

# MINNESOTA'S CHILDREN'S CABINET

## 2023 LEGISLATIVE WINS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



### HISTORIC INVESTMENTS AND POLICY IMPROVEMENTS

TO PROMOTE EQUITY, ACCESS, AND SUCCESS  
FOR MINNESOTA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



# One Minnesota Budget



## Highlights of Legislative Wins for Children & Families

- ✓ Established a **nation-leading child tax credit** that is estimated to reduce child poverty by one-third and reach 1 in 10 Minnesota households
- ✓ Invested a historic amount in education and schools including by indexing general education funding to inflation
- ✓ Provided up to \$1,300 in checks to Minnesota families, including an additional \$260 per child up to three
- ✓ Established a statewide **Paid Family and Medical Leave** insurance program to provide partial wage replacement for up to 12 weeks of leave for medical reasons, bonding, or caring for a family member
- ✓ Invested \$1.3 billion over four years to increase **access to affordability of mixed-delivery child care** that will result in 3,600 additional children accessing Child Care Assistance, between 8,000 and 11,000 additional children accessing Early Learning Scholarships, and 12,360 voluntary Pre-K seats funded.
- ✓ Created one of the first-in-the-nation state-funded programs to increase **child care worker compensation** and expand child care access
- ✓ Made a \$1 billion investment in **housing access and affordability**
- ✓ Increased food access by providing **free school meals**, and increasing funding for **food shelves**, prepared meals, and **food assistance outreach**
- ✓ Expanded health coverage by providing **continuous Medicaid coverage** for young children up to age 6 and 12-month continuous coverage for all other children enrolled in Medicaid
- ✓ Invested nearly \$100 million in **children's mental health** supports
- ✓ Provided \$64.4 million in FY24-25 and \$117.7 million per biennium ongoing to increase the number of school counselors, social workers and other **student support personnel** across the state
- ✓ Expanded services **supporting youth** including \$65 million in youth employment and training, \$30 million for After School Community Learning grants, and more than \$5 million to support youth exiting foster care
- ✓ Established the **Department of Children, Youth, and Families**, a new cabinet-level agency that reimagines our state government structures to elevate child, youth, and family priorities and funding needs

## Infant and Maternal Health

Change	Agency	Impact
Funding	MDH	\$21.2 million in FY24-25 and \$5.3 million ongoing to fund several <b>grant programs to support healthy beginnings and healthy families</b> . Included are funds for grants to counties and Tribal governments to support children of incarcerated caregivers, sustain the Minnesota Perinatal Quality Collaborative, establish the Minnesota Partnership to Prevent Infant Mortality, and increase access to culturally - relevant developmental and social - emotional screening and connections to services during early childhood.
Funding	DHS	\$2.4 million per biennium ongoing to expand <b>infant and early childhood mental health consultation</b> to schools.
Funding	DHS	Provides <b>continuous eligibility for Medical Assistance</b> for children birth through age 6.
Policy	DLI	Ensures that all employees who need to express milk have a right to break times in the workplace, expands the right to pregnancy accommodations and unpaid parental leave to workers who don't currently qualify due to their employer's size, and requires employers to inform employees of the right to <b>nursing and pregnancy accommodations</b> upon hire and when the employee requests parental leave.
Funding	DHS	Eliminates the doula supervision requirement and increases doula reimbursement rates to <b>expand doula access</b> for patients covered by Medical Assistance.
Policy	DHS	Reimburses providers for <b>newborn screening</b> in outpatient settings.
Funding	DHS	\$1 million per biennium ongoing for a <b>diaper distribution</b> grant program.
Funding	MDH	\$4 million per biennium ongoing for additional funding for <b>Family Home Visiting</b> .
Funding	MDH	\$576,000 ongoing for grant to the <b>African American Babies Coalition</b> .
Funding	MDH	\$300,000 one-time for a <b>task force on pregnancy health and substance use</b> disorder.
Funding/Policy	MPCA	\$150,000 per year ongoing to enforce a new policy <b>banning lead and cadmium</b> in children's products. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Departments of Health and Commerce may coordinate on enforcement.

## Health Care

Change	Agency	Impact
Funding	DHS	Extends up to age 26 <b>Medical Assistance to youth who were formerly in foster care</b> and were enrolled in Medicaid in another state on their 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday (federal compliance).
Funding	DHS	Establishes <b>MinnesotaCare eligibility</b> for children who currently don't meet immigration status requirements for Minnesota Health Care Programs.
Funding	DHS	Provides \$4.3 million ongoing to create an <b>Office of African American Health</b> .
Funding	DHS	<b>Eliminates parental contribution fees</b> under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) option for health coverage for children with qualifying disabilities and conditions.
Funding	DHS	\$1.1 million one-time in FY24-25 for a <b>parent-to-parent grant program</b> to support families with children with disabilities.
Funding	DHS	\$150,000 per biennium for grants to Family Voices of Minnesota to support <b>resources and navigation for families with children with disabilities</b> .

