

St. David's Center: Expanding Access at 1130 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis SF 246 (Dibble) / HF 244 (Jones)



St. David's Center is a regional leader in child and family development.

We offer therapeutic, educational, and support services - including mental health and pediatric therapies, autism treatment, home visiting, an inclusive preschool, and disability services to over 6,500 children, families, and adults with special needs at our two early intervention centers in Minneapolis and Minnetonka, 30 partner sites, and 2,000 family homes across the community.

St. David's Center has a waitlist of more than 2,000 children –

and that's only the families that have been referred. There is certainly even more need. Minnesota families are struggling. St. David's Center is ready to double capacity, but it will take a continued public-private partnership to make it a reality.

Why are there so many children waiting?



1 in 5 children
has a diagnosable
mental health issue, yet
only 20%
gain access to services
they need.



1 in 4 children
has witnessed or
experienced trauma by
age four.

3x

Preschool children
are 3 times more
likely to be expelled
than children in
K-12.

4x

Children who live
in low-income
areas and have
developmental needs
are 4 times as likely
to be expelled.

What are we doing that sets young children on a better trajectory?

Early Intervention & Treatment Clinical Service Continuum

6,000 young children, primarily prenatal to 8



St. David's Center's Solution to Increase Access to Trajectory-Changing Services: 1130 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis

Vision:

Improve the health, educational achievement, and lifelong prosperity of children in the Twin Cities metro area by creating an accessible, culturally responsive, trauma-informed early assessment, intervention, and training center in the heart of the city.

Today:

27,000 usable square footage
90 approximate children enrolled

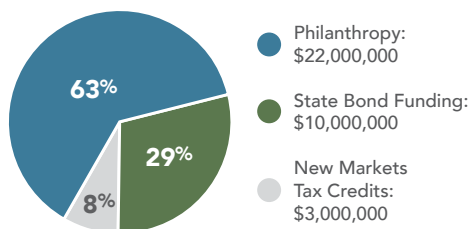
By 2027:

105,000 usable square footage
2,000 children and families benefitting annually
250 staff serving families on site and across metro community

Our Request of the 2025 Legislature

\$10 million in state bond funding, with Hennepin County serving as the fiscal agent, to help offset a portion of the necessary renovation project costs.

COMPREHENSIVE EXPANSION PLAN, \$35,000,000 REVENUE BY SOURCE



The \$35 million Comprehensive Expansion Plan

includes the purchase and renovation of 1130 Nicollet Mall; the cost of scaling our services, workforce, and infrastructure; and fundraising expenses.

Public Benefits Associated with this One-Time Investment

- **Increased access to trajectory-changing services** for 2,000 young children and their parents annually
- **Alleviated demand for intensive special education services** for Emotional-Behavioral Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder in K12
- **Decreased special education costs** in the short- and long-term
 - State of Minnesota projected to spend **\$250,000 in special education expenses per student over 13 years of K-12**
 - **Leverage Medicaid and commercial insurance** to treat young children and families, saving the state millions of dollars over time

Without state support, more children will be left behind and costs will increase.

- **Longer waiting lists and far fewer children ready for kindergarten**
- **Families more distressed and less stable**, increasing demand for and dependence on other public programs
- **More pressure on school district resources**

Family residency

