



*Helping youth and families learn the skills they need to be more successful at home, in school and throughout the community.*

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Dear Committee Members,

Youth Service Bureau, Inc. is a nonprofit organization operating in Stillwater, Woodbury, and Cottage Grove, and their surrounding communities, since 1977. We provide a variety of effective early intervention services for youth and families – including counseling, diversion, chemical health supports, youth & family education, and a military family support program.

The YIP grant via OJP at the State of MN supports all of our services and also allows YSB to offer a generous sliding-fee-scale for families in need, and it allows us to offer interpreter services at no cost to families when those are needed. Our YIP grant represents about 6% of our organization's annual operating budget which may seem insignificant, but it truly is not. We are well diversified in our funding sources and yet we still need every dollar we receive to deliver services to our clients.

Please support full funding of the YIP grant – those dollars are put to good use by organizations working with youth. Early intervention and prevention services are effective – and reduces costs to the community down the road.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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