## Economic Stability, Child Welfare, and Prevention

Change	Agency	Impact
New Funding	DOR	Established a <b>nation-leading state Child Tax Credit</b> that, according to the <a href="#">Center on Poverty and Social Policy at Columbia University</a> , will cut child poverty in the state by one-third. The credit provides \$1,750 per child for married filers filing jointly making \$35,000 per year or less, gradually phasing out on incomes up to \$96,250, based on filing status and number of children.
Funding	DOR	Improvements and expansions to several <b>family-friendly tax policies</b> including by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making ITIN filers eligible for the Working Family Credit.</li> <li>• Updating the Minnesota Child and Dependent Care Credit eligibility to include unmarried filers with a newborn.</li> <li>• Increasing the K-12 Education credit and expanding phaseout to \$70,000 per year.</li> <li>• Expanding the Renter’s Credit.</li> <li>• Providing Direct Payments for taxpayers with incomes up to \$150,000 for joint filers and \$75,000 for single filers. One-time refundable income tax credit of \$520 for joint filers and \$260 for single filers plus an additional \$260 per dependent up to 3.</li> </ul>
New Funding	DEED	Established a <b>statewide Paid Family and Medical Leave insurance program</b> to provide partial wage replacement for up to 12 weeks of leave in a 52-week period for medical needs, bonding, or caring for a family member with a maximum leave of 20 weeks in a 52-week period. The benefit distributions and premium collection as well as small business grants will become available on January 1, 2026.
Policy	DLI	Requires employers to provide <b>earned sick and safe time</b> to employees who work in Minnesota. An employee earns one hour of sick and safe time for every 30 hours worked and can earn a maximum of 48 hours each year unless the employer agrees to a higher amount. Employees can use their earned sick and safe time for any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the employee’s mental or physical illness, treatment or preventive care;</li> <li>• a family member’s mental or physical illness, treatment or preventive care;</li> <li>• absence due to domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking of the employee or a family member;</li> <li>• closure of the employee’s workplace due to weather or public emergency or closure of a family member’s school or care facility due to weather or public emergency; and</li> <li>• when determined by a health authority or professional that the employee or family member is at risk of infecting others with a communicable disease.</li> </ul>
Funding	DHS	Improved policy for the <b>Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) to be more family friendly</b> , improve economic stability and reward work by eliminating the Diversionary Work Program (DWP), increasing the MFIP housing grant annually for inflation, excluding Retirement, Survivors Disability Insurance (RSDI) for eligibility determination, reforming sanctions applied when families don’t meet requirements, and stabilizing family income by setting benefit amounts for 6-month periods and using more current income for budgeting.
Funding	DHS	\$3 million increase in FY24-25 for Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota (FAIM) program to <b>support family asset development</b> .
Funding	DHS	\$25 million in FY24-25 and \$26.6 million ongoing for <b>implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act</b> including funding for Kinship Navigator Services, Family Assessment Response, evidence-based prevention grants, and staffing.
Funding	DHS	\$11.4 million in FY 24-25 and \$11.9 million ongoing for additional staffing for <b>American Indian Well-Being Unit and Indian Child Welfare Grants</b> .
Funding	MDE	\$500,000 in one-time funding for <b>Children’s Savings Account start-up grants</b> .

