

MEETING THE MOMENT.

SHAPING THE FUTURE.



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 **4,000 children and families** at our two early intervention centers in Minneapolis and Minnetonka and at 30 partner sites and hundreds of family homes across the community.

St. David's Center has a waitlist of **1,800 children** – and that's just the metro area.

Current service needs in Greater Minnesota are also unprecedented, from childcare shortages to an increase in mental health crises to more children exhibiting developmental delays. Minnesota families are struggling. According to First Children's Finance, Central Minnesota is short roughly 5,300 childcare spots.

St. David's Center is prepared to **serve thousands of children and families in the St. Cloud region**, but it will continue to require public-private partnership to make it a reality.

A recent development could help us meet this goal:

ST. CLOUD COMMUNITY SOLUTION

Build or renovate a 40,000–60,000-square-foot early childhood center with:

- ▶ Inclusive **early childhood education**,
- ▶ **Preschool mental health day treatment (autism and trauma)**, and
- ▶ Outpatient **mental health and pediatric therapies**.

This center would **serve 1,500–2,000 children annually** and be a launching pad for home- and community-based services and community partnerships.

The first step in making this vision a reality: HF 3497 (Wolgamott) / SF 3569 (Putnam), requesting \$400k in predesign funds, in partnership with Stearns County.

