

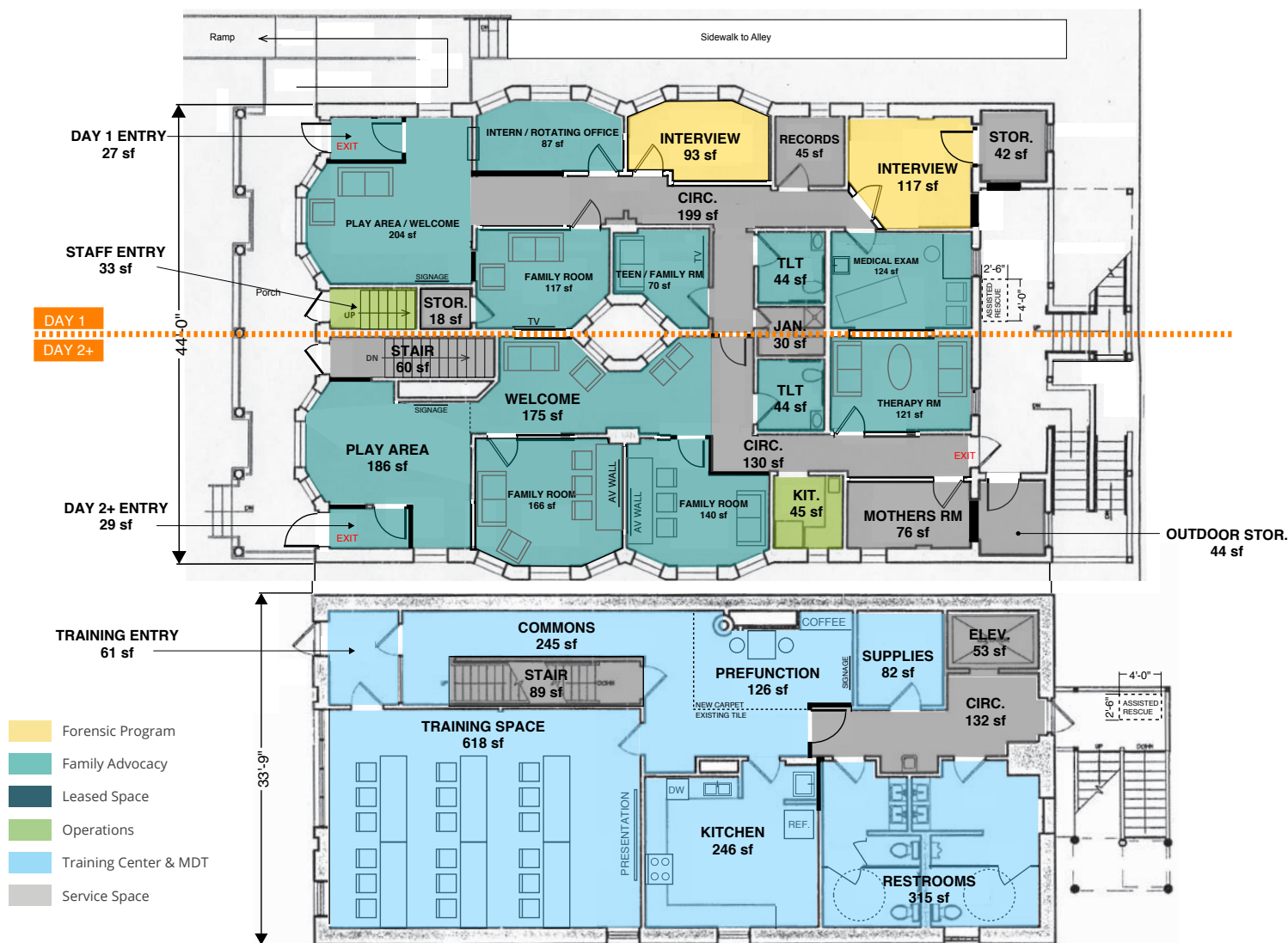


Restoring Hope

First Witness Child Advocacy Center

FUNDING REQUEST HB 3698

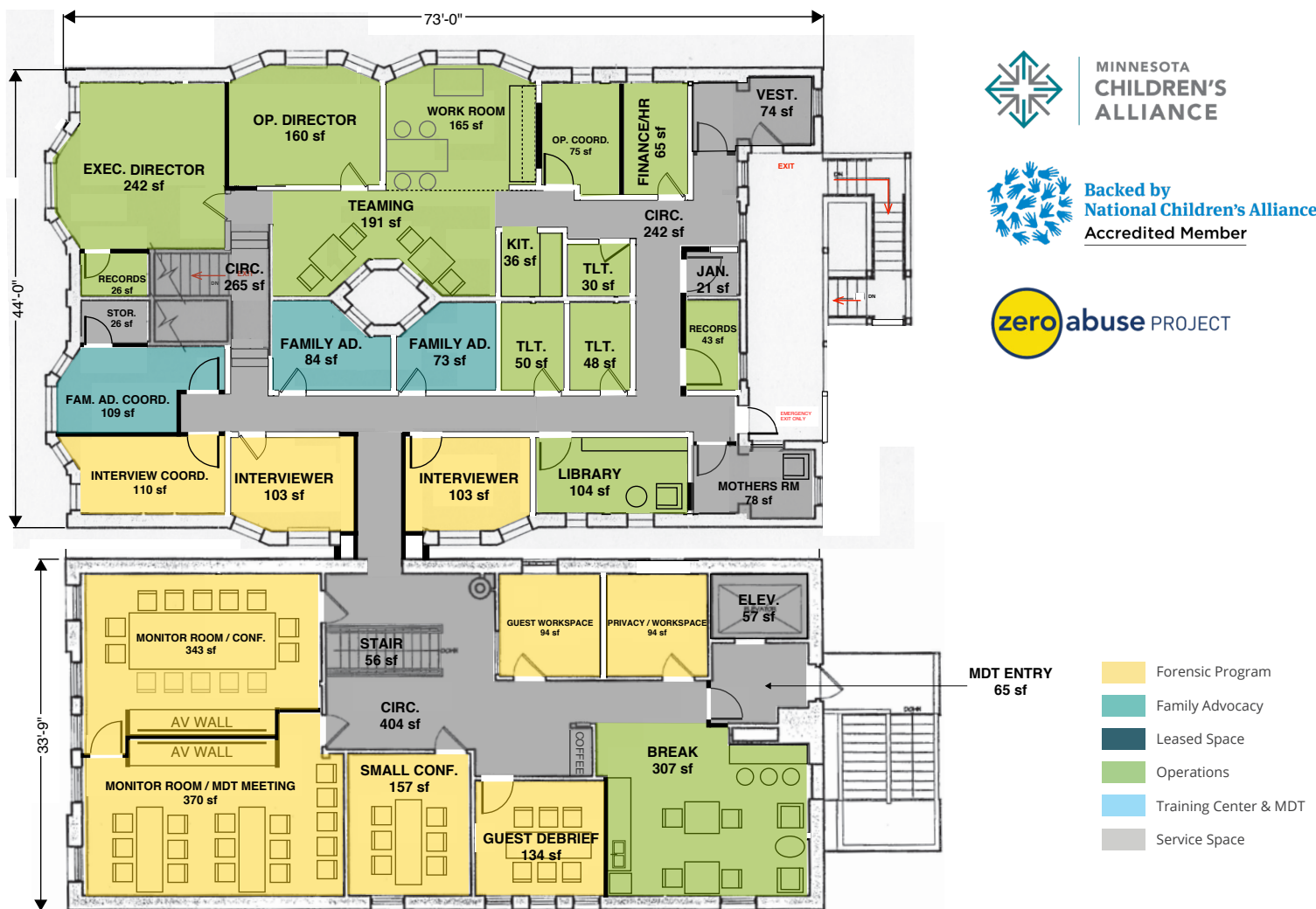
Our mission is to strengthen our communities' response to child abuse. Since our beginnings as a child abuse resource center, First Witness CAC has expanded our efforts to include family advocacy services, full-time forensic interviewers, a national training center, the development of a child abuse prevention coalition, and the expansion to serve Carlton County families and have outgrown the capacity of our current building. In 2010 we served 75 children through our forensic interviewing program. In 2021 we served 231 children and youth along with their caregivers in our forensic interviewing program and advocacy program and over 3000 children through our child sexual abuse prevention programming. Based on Q1 numbers we are on track to serve 300 children; the need for this building is urgent.



Funding Request

\$2,000,000 is requested for the purchase of new space to house First Witness CAC in Duluth, renovations of the premises, supplies and equipment, and demolition of a portion of the property to establish a parking lot. \$850,000 to purchase the building and \$1.6 million dollars for the construction and renovation of the building.

This funding would allow us to bring together services and professionals onto one site to provide the best experience possible for the child. Additional funding will be secured from local foundations, businesses, municipalities and individual donors.



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