



2020 Public Policy Priorities

Our public policy priorities provide practical solutions and remove barriers so that all Minnesotans can thrive.

HOUSING STABILITY

Where we live impacts every area of our lives. People with disabilities, older adults, and children, youth and families who access LSS services are all impacted by the need for stable and affordable housing. We support a funding increase to advance the full continuum of housing, from emergency shelters to affordable home ownership, that leads to housing stability for all Minnesotans.

INNOVATIVE SERVICES AND INDEPENDENCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

LSS provides person-centered, innovative services to people with disabilities that empower them to live the life they imagine for themselves. Direct Service Professionals (DSPs) ensure that people with disabilities can thrive in community. LSS supports the Best Life Alliance legislation to find a long term solution that will stabilize and strengthen the DSP workforce.

INVEST IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Together, we can ensure mental health access and quality by addressing the gap between the cost of service delivery and the rates. This will mean that all Minnesotans can see a mental health professional when needed.

CHILD CENTERED FOSTER CARE LICENSING STANDARD

Keeping families safe and together through crisis whenever possible improves outcomes and reduces trauma for children, families and communities. We support legislation that aligns Minnesota foster care licensing standards with federal guidelines and eliminates barriers to kinship families to obtain foster care licensure.



LSS VISION

All people have the opportunity to live and work in community with full and abundant lives.

LSS MISSION

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota expresses the love of Christ for all people through service that inspires hope, changes lives, and builds community.

LSS is committed to being an Anti-Racism organization.

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