

# The MN Family Resiliency Partnership

Formerly Known as the MN Displaced Homemaker Program

## **OUR MISSION:**

To increase the self-sufficiency of participants and their families.

## **OUR PARTICIPANTS:**

Participants are people who have been at home caring for family while dependent on someone else's income. They have lost that source of income through a personal loss—death, disability, divorce, abandonment, or loss of public assistance. Amid this transitional crisis they face a radical life and occupational reorientation.

## **OUR PROGRAM:**

The Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership is a pre-employment and family stabilization program. It is the ONLY program in the state designed to help this unemployed or under-employed population to address their unique barriers to self-sufficiency.

The program addresses work readiness by teaching participants:

- essential life-skills needed to stabilize their family situation.
- necessary job-related skills needed to conduct a successful job search.
- intensive individualized support.
- homelessness intervention and prevention.
- training and college academic advising for career development.
- assistance with gaining employment.

## **OUR COVID 19 ADAPTATION:**

- Virtual workshops.
- Chrome laptop lending library.
- WiFi Hot Spots.
- PPE for participants and their children.
- Meeting outdoors if possible.
- All services remained available to all participants.



*"I don't know how my family would have survived if it wasn't for this program." C.A.*

*"Six months after my husband passed away from cancer, I lost my job of 18 years. At the age of 54, this program addressed everything I needed to do to survive and re-enter the workforce." J.M.*

*"They helped me develop a higher paying career rather than just getting a job." V.R*

## **BARRIERS TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND EMPLOYMENT:**

Participants in the MN Family Resiliency Partnership are:

- Female—97%.
- Brown, black, and indigenous—32%.
- Victims of domestic violence—60%.
- Not receiving court ordered child support—75%
- Homeless—22%.

## **OUR OUTCOMES:**

- Served 4,318 low-income participants and their families, including their children.
- 97% successfully completed their program.
- 6% enrolled in college.
- 32% became employed with an average hourly wage of \$13.14 per hour.

**OUR FUNDING:**

- The Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership has been funded primarily by fees with little or no tax dollars since 2003.
- It is a Career Pathways program administered by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).
- All participants enrolled in the Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership live at 200% of the federal poverty guidelines or even less.

**FINANCIAL OUTCOMES:**

- Participants who became employed in SFY 19 and 20 contributed \$11,200,949 in local sales, sales taxes, and income taxes to the state economy annually.
- Each low-income participant diverted from MFIP saves the state \$19,181 annually per family consisting of one adult and two children. This results in \$23,382,406 in savings to the State of MN in SFY 19 and SFY 20 annually.
- The regional MN Family Resiliency Partnership is funded primarily by fees. The cost per participant for 12-months of service is \$1,498. Other DEED programs are funded at \$3,500 - \$5000 per participant.

**Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership service areas and contact information:**

**Lives in Transition – AEOA**  
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218-327-6748

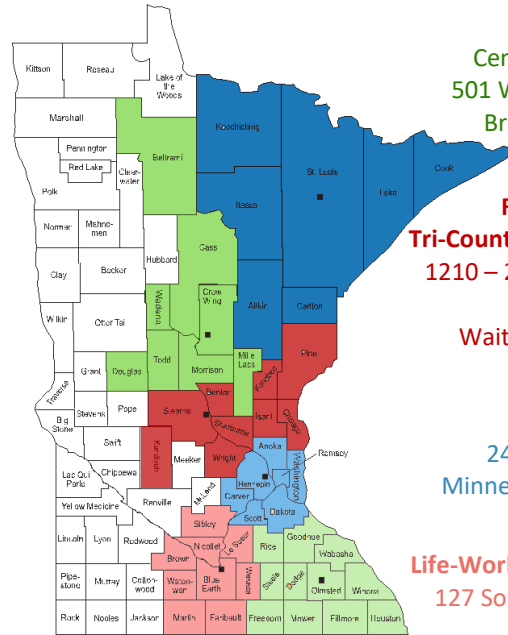
**META 5**  
Central Lakes College  
501 West College Drive  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
218-855-8010

**Rebuilding Lives—  
Tri-County Action Program**  
1210 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South  
PO Box 683  
Waite Park, MN 56387  
320-251-1612

**AVIVO**  
2438 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
612-752-8100

**Life-Work Planning Center**  
127 South Second Street  
Suite 210  
Mankato, MN 56001  
507-345-1577

**CHOICES of Southeast Minnesota**  
Rochester Community & Technical College  
851 – 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southeast  
Rochester, MN 55904  
507-280-5517



**The state realizes a \$26.89 to \$1 return on its investment in the Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership.**

The Minnesota Family Resiliency Partnership has been funded primarily by fees since 2003. Due to the pandemic, the fees have decreased by 25%.

We are requesting \$425,000 to be divided between 6 partner programs for the biennium.