

A Network of Support for Minnesota Families

The One Minnesota Budget - focusing on our future by focusing on our children! Community Resource Centers play a critical role assuring access to community-based support and services so all children can grow in safe, strong, and healthy families.

"I went to a Family Resource Center because I needed help. I was homeless and a single dad. They didn't judge me they just helped me." - Parent Participant, Community Resource Center

"Community Resource Hub assistance sped up the process of finding the help we needed!"
- Family Participant, Community Resource Center

Community Resource Centers (CRCs) are **centralized community access points** for individuals and families to seek relationship-based and culturally responsive support, reducing isolation and building **strong, healthy, successful families**.



Over 30 CRC sites¹ are already operating across the state. Investing in a network of CRCs will **knit together existing community resources to sustain and grow coordinated support** for Minnesota children and families.



CRC support for children and families looks like:

- **Local, community-driven** in-person support, care, and network of resources - from preventative services to a continuum of care
- **Rooted** in research-based Strengthening Families Protective Factors² and the learnings from Community Resource Hub and Family Resource Center grants
- Centering **community members and those with lived experience** to meet community-specific needs and offer culturally responsive services
- **Connecting** all residents with basic needs such as housing, food, and care
- **Multiple ways of accessing services** through in-person visits or virtual tools like [Help Me Connect](#)

Support statewide access to this critical network.

What the Research Shows

Using a multi-generational, strengths-based, and family-centered approach, CRCs have been shown to impact the following areas³:

Reductions in:

- Out of home placements
- Community-level child abuse investigations
- Disparities, especially in BIPOC communities

Increases in:

- Economic self-sufficiency
- Health
- Social support
- Children's educational success
- Family functioning and resiliency

Your Support

Support community-driven support to children and families. Support prevention of need for deep-end services. Support CRCs.

The following organizations have joined together to advocate for a network of CRCs to support Minnesota families and children throughout the state:



¹ There are currently 29 Community Resource Hubs and 4 Family Resource Centers throughout the state, with more FRCs underway.

² "[About Strengthening Families™ and the Protective Factors Framework](#)," Center for the Study of Social Projects, November 2018.

³ "[What is a Family Resource Center?](#)", National Family Support Network.