Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota in Duluth has a long and successful history serving children – since 1916. We also know that providing prevention and early intervention support can help families build resiliency, stability and child wellbeing.

To build on this important work, LSS is thrilled to be planning a new facility in Duluth to help families build resiliency and child well-being!

This will be a tremendous asset to the community – not only providing safe shelter for children, but also prevention and early intervention services to support families.

Plans are to expand and provide a broader array of services that may include parent support, education and coaching, behavioral health, family visitation, reunification support and referral to community services.

Can you help? So far, LSS has a commitment from a small group of generous donors. Your financial support will help us get all the way there and move forward with construction.
LSS’ current facility at the Bethany Crisis Shelter has been serving children since the early 1970s and was designed as a split-level, single-family home. Our goal is to expand our space and build a facility that is updated with greater flexibility to serve children more effectively and provide supportive family services.

Help us strengthen families and support child well-being!

- Emergency care for children when their parents are unable to provide care
- Prevention and early intervention services for families
- Parent education and coaching
- Behavioral health
- Family visitation
- Reunification support
- Referral to other helpful community services

An amazing 77 congregations from Northeast Minnesota helped us build the Center for Changing Lives in Duluth to support youth experiencing homelessness. This special initiative at Bethany goes upstream to strengthen families for the journey. We hope that all congregations in the Northeastern Minnesota Synod will join us in this important ministry.

You can learn more by visiting lssmn.org/supportbethany or by contacting Julie Wright at 651.529.8855 or Julie.Wright@lssmn.org.

Thank you for caring about children and families in our community!