

Subject Respite care grants; youth care professional training program; and adult and children's mobile transition units

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Overview

This bill establishes the youth care professional training program, modifies children's mental health grants, modifies adult and children's mobile transition units appropriations, directs the commissioner to develop medical assistance (MA) children's residential mental health crisis stabilization, directs the commissioner to provide access to respite care services, and appropriates money for various mental health services.

Summary

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1	Establishment and authority. Amends § 245.4889, subd. 1. Modifies the list of services eligible for children's mental health grants.
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2	Youth care professional training program. Creates § 245.4908.
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Subd. 1. Establishment. Requires the commissioner of human services to establish the youth care professional training program to provide relevant onboarding and initial and annual training requirements for direct care staff in children's residential treatment settings, excluding foster care and foster residences, and that provide day treatment services.

Subd. 2. Program development. Requires the commissioner to contract with a third-party training provider who has expertise in child welfare, trauma-informed care, and youth development. Requires the training provider to: (1) establish a curriculum and administer the training program; and (2) include children's residential and children's mental health day treatment providers in the curriculum development.

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Subd. 3. Program activities. Requires the training provider to teach participants how to provide services according to a trauma-informed model of care. Lists the courses that must be covered in the training. Requires the training provider to create and maintain a youth care professional registry where participants who complete the training are listed. Specifies how training records must be maintained and shared.

3 Parental or guardian reimbursement to counties.

Amends § 252.27, subd. 2b. Modifies responsibility for the child's cost of care incurred by counties under the section of statutes governing parental contributions.

4 Adult and children's mobile transition units.

Amends Laws 2021, First Special Session ch. 7, art. 17, § 12, as amended by Laws 2022, ch. 98, art. 15, § 13; Laws 2022, ch. 99, art. 1, § 43; and Laws 2023, ch. 70, art. 20, § 18. Modifies the appropriation for adult and children's mobile transition units. Appropriates \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2025. Makes this section effective retroactively from January 1, 2024.

5 Direction to commissioner of human services; respite care access.

Requires the commissioner of human services to develop proposals by December 31, 2025, to increase access to licensed respite foster care homes that take into consideration the new federal rule related to licensing and approval standards for relative or kinship foster family homes.

6 Direction to commissioner; medical assistance children's residential mental health crisis stabilization.

Requires the commissioner of human services to consult with others to develop a covered benefit under MA to provide residential mental health crisis stabilization for children. Lists the items that must be included in the benefit. Requires the commissioner to: (1) make recommendations for providers to be reimbursed for room and board when developing the new benefit; (2) consult with or contract with rate-setting experts to develop a prospective data-based rate methodology for the children's residential mental health crisis stabilization benefit; and (3) submit to the legislature a report detailing specified information for the children's residential mental health crisis stabilization benefit.

Provides a July 1, 2024, effective date.

7 School-linked behavioral health grant base.

Increases the base appropriation for school-linked behavioral health grants in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

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8	<p>Appropriation; youth care professional training program.</p> <p>Appropriates \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services to contract with a third-party training provider to develop the youth care professional training program. Sets the general fund base for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.</p>
9	<p>Appropriation; respite care services.</p> <p>Appropriates \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for respite care services. Directs \$1,000,000 of this appropriation for grants to private child-placing agencies to conduct recruitment and support licensing activities that are specific to increasing the availability of licensed foster homes to provide respite care services.</p>
10	<p>Appropriation; community-based group home care.</p> <p>Appropriates \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for grants to organizations that serve children in community-based group homes. Specifies how grant funds must be used.</p>
11	<p>Appropriation; in-home children’s mental health infrastructure grants.</p> <p>Appropriates \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for infrastructure grants to develop family-centered in-home mental health services. Lists the services included. Allows grant funds to be used for start-up costs, including but not limited to initial hiring for specialized roles, staff training, technical assistance, and ancillary service costs required to establish and support the launch of these intensive mental health team models.</p>
12	<p>Repealer.</p> <p>Paragraph (a) repeals Minn. Stat. § 252.27, subs. 1a (definitions), 2 (parental responsibility), 3 (civil actions), 4a (order of payment), 5 (determination; redetermination; notice), and 6 (appeals).</p> <p>Paragraph (b) repeals Minn. Stat. 2023 Supplement § 252.27, subd. 2a (contribution amount).</p>



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