

Family Supportive Housing Services Bill

HF 1644 (Reyer) / SF 1732 (Boldon)

Provide comprehensive service delivery for 100 families living in supportive housing.



Supportive Housing Ends Homelessness

It is estimated nearly 5,000 Minnesota families with children experience the trauma of homelessness on any given night.

Family supportive housing is the solution. It provides a safe home with subsidized rent combined with on-site specialized services for both parents and children in secure, non-time-limited housing.

Funding Gap

Currently, there is no single source of services funding for entire families in supportive housing. The most effective way to provide services to a family is a holistic, comprehensive approach that provides case management, services, and programming for the entire family. This approach allows families to stay together and gives them the support they need to thrive.

Current state services programs focus only on funding individuals narrowly for their specific disabilities, which does not cover the comprehensive approach needed to support a family.

Solution

A one-time investment of \$1.5 million to fill the funding gap for 100 families currently in supportive housing where 60% of the funds are focused on the 7-County Metro, 30% in Greater MN, and 10% to members of Minnesota Tribal nations.



Example of Family Supportive Housing:

Vista 44, Hopkins, MN:

- Family Supportive Housing operated by Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, and services are provided by Volunteers of America, Minnesota, and Wisconsin
- 50 Units – two one-bedrooms, 33 two-bedrooms, and 15 three-bedrooms.
- Comprehensive services include:
 - Case management
 - Kids programing & educational assistance
 - Job and parenting skill building
 - Referrals and assistance with medical, mental health treatment, and substance abuse treatment.

Supporting Organizations:

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative

RS Eden

Project for Pride in Living

Catholic Charities Twin Cities

Hope Community

Agate Housing and Services

CommonBond Communities

Volunteers of America, Minnesota Wisconsin