## Child Care and Early Learning

Change	Agency	Impact
Funding	DHS	Establishes a new, ongoing state -funded child care retention program called the <b>Great Start Compensation Support Payments</b> with \$316 million in FY24-25 and \$260 million ongoing. The nation-leading program is one of the <b>first state-funded direct child care workforce compensation support programs</b> with the goal of addressing the long-standing broken economics of the industry that results in severely low wages for early educators.
Funding	DHS	<b>Increases Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) rates</b> to the 75 <sup>th</sup> percentile of market rates with updates based on the market rate survey completed every three years.
Funding	DHS	Increases investment in the <b>Basic Sliding Fee CCAP</b> by \$30 million per biennium to increase access to an estimated 500 additional families, including 1,000 children.
Funding/Policy	DHS	Permanently reprioritizes the Basic Sliding Fee CCAP waitlist to <b>expedite access to CCAP</b> for families currently not receiving support.
Funding	DHS	Provides <b>CCAP eligibility for foster and kinship caregiving families</b> resulting in an estimated increase of 1,300 more families, including an estimated 2,600 children.
Funding	DHS	Provides up to 20 hours of <b>child care assistance</b> for children in households accessing MFIP <b>where the primary caregiver has a mental health diagnosis</b> .
Funding	DHS	\$6.78 million in FY24-25 and \$11.7 million ongoing per biennium to <b>strengthen core functions of licensing</b> , including licensing and oversight of home and community -based services, child and adult foster care, child care centers, and maltreatment investigations.
Funding	MDH	\$1 million per biennium ongoing <b>for lead remediation</b> in schools and child care.
Funding	DHS	\$4 million per biennium ongoing for <b>child care workforce development scholarships</b> to increase the number of individuals qualified to work in the child care industry through recruitment, training, and higher education scholarships.
Funding	DHS	\$4.5 million in FY24-25 and \$7.4 million ongoing for <b>child care business supports</b> including an assistance network to support new and existing child care businesses, grants for shared services for family child care providers, and grants for technology for child care programs.
Funding	DHS	Funds a provider <b>licensing and reporting hub</b> to establish a unified licensing experience for all Human Services licensed programs.
Funding	DHS	Creates a <b>continuous license process for family child care</b> providers.
Funding	DHS	\$3.2 million in FY24-25 and \$2 million per biennium ongoing to establish an <b>Early Childhood Registered Apprenticeship Grant Program</b> .
Funding	DHS	Provides \$1.1 million in FY24-25 and \$1.4 million in FY26-27 to centralize and <b>streamline provider registration and renewals</b> for CCAP and remove duplicative background studies for Legal Non-Licensed (LNL) CCAP providers.
Funding	DHS	\$3 million in FY25 and \$5 million per biennium ongoing for a <b>Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) Child Care Grant Program</b> .
Funding	DHS	\$1 million in FY24-25 to create a <b>cost-of-care estimation model for early care and learning programs as well as an early childhood professional wage scale</b> based on education, experience and training, as well as a process for recognizing competencies achieved through training and experience that are comparable to degrees and credentials.
Funding	DHS	\$4.2 million in FY24-25 and \$1.8 million per biennium ongoing to increase REETAIN grants that <b>supplement income for qualified early childhood educators</b> .
Funding	OHE	One-time \$475,000 for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to work with Minnesota State Faculty, MDE, OHE, the Children’s Cabinet, and other stakeholders to develop a <b>transparent pathway for current Child Development Associate® Credential holders</b> to be awarded academic credit that aligns with related Minnesota State academic credentials.

Funding	MDE	<p>\$252 million in FY24-25 and \$59 million per biennium ongoing <b>increase to Early Learning Scholarships</b> with policy changes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing eligibility and priority for children birth to age 3;</li> <li>• Adding priority categories for children with a caregiver who has been incarcerated, is in a mental health or substance use disorder treatment program, involved with the child protection system, or has experienced domestic violence;</li> <li>• Increasing the scholarship amount for children attending four-star Parent Aware-rated programs to the 75th percentile of market rates;</li> <li>• Reducing the amount of time by which a family must begin to use an awarded scholarship from 10 months to 3 months;</li> <li>• Increasing the income limit to 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of median income, while prioritizing families at the current income level of 185% of the federal poverty guidelines; and</li> <li>• Providing up to \$5 million one-time and \$750,000 per year ongoing to create information technology systems, including but not limited to an online application, a case management system, attendance tracking, and a centralized payment system.</li> </ul>
Funding	DHS	<p>\$1.1 million one-time for marketing, signing bonuses, outreach and staffing to increase child care and early learning programs in the <b>Parent Aware quality rating and improvement system</b>. With process to align one-star rating with licensure by 2026.</p>
Funding	DHS/MDE	<p>Funding to develop an implementation plan for a new <b>Great Start Scholarship Program</b> that would integrate administrative and funding structures of early care and learning programs, including Early Learning Scholarships and CCAP, with the eventual goal to cap family contributions to child care costs at 7% of income.</p>
Funding	MDE	<p>Makes permanent 4,000 <b>voluntary pre-k seats</b> set to expire and adds an additional 3,000 in FY25 and 2,500 more in FY26 for a total of 12,360 by FY27.</p>
Funding	MDE	<p>\$2.5 million in FY24-25 and \$1 million per biennium ongoing for <b>Grow Your Own Early Childhood and Family Educators' Program</b> to host, build, or expand an early childhood preparation program and fund student stipends, tuition scholarships or student teaching.</p>
Funding	MDE	<p>\$10 million per year ongoing <b>increase for Head Start</b>. Eligible uses expanded to include operations and infrastructure and set aside 10.72% initially for Tribal Head Start programs.</p>
Funding	MDE	<p>Requires <b>Kindergarten Entry Assessment</b> to measure percentage of kindergartners who meet or exceed end-of-year prekindergarten standards.</p>
Funding	MDE	<p>Named grants totaling \$4.4 million for FY24-25 and \$500,000 for F26-27 for <b>community organizations supporting early childhood</b>.</p>
Funding	MDE	<p>Ensures children enrolled in <b>Early Childhood Special Education</b> in preschool programs have access to breakfast and English Language Learner funding in the same amounts as their peers not receiving special education funding.</p>
Funding	MDE	<p>Increases <b>aid for developmental screening</b> by approximately \$1 million for FY24-25 and \$2 million for FY26-27. Virtual screening option allowed for certain health conditions.</p>
Policy/Funding	DEED	<p>Establishes and funds the <b>Office of Child Care Community Partnerships</b> at DEED.</p>
Funding	DEED	<p>\$13 million in FY24-25 and \$1.5 million per year ongoing for <b>Child Care Grants</b> to increase child care supply across the state.</p>
Funding	DEED	<p>\$7 million for FY24-25 and \$1 million per year ongoing for the six <b>Minnesota Initiative Foundations to support child care access</b> in Greater Minnesota.</p>
Policy	DEED	<p>\$2 million in FY24-25 for a grant to Women Venture to support child care providers through <b>business training and shared services programs</b> and to create materials that could be used for start-up, expansion, and operation of child care businesses statewide.</p>
Bonding/Funding	DHS	<p>\$900,000 in general obligation bonds and \$1.1 million in general funds to <b>renovate or build early learning facilities</b>.</p>
Policy	DHS	<p>Allows parents attending substance use disorder treatment with their children to access child care commensurate with the time they need to attend clinical treatment activities.</p>

## Coordination of Services, IT Improvements, and Community Supports

Change	Agency	Impact
Funding	DHS	\$7.14 million one-time over four years for grants to establish a <b>network of Community Resource Centers</b> to promote family and community connectedness and wellbeing.
Funding	MMB/DHS	Establishes a <b>cabinet-level Department of Children, Youth, and Families</b> and funds a two-year transition and implementation process. Bringing together holistic supports for families, including core programs serving children from early childhood to older youth, the DHS, MDE, MDH and DPS will transfer some programs to DCYF by July 2025.
Funding	MDH	\$6 million in FY24-25 and \$5.25 million per biennium ongoing for the <b>Community Solutions Fund for Healthy Child Development Grant Program</b> .
Funding	MDH	Established ongoing funding for <b>Help Me Connect</b> , an online resource navigator.
Funding	MDH	\$3 million in FY24-25 and \$6 million per biennium ongoing to support and <b>expand school-based health centers</b> .
Funding	DHS	\$41 million in FY24-25 and \$6.9 million per biennium ongoing to <b>transform the human service delivery system</b> to serve clients better and make services more accessible by evolving the way DHS programs, services and technology come together and are funded.
Funding	DHS	\$31.7 million in FY 24-25 to <b>support key systems work</b> for child support, child protection/child welfare, and economic support information systems.
Funding	DHS	\$20 million one-time to <b>improve IT systems and processes for programs impacting children and families</b> , including youth, child care and early learning programs, currently administered by MDE, DHS and other departments with child and family programs.
Funding	MNIT	\$2 million per year in FY24-25 (available until June 30, 2027) for dedicated, <b>cross-agency IT</b> to deliver innovative digital services to children and families.

## Juvenile Justice Reform & Supporting Families Affected by Incarceration

Change	Agency	Impact
Funding	DPS	\$2million per biennium is to provide grants to local units of government to initiate or <b>expand crossover youth practices model</b> and dual-status youth programs for youth involved with or at risk of involvement with the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.
Funding	DPS	\$7 million per biennium ongoing increase to <b>Youth Intervention Program</b> grants.
Funding	DPS	\$1 million per biennium to <b>establish the Office of Restorative Practices</b> . \$8 million in FY 24-25 and \$5 million per biennium ongoing for youth restorative practices grants.
Funding	DPS	\$1 million per biennium to grow the Youth Justice Office and grants. The office allows the state to evaluate what is working and direct funding and policy that impact youth.
Funding	DPS	\$500,000 one-time for up to seven <b>intensive trauma-informed therapeutic treatment homes for youth</b> in Ramsey County.
Funding	DPS	\$300,000 per biennium ongoing for a grant to an organization that provides <b>legal representation for children</b> in need of protection and/or in out-of-home placement.
Funding	DOC/DHS	Establishes a <b>Youth Interventions Working Group</b> focused on identifying recommendations, financing models, and alternatives to criminal penalties. The working group will have representation from those with direct lived experience, advocates, a county attorney, a public defender, a peace officer, and county administrators.
Funding	DOC	\$960,000 per biennium ongoing for a <b>family support unit</b> to explore and partner on evidence-based programming such as parenting programs. The unit will lead the agency on developing strategies and policies to support incarcerated individuals and their families.

