

# The MN Family Resiliency Partnership

Formerly Known as the MN Displaced Homemaker Program

Dear Chair Marty and Committee Members:

I am contacting you to express my support for Senator Champion's bill SF 1832.

The funds allocated in the bill for the statewide Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership (MFRP) will increase our capacity to provide wrap around services and long-term solutions that help break down the barriers that keep our participants and their children trapped in poverty after a major life transition like divorce, death, abandonment, or disability of a partner.

MFRP is not a single nonprofit organization, but rather a network of 6 regional providers across the state. We are the only program specifically designed to provide PRE-employment services to displaced homemakers. The program serves Minnesota's unseen unemployed or under-employed who may not otherwise receive any services and would be ineligible for unemployment benefits. At last calculation the state realized a \$26.89 to \$1 return on its investment in the program by moving people away from public assistance.

Over 96% of participants across the state successfully complete the program by attaining the goals they set at intake, which include completing an individualized self-sufficiency plan which demonstrates stability, pursuing a degree or certificate program, and/or becoming employed. Last year, those who exited the program as employed did so at an average wage of \$20.38 per hour.

We appreciate inclusion in SF 1832 and support the good workforce development programming funded therein.

Respectfully,

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On Behalf of the Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership

