### The MN Family Resiliency Partnership

Formerly Known as the MN Displaced Homemaker Program

#### **OUR MISSION:**

To increase the self-sufficiency of participants and their families.

#### **OUR PARTICIPANTS:**

Participants are people who have been at home caring for family while dependent on someone else's income. They have lost that source of income through a personal loss-death, disability, divorce, abandonment, or loss of public assistance. Amid this transitional crisis they face a radical life and occupational reorientation.

#### **OUR PROGRAM:**

The Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership is a pre-employment and family stabilization program. It is the ONLY program in the state designed to help this unemployed or underemployed population to address their unique barriers to self-sufficiency.

The program addresses work readiness by teaching participants:

- essential life-skills needed to stabilize their family situation.
- necessary job-related skills needed to conduct a successful job search.
- intensive individualized support.
- homelessness intervention and prevention.
- training and college academic advising for career development.
- assistance with gaining employment.

#### **OUR COVID 19 ADAPTATION:**

- Virtual workshops.
- Chrome laptop lending library.
- WiFi Hot Spots.
- PPE for participants and their children.
- Meeting outdoors if possible.
- All services remained available to all participants.



"I don't know how my family would have survived if it wasn't for this program." C.A.

"Six months after my husband passed away from cancer, I lost my job of 18 years. At the age of 54, this program addressed everything I needed to do to survive and re-enter the workforce." J.M.

"They helped me develop a higher paying career rather than just getting a job." V.R

## BARRIERS TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND EMPLOYMENT:

Participants in the MN Family Resiliency Partnership are:

- Female—97%.
- Brown, black, and indigenous—32%.
- Victims of domestic violence—60%.
- Not receiving court ordered child support—75%
- Homeless—22%.

#### **OUR OUTCOMES:**

- Served 4,318 low-income participants and their families, including their children.
- 97% successfully completed their program.
- 6% enrolled in college.
- 32% became employed with an average hourly wage of \$13.14 per hour. (UPDATE 2022 \$17.16)

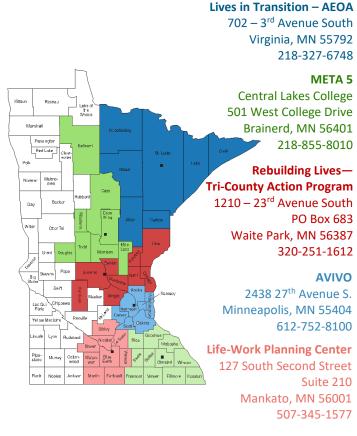
#### **OUR FUNDING:**

- The Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership has been funded primarily by fees with little or no tax dollars since 2003.
- It is a Career Pathways program administered by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).
- All participants enrolled in the Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership live at 200% of the federal poverty guidelines or even less.

#### FINANCIAL OUTCOMES:

- Participants who became employed in SFY 19 and 20 contributed \$11,200,949 in local sales, sales taxes, and income taxes to the state economy annually.
- Each low-income participant diverted from MFIP saves the state \$19,181 annually per family consisting of one adult and two children. This results in \$23,382,406 in savings to the State of MN in SFY 19 and SFY 20 annually.
- The regional MN Family Resiliency Partnership is funded primarily by fees. The cost per participant for 12-months of service is \$1,498.
   Other DEED programs are funded at \$3,500 -\$5000 per participant.

# Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership service areas and contact information:



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## The state realizes a \$26.89 to \$1 return on its investment in the Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership.

We are requesting \$250,000 annually to be divided between 6 partner programs

We are requesting to update Minnesota Statutes 2020, 357.021 and 517.08 to increase the amount collected to support the Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership 357.021 Subd. 2 \$30 517.08 Subd. 1c \$30

THIS REQUEST DOES NOT INCREASE FEES CHARGED TO APPLICANTS