

2019 Public Policy Priorities

DISABILITY SERVICES



BEST LIFE ALLIANCE takes steps to address the workforce shortage for Minnesotans with disabilities by restoring a destabilizing cut to community-based disability services and altering inflationary rate adjustments.

VALUE-BASED MODELS in community-based disability services promote effective approaches to housing, employment and integration. Identifying and analyzing these alternative payment models will help Minnesota improve the health of people with disabilities and lower costs.

CONSUMER-DIRECTED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS (CDCS) allows people to access Medical Assistance waivers to manage their services in the most self-directed way possible. Expanding awareness of CDCS will help people with disabilities and their families to take ownership of their services and result in more person-centered options.

HOUSING STABILITY

HOMELESS YOUTH ACT invests in youth experiencing homelessness to transition to successful adulthood.

HOMES FOR ALL advances investments in the full continuum of housing, from emergency shelter to affordable home ownership, that lead to housing stability for all Minnesotans.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

MINNESOTA SERVICE C.O.R.E (Casework, Outreach, Referral and Education) ensures veterans and their families statewide can access financial counseling, housing stability, and behavioral health services in their community.

SAY YES & INVEST in mental health access and quality, by addressing the gap between the cost of service delivery and the rates so that Minnesotans can see a mental health professional when they need one.

ASSET BUILDING

STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT COUNSELING will support Minnesotans in getting on track with their student loan payments by developing a holistic plan to pay back their debt, and leading them to a healthy financial future that benefits our state economy.

PAYDAY LENDING REFORM regulates financial products that create cycles of indebtedness and contain unfair features that jeopardize Minnesotans ability to participate in the economy in healthy ways.



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.

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