Funding	DOC	\$6.2 million per biennium ongoing <b>to remove cost barriers for incarcerated individuals to make phone and video calls</b> to family members and close, supportive contacts.
Policy	DOC	Juvenile Disciplinary Room Time (DRT) and Strip Searches – The amendments to statute will prohibit the use of strip searches and the use of isolation as punishment in juvenile facilities. It also requires DOC to engage in expedited and exempt rulemaking related to disciplinary room time.
Policy	DOC	Juvenile Release Board – The changes provide that a juvenile sentenced to life imprisonment, or a period of confinement that would exceed 15 years, be eligible for consideration for supervised release after serving 15 years in custody. Proposed changes in the bill would be retroactive and allow the newly created supervised release / parole board to review cases.

## Housing

Change	Agency	Impact
Funding	MHFA	<p><b>\$1 billion investment in housing access and affordability</b>, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$46 million in ongoing state general funds and an estimated \$77 million from a new metro area sales tax for a rental assistance program called Bring it Home;</li> <li>• \$110 million in FY24-25 and \$20.5 million ongoing for Family Homelessness Prevention Assistance (FHPAP), including \$10 million in a direct allocation to Tribal nations;</li> <li>• \$25 million one-time to strengthen supportive housing development that support individuals or families at risk of or facing homelessness;</li> <li>• \$200 million for down payment assistance focused on first-time homebuyers;</li> <li>• \$90 million for naturally occurring affordable housing;</li> <li>• \$2 million ongoing increase for Homework Starts with Home;</li> <li>• \$87 million for public housing rehabilitation; and</li> <li>• Funding for housing availability with several investments including \$20 million for Workforce and Affordable Homeownership, \$50 million for Stable Housing Organization Relief, \$25 million for Greater Minnesota Workforce Development, and \$200 million for housing infrastructure.</li> </ul>
Funding	DHS	<p>Increased investment in DHS administered <b>emergency services and homelessness prevention and supports</b> including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$30 million in FY 24-25 and \$55 million ongoing increase for Emergency Services;</li> <li>• \$6 million per biennium ongoing increase to the Transitional Housing Program;</li> <li>• \$4.25 million in FY24-25 and \$2.5 million per biennium ongoing for Safe Harbor (shelter and housing);</li> <li>• \$30.3 million per biennium ongoing increase to the Homeless Youth Act; and</li> <li>• \$100 million one-time for emergency shelter grants.</li> </ul>
Funding	DHS	\$3.3 million per biennium to provide a state match for the <b>Heading Home Corps housing resource navigators</b> .
Funding	DHS	\$5.4 million one-time to implement a <b>homeless youth cash stipend pilot project</b> .
Policy	MHFA	<p>The Governor’s policy recommendations included a number of protections targeted at <b>creating stability for renter households</b>. Provisions adopted include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14-day notice required prior to filing eviction;</li> <li>• Limit eviction reporting until a judgment is rendered and expanded expungement requirements;</li> <li>• Ability for tenant to terminate a lease due to tenant infirmity;</li> <li>• Disclosure of non-optional fees and whether utilities are included in rent;</li> <li>• Right to counsel for residents of public housing in breach of lease proceedings;</li> <li>• Minimum temperature of 68 degrees required October 1 through April 30; and</li> <li>• Clarification of emergency/required repairs.</li> </ul>



Funding	DHS	\$18.1 million to permanently reduce monthly rental obligation to 30% of income for people in community-based housing support settings who have unearned income.
Funding	DHS	\$4.4 million to permanently increase housing support supplemental rates by 2.5% and study and recommend an updated rate methodology.
Funding	DHS	\$9.6 million to extend and make permanent housing transition costs under the Medical Assistance Housing Stabilization service. This change would cover moving costs such as security deposits and essential furnishings and supplies.
Funding	DPS	\$3 million in the first biennium with \$2 million per biennium ongoing for new grant program in DPS Office of Justice Programs funding domestic and sexual violence housing.

## Supporting Youth

Change	Agency	Impact
Funding	DHS	\$3.8 million one-time increase to expand STAY in the Community, which helps <b>youth transition from foster care to adulthood</b> .
Funding	DHS	\$1 million per biennium ongoing for more <b>adolescent services staff to support youth</b> in foster care, including a focus on hiring adults with recent lived experience in the foster care system.
Funding	DHS	\$340,000 to complete a comprehensive research and engagement process to develop a <b>plan and report for using Social Security Income (SSI) and Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) funds</b> in best interests of children in out-of-home placement.
Funding	DHS	\$102,000 in FY24-25 and \$34,000 ongoing to fund implementation of an <b>enhanced child protection response</b> to reports of child sex trafficking.
Policy	DHS	Prohibits the use of so-called “conversion therapy” for children and vulnerable adults by any mental health professional practicing in Minnesota. Prohibits coverage of “conversion therapy” under Medical Assistance and prohibits advertising therapy services that represent homosexuality as a mental illness or that aim to change someone’s sexual orientation or gender identity.
Funding	DEED	\$15.9 million in FY24-FY25 and \$4.1 million per year ongoing increase for <b>Youth-at-Work</b> .
Funding	DEED	\$4.2 million in FY24-FY25 and \$1 million per year ongoing increase for Youthbuild.
Funding	DEED	\$17.1 million in FY24-FY25 and \$4.050 million per year ongoing for <b>MN Youth Program</b> .
Funding	DEED	\$3 million for FY24 and \$3 million for FY25 for <b>Youth STEM competitive grants</b> .
Policy	DEED	Increases the age of “youth” from 21 to 24 under the <b>Minnesota Youth Program</b> .
Funding	DEED	Funding for direct appropriations to <b>youth-serving organizations</b> including \$6 million in FY24-25 to Youthprise, \$2.5 million in FY24-25 to Boys and Girls Clubs, and \$1 million in FY24-25 for Big Brothers Big Sisters.
Funding	DLI	\$1.5 million per biennium ongoing increase to the <b>Youth Skills Training</b> program.

