase the existing grant to ensure more Minnesotans are equipped with the knowledge to manage debt and achieve financial wellness.

## Invest in Prevention and Early Intervention Services

LSS is committed to innovating services that we know are critical for helping Minnesotans overcome barriers that prohibit them from living full and abundant lives. We support policies that expand these services that give more individuals and families the tools and support they need to grow their own capacity and change their lives.



### REQUESTS:

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#### **Increase Access to Supported Decision-Making.**

Sustain state resources to build a stronger foundation and network of supported decision-making practice.

#### **Establish Site-Based Transitional Housing Capital Funds.**

Create funding to renovate and expand site-based transitional housing.

#### **Center for Changing Lives Capital Request.**

LSS requests \$2.5 million to renovate and expand a service site that will ensure families and youth experiencing housing instability have access to multiple complementary services in one place.

## LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MINNESOTA

# AT A GLANCE



### Mission

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota expresses the love of Christ for all people through service that inspires hope, changes lives and builds community.

### Vision

All people have the opportunity to live and work in community with full and abundant lives.

### Employee Vision

LSS employees have deeply meaningful work that changes lives, the opportunity for their unique gifts to shine and grow, and abundant and balanced lives.

### Fast Facts

**91,000+** Individuals supported annually

**2,600** Employees

**10,000** Volunteers

**87** Counties

**160** Years in Service

### Service Summary

#### Disability Residential Services

Supporting individuals with identified needs in residential settings to live the lives they imagine for themselves.

*Individuals Served in 2024: 729*

#### Community Based Services

Supporting individuals with identified needs in community-based settings to live the lives they imagine for themselves.

*Individuals Served in 2024: 9,983*

#### Services for Older Adults

Helping older adults and others maintain healthy, connected and balanced lifestyles in their own homes and communities.

*Individuals Served in 2024: 32,364*

#### Child & Family Services

Providing services for children and families that strengthen their resiliency and connections in community.

*Individuals Served in 2024: 12,002*

#### Economic Opportunity & Youth Support Services

Strengthening individuals and families with resources that help improve their economic, social, health, and housing stability.

*Individuals Served in 2024: 30,451*