

We are neighbors helping neighbors live full and abundant lives. Our public policy priorities provide practical solutions and strengthen resources that inspire hope, change lives and build community.

## Strengthen Services that Respond to Community Needs



LSS promotes resiliency and long-term stability for people in all stages of life through innovative, person-centered service delivery that meets current and emerging needs in our communities. We support policies that improve access to service, promote social connectedness, and enhance the quality of life for our neighbors.

### REQUESTS:

#### Direct Support in Hospitals.

[HF5280](#) | [SF5335](#)

Create reimbursement for direct care support during hospital stays.

#### Invest in a Sustainable Direct Support Professional Workforce.

[HF3906](#) | [SF3735](#)

Fully fund and implement regular adjustments to the Competitive Workforce Factor to reduce the wage gap that exists between DSPs and other occupations with similar training and education requirements.

#### Invest in Mental Health.

[HF4981](#) | [SF5084](#)

Implement rate increases that will maintain access to service and build back a strong workforce.

## Innovate Prevention and Early Intervention Services

LSS prioritizes service growth that strengthens prevention, early intervention, and family preservation services. We also support policies that promote services that meaningfully support our neighbors to grow their own capacity to live with greater freedom and self-determination.



### REQUESTS:

#### **Support Kinship Caregivers.**

[HF1661](#) | [SF1639](#)

Invest in resources that help kinship caregivers navigate services and access supports.

#### **Increase Access to Supported Decision Making.**

Sustain state resources to build a stronger foundation and network of supported decision-making practice.

## Invest in Healthy, Sustainable Communities

LSS is committed to taking responsibility for the social determinants of health of our neighbors including housing stability. People with disabilities, older adults, youth and families who access LSS' services all need stable, affordable, and accessible housing. We support policies that direct resources to unmet needs and end discriminatory practices so that all Minnesotans may achieve housing stability.



### REQUESTS:

#### **Invest in Site-Based Transitional Housing Capital Funds.**

Create funding to renovate and expand site-based transitional housing.

#### **Prioritize Housing Stability.**

[HF3640](#) | [SF3780](#) ; [HF3938](#) | [SF3839](#)

Address issues impacting housing access, including: amending the Minnesota Human Rights Act to clarify that source of income discrimination encompasses all forms of housing assistance - including housing choice vouchers; and, prohibiting cities from requiring rental licenses for homes licensed to support people with disabilities.