## Food Access

Change	Agency	Impact
Funding	MDE	Provides <b>free school meals</b> including one breakfast and lunch to all students at participating schools in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs.
Funding	MDA	\$1.1 million per biennium increase to the <b>Good Food Access Program</b>
Funding	MDA	\$300,000 per biennium ongoing for a new <b>Farm to School Coordinator</b> .
Funding	DHS	\$6 million per biennium ongoing for the <b>Minnesota Food Shelf Program</b> with expanded uses of funds to purchase personal hygiene products including diapers and toilet paper.

		\$5 million one-time was appropriated early in session for emergency food shelf needs.
Funding	DHS	\$7 million for <b>capital projects for food shelves</b> and Tribal nation food programs facilities.
Funding	DHS	\$3.5 million in FY24-25 for <b>prepared meal food relief</b> grants.
Funding	DHS	\$2 million in FY24-25 and \$1 million per biennium ongoing for grants for <b>SNAP outreach</b> .

## Mental Health

Change	Agency	Impact
Funding	MDE	\$64.4 million in FY24-25 and \$117.7 million per biennium ongoing increase to schools for <b>Student Support Personnel</b> . Plus \$10 million per biennium ongoing for Student Support Personnel Workforce Pipeline.
Policy	MDE	Districts that issue student IDs must include suicide prevention and crisis contact info on the cards.
Funding	MDE	Creates a <b>mental health services lead</b> position at MDE.
Funding	DHS	Provides ongoing, forecasted funding to cover room and board expenses for children who access <b>Children's Residential Facilities (CRF) services</b> via non-child protection entry points.
Funding	DHS	Provides ongoing funding for an <b>online behavioral health program tool</b> to expand capability and sustainability, ensuring families can find programs that meet their needs.
Funding	DHS	\$14 million in FY24-25 and \$9 million per biennium ongoing to increase <b>School-Linked Behavioral Health Grants</b> including for intermediate school districts.
Funding	DHS	\$2.7 million per biennium ongoing to expand access to <b>First Episode Psychosis Teams</b> .
Funding	DHS	\$18 million in additional funding FY24-25 for <b>Mobile Crisis Grants</b> and \$2 million per biennium ongoing to establish Tribal Mobile Crisis Response Teams.
Funding	DHS	\$6 million per biennium ongoing in additional funding for Cultural and Ethnic Minority Infrastructure Grants to <b>diversify and expand the behavioral health workforce</b> .
Funding	DHS	\$2.2 million for <b>start-up grants for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities</b> to expand access to in-patient mental health treatment for children and youth. Codifies allowable uses to include capacity building, workforce shortage, and specialization for children with complex support needs.
Funding	DHS	\$2 million one-time grant to <b>the African American Child Wellness Institute</b> .
Funding/Policy	DHS	\$10 million to expand <b>family residential substance use treatment</b> and a decrease in the age limit for children who can live with their parents while they're in SUD treatment.
Funding	MDH	Establishes an ongoing state funding mechanism for the <b>988 suicide and crisis helpline</b> .
Funding	MDH	\$2 million per biennium ongoing for <b>pediatric primary care mental health training</b> grants.
Funding	MDH	\$1 million per biennium ongoing for <b>mental health cultural community continuing education</b> grants.
Funding	MDH	\$2 million per biennium ongoing in additional funding for <b>Safe Harbor</b> for sexually exploited youth grants and \$600,000 ongoing for additional Safe Harbor navigators.
Funding	MMB	Establishes an <b>Office of Addiction and Recovery</b> at Minnesota Management and Budget with a focus on youth supports, including \$1.5 million per year allocated toward youth addiction and recovery.
Funding	DNR	\$1 million per biennium ongoing increase to the <b>No Child Left Inside grant program</b> .

