

**Subject** Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Education Center and youth care professional training program established

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## Overview

This bill establishes the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Education Center in the Minnesota Department of Health, establishes the youth care professional training program, modifies the mental health provider supervision grant program, and modifies mental health clinical trainee qualifications.

## Summary

Section	Description
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1	<b>Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Education Center.</b>
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Creates § 144.88.

**Subd. 1. Establishment.** Establishes the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Education Center in the Department of Health. Describes the purposes of the center.

**Subd. 2. Activities.** Lists the activities the center must perform.

**Subd. 3. Reports.** Beginning January 1, 2025, requires the commissioner of health to submit an annual report to the legislature summarizing the center's activities and progress in addressing the mental health and substance use disorder treatment workforce shortage.

2	<b>Eligible providers.</b>
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Amends § 245.4663, subd. 2. Modifies the criteria a mental health provider must meet to be eligible for a mental health provider supervision grant by including providers providing services to people in a city or township that is not within the seven-county metropolitan area and is not the city of Duluth, Mankato, Moorhead, Rochester, or St. Cloud.

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3	<p data-bbox="318 264 867 296"><b>Youth care professional training program.</b></p> <p data-bbox="318 310 574 342">Creates § 245.4908.</p> <p data-bbox="367 380 1425 527"><b>Subd. 1. Establishment.</b> Establishes the youth care professional training program in the Department of Human Services to provide training and ongoing support for direct care staff in children’s mental health treatment settings and day treatment services.</p> <p data-bbox="367 569 1425 831"><b>Subd. 2. Program activities.</b> Requires the commissioner of human services to contract with a provider to establish curricula, administration, and implementation. Lists the topics that must be covered in training courses. Requires the participant and the completion date to be listed in the youth worker professional registry at the completion of training requirements. Requires expert stakeholders from children’s mental health treatment to be involved in curriculum development.</p>
4	<p data-bbox="318 877 704 909"><b>Clinical trainee qualifications.</b></p> <p data-bbox="318 924 1425 1106">Amends § 245I.04, subd. 6. Expands the list of qualifications for clinical trainee staff to include a person who has completed an accredited graduate program of study to prepare the staff person for independent licensure as a mental health professional and has completed a practicum or internship and has not yet taken or received the results from the required test or is waiting for the final licensure decision.</p>



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