

The MN Family Resiliency Partnership

Formerly Known as the MN Displaced Homemaker Program

Dear Chair Latz and Members of the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee:

Thank you very much for including the statewide Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership (MFRP) in your omnibus bill. We are incredibly grateful to have been included!

We appreciate the commitment of staff and their support of our mission to increase the economic self-sufficiency of the often vulnerable and unseen individuals we serve.

These funds 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 the **only** entity in the state specifically designed to provide pre-employment services to displaced homemakers, the overwhelming majority of whom are survivors of intimate partner violence. The support and skills offered by MFRP help participants move toward economic self-sufficiency and are often the way to escape unsafe relationships.

We are immensely proud of the resilience of our participants and the excellent results the program helps them achieve. Nearly 97% of participants 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.

Once again, thank you for all that you are doing to support the individuals served by the Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership. You are truly a part of changing their lives!

Respectfully,

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