

The MN Family Resiliency Partnership

Formerly Known as the MN Displaced Homemaker Program

Dear Chair Becker-Finn and Committee Members:

Thank you very much for including the Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership (MFRP) in your budget starting in 2023! We were thrilled to hear this news!

We are so grateful to you for your help in changing our name a few years ago, and for your long-standing support of our work to help marginalized women and their families stabilize and become self-sufficient. It is very gratifying when one's hard work to lift people out of poverty is recognized and validated. Thank you!

As you are aware, without the funding from marriage license and dissolution filing fees, this program would be eliminated. This funding stream allows us to remain focused on family stabilization through trauma informed care, rather than just getting people a job. Due to this unique pre-employment approach, we do not fit neatly into the metrics DEED uses for competitive grants. Our goal is to provide wrap around services and long-term solutions that help break down the barriers that keep our participants trapped in poverty after a major life transition. This funding source has made that work possible for a long-time. Again, we are grateful.

Should you find a way to include our services at the full funding level requested, it would stabilize our statewide program and greatly increase our capacity to provide these life-changing services today and for years to come.

I'm sure we would agree that the energy of the MFRP program is best spent serving people, not making on-going requests of the legislature no matter how grateful we are to you for being so very generous with your time and expertise.

Once again, thank you for all that you have done for the Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership and the individuals we serve.

Respectfully,

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On Behalf of the Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership

