

2025 MACCAC Legislative Priorities

Minnesota's community supervision system stands at a pivotal moment of reform, as the historic 2023 legislation established an equitable, single funding formula and delivered a much-needed funding increase for community supervision.

This progress reflects Minnesota's commitment to a more consistent, effective corrections system across all delivery systems. However, the funding levels remain insufficient to support the scale of transformation envisioned by the 2023 reforms. Fully funding the community supervision formula is essential to continue building on the legislative advances made and to meet the objectives set forth by the Community Supervision Advisory Committee (CSAC). A sustainable funding model is critical for bringing consistency to probation practices statewide, reducing caseloads, enhancing supervision quality, and equipping all counties with the resources necessary to improve client outcomes and, ultimately, community safety.

For the 2025 legislative session securing the full funding necessary to uphold Minnesota's commitment to equity and effectiveness in community supervision, is critical. Ensuring a stable, fully funded formula is fundamental to delivering the safety and quality expected in Minnesota's criminal justice system.

MACCAC supports full funding of the research-driven formula in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 401.10 to ensure effective implementation of these critical policy reforms continue after the sunset of supervision fees in 2027.

Data and Outcome Reporting is an essential component of an effective community supervision system. MACCAC supports consistent data standards and regular collection and analysis of data to identify existing disparities and create changes within their probation agencies to address and eradicate those disparities. State support for improved data infrastructure is necessary for counties to be able to provide information on outcomes of supervision in compliance with the Community Corrections Act.

Minnesota's Mental Health Continuum of Care is inadequate to meet the needs of our communities. An increase in mental health services is necessary throughout the state, and particularly in rural Minnesota. A gap in services exists for individuals that exhibit high-risk behaviors due to mental health conditions.

An expansion of programs that provide adequate and appropriate services for children that have both mental health needs and are involved in the criminal justice system is urgently needed. The state must invest in therapeutic placement programs to ensure that secure detention facilities are not the only placement option for juveniles due to lack of services. The gap in services for juveniles that exhibit high-risk behaviors due to mental health conditions is even larger than the gap that exists for adults.