## K-12 Education

Change	Agency	Impact
Funding	MDE	Increase to the <b>general education formula</b> by 4% in FY24, 2% in FY25, and indexed to inflation ongoing.
Funding	MDE	Reduction to <b>special education cross-subsidy</b> by 44% in FY24-26 and 50% in FY27.
Policy	MDE	<b>Access to special instruction</b> extended until age 22 allowing students to generate general education funding until their 22 <sup>nd</sup> birthday.
Funding	MDE	Funding for <b>transportation for students in foster care</b> to support their ability to continue school in their home district even if they are placed outside of those boundaries.
Funding	MDE	Funding for <b>transportation for students experiencing homelessness</b> established.
Funding	MDE	<b>Special Education Separate Sites and Programs Aid</b> established with an approximate increase of \$1,689 per pupil in setting IV or higher.
Funding	MDE	\$86.9 million for FY24-25 and \$171.9 million for FY26-27 investment in <b>English Learner (EL) Aid</b> , EL Concentration Aid and Cross Subsidy Reduction Aid.
Policy	MDE	Creates <b>compensatory revenue hold harmless</b> to FY24 final revenue to avoid a potential revenue loss for districts related to the impact of fewer submitted free and reduced-price lunch applications as result of providing meals at no-cost.
Funding	MDE	Increase in additional revenue from 18.2% to 35% of calculated unfunded <b>pupil transportation</b> (transportation sparsity adjustment aid)
Funding	MDE	\$45.2 million for FY24-25 and \$47.6 million FY26-27 for <b>school library aid</b> .
Funding	MDE	\$1.28M in FY24-25 and \$1.4M in FY26-27 to allow students to generate <b>extended time revenue during the summer</b> when they are in residential or day treatment facilities
Funding	MDE	\$3.5 million in FY24-25 and \$3.7 million per biennium ongoing for <b>menstrual products and naloxone in schools</b> .
Funding	MDE	\$30 million in one-time funding for <b>After School Community Learning grants</b> .
Funding	MDE	\$24.3 million in one-time funding for <b>building and cybersecurity grants</b> .
Funding	MDE	\$6 million in one-time funding for <b>Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps Grant</b> .
Funding	MDE	\$8.88 million ongoing funding for <b>Collaborative Urban and Greater Minnesota Educators of Color Grants</b> .
Funding	MDE	\$10 million in ongoing funding for COMPASS/MTSS Grants to Schools and \$16 million ongoing to support <b>MTSS implementation and establish regional math networks</b> .
Funding	MDE	\$1.4 million in ongoing funding for <b>Ethnic Studies Implementation Grants</b>
Funding	MDE	\$15 million in funding for FY24-25 and \$10 million for FY26-27 for <b>Full-Service Community Schools Planning and Expansion</b> .
Funding	MDE	\$2 million per biennium in ongoing funding for <b>Gender-Neutral Single-User Bathrooms Remodeling and Construction Grants</b>
Funding	MDE	\$37 million in funding for FY24-25 and \$50.9 million per biennium ongoing for Grow Your Own Grants focusing on <b>teacher diversity</b> .
Policy/Funding	MDE	Establishes the <b>Read Act</b> which sets goals and interventions for LEAs to improve literacy, requires evidence-based instruction, and provides ongoing funding for regional literacy networks, statewide training for teachers, and reimbursement to districts for evidence-based curriculum and intervention material.
Policy/Funding	MDE	Makes several changes to <b>ensure safe and inclusive schools</b> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MDE must develop resources for implementing strategies to create a positive school</li> </ul>

		<p>climate and support social-emotional learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibition on K–3 dismissals unless non-exclusionary discipline (NED) has been exhausted and there is an ongoing safety threat.</li> <li>Invest \$3.5M/biennium in grants for schools to provide training for staff.</li> </ul>
Policy	MDE	Establishes state goal of <b>increasing the percentage of teachers in Minnesota who are of color or American Indian</b> by at least 2% each year to have a teaching workforce that more closely reflects the state by 2040. Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board required to report on progress every two years.
Policy	MDE	<p><b>Updates to academic standards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makes arts a statewide standard and adds media arts as a fifth arts area for elementary and middle schools;</li> <li>Updates standards and grad requirements statutes to reflect the academic standards that need to be met in math and science;</li> <li>Delays implementation of the physical education standards until 2026–27 and clarifies that physical education must be offered for credit;</li> <li>Requires local Career Technical Education (CTE) standards to align with CTE frameworks; and</li> <li>Requires ethnic studies and the history and contributions of American Indian tribes and communities to be embedded across all academic standards through the normal standards review and revision process.</li> </ul>
Policy	MDE	Online Instruction Act repealed and replaced so that all Local Education Agencies (LEAs) may now provide <b>online instruction</b> to their enrolled students.
Funding	MDE	Provides \$1 million in one-time funding for <b>Innovative Incubator Service-Learning Grants</b> .
Funding	DOT	\$20 million increase in FY24-25 and \$2 million per biennium ongoing for the <b>Safe Routes to Schools</b> program.

## Higher Education

Change	Agency	Impact
Funding	OHE	Creates the NorthStar Promise program to <b>pay for 100% of higher education tuition and fees</b> (after deducting all other aid) for students from families earning less than \$80,000 family AGI and attending a public institution or tribal college beginning in FY2025. Between 15,000-30,000 students estimated to be impacted.
Funding	OHE	\$7.1 million per biennium ongoing in additional funding for students who experience a short-term emergency while attending college through the <b>Emergency Assistance for Postsecondary Students</b> program.
OHE	Funding	\$3 million a year, base funding, for a new <b>Student Parent Support Initiative</b> . At least 7 campuses a year can be supported at the highest level of funding to develop and implement services to support the unique needs of parenting students, such as navigation services, financial aid, parenting and child development educational opportunities, basic needs support, and family friendly activities and well-child visits.
Funding	OHE	\$4.8 million in FY24-25 for supports to help <b>increase teachers of color and American Indian teachers</b> , as well as to address teacher shortages in rural Minnesota.
Funding	OHE	Funds for Minnesota State for <b>mental health counselors and student supports</b> .
Funding	OHE	<p>Provides new <b>State Grant funding</b> to increase Living Miscellaneous Expense (LME) from 109% to 115% of poverty, increasing funding for lower income students:</p> <p>About 67,000 State Grant recipients will see an increase in awards to cover tuition and fees, living and miscellaneous expenses.</p> <p>Average grant award amounts to students increased by \$154 for FY2024</p> <p>Adds 1,578 estimated State Grant recipients in FY2024</p>

Policy	OHE	Requirement of postsecondary institutions to ask their student bodies about parental status. This would help the state gather more accurate data on <b>parenting students</b> .
Funding	OHE	Minnesota State students will see <b>tuition frozen</b> for the next two academic years, which will save students about \$150-\$300 each academic year.
Policy	OHE	Adds <b>in-demand occupations</b> and industries including child care to the Dual Training Grants and Minnesota State's Workforce Development Scholarship program.
Funding	OHE	Supports <b>college access initiatives</b> targeted at underrepresented students, including Direct Admissions program and Intervention for College Attendance Program.
Funding	OHE/MDE	Funding to maintain and to build upon the solid base of research, analysis and reporting done through the Minnesota's <b>Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS)</b> and Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System (ECLDS).
Funding	OHE	Increased funding for Fostering Independence Grants which provides last-dollar <b>financial aid for individuals who have been in foster care</b> . Also provides one-time funds to support wraparound services.

## Tribal Children and Families

Change	Agency	Impact
Funding	DHS	\$17.2 million per biennium ongoing for existing Tribes in the <b>American Indian Child Welfare Initiative</b> and \$8.8 million in FY24-25 and \$15.9 million per biennium ongoing for Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe to join the American Indian Child Welfare Initiative. \$1.6 million per biennium ongoing for non-initiative Tribes to promote best practices and communication with counties.
Funding	DHS	\$6 million in FY24-25 and \$4 million per biennium ongoing to promote <b>food security and sovereignty</b> among Tribal Nations and American Indian communities.
Funding	DHS	\$2 million per biennium ongoing to establish <b>Tribal Mobile Crisis Response Teams</b> .
Funding/Policy	DHS	Eliminates Tribal per capita payments from countable income in determining eligibility for <b>economic and child care assistance</b> programs.
Funding	MDE	<b>American Indian Education Aid</b> funded at \$12.97 million in FY24–25, and \$14.8 million in FY26–27
Funding	MDE	Increase to minimum <b>American Indian Education Aid</b> per district from \$20,000 to \$40,000 per year.
Funding	MDE	Increase the minimum per-pupil amount of <b>American Indian Education Aid</b> from \$358 to \$500 per student.
Policy/Funding	MDE	<b>Native Language Revitalization Grants</b> established and funded at \$15 million per biennium ongoing. Grants to districts and charter schools to offer language instruction in Dakota and Anishinaabe languages or another language indigenous to the U.S. or Canada.
Policy	MDE	Provides a 10.72% initial funding set aside for <b>Tribal Head Start</b> programs.
Funding	DHS	Increase the <b>Tribal Certified Early Intensive Developmental Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI)</b> reimbursement rate
Funding	MDH	\$4.2 million ongoing to establish an <b>Office of American Indian Health</b> .
Funding	MDH	Provides a first-dollar in <b>financial aid program for resident students who are members or citizens of a federally-recognized Tribal Nation</b> or Canadian First Nation or non-resident citizens of Minnesota Tribal Nations that attend a Minnesota State institution, the University of Minnesota, or a Minnesota Tribal College. Impacting an estimated 2,000 individuals.
Funding	MHFA	\$10 million for Tribal Nations for <b>family homeless prevention and assistance</b> .