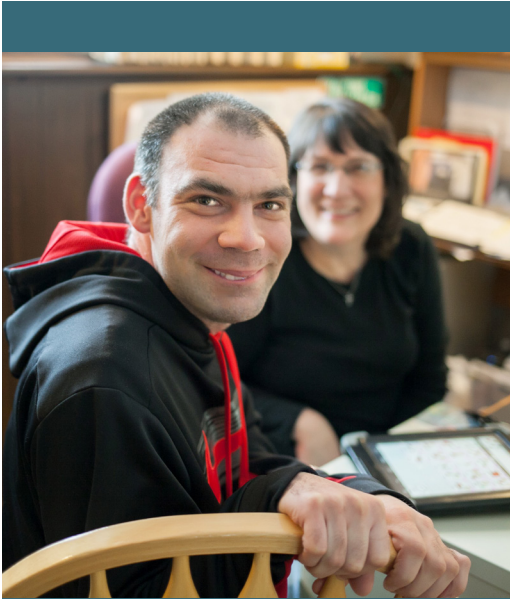




2017 Public Policy Priorities



SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO MEET THEIR FULL POTENTIAL BY ENSURING:

A STABLE WORKFORCE.

BEST LIFE ALLIANCE

supports a wage increase and healthcare premium coverage for direct support professionals providing Home and Community-Based Services.

REFORMING DISABILITY WAIVER RATE SETTING

ensures that rates better reflect costs of providing services, helping preserve support for tens of thousands of individuals.

INCENTIVIZE OUTCOMES IN SERVICES

accelerates system reform and cost savings by offering incentives to providers who meet specific benchmarks when individuals with disabilities live and work more independently.

FLEXIBLE LIVING OPTIONS.

MINNESOTA SUPPLEMENTAL AID – HOUSING ASSISTANCE

expands the current monthly subsidy so more individuals can transition out of congregate settings with more options for independent living.

EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS.

CONSUMER-DIRECTED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS (CDCS)

makes CDCS and self-direction more effective and accessible, especially for employment, by saving costs and providing greater flexibility to individuals with disabilities.

INCOME STABILITY.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MA) SPENDDOWN REFORM

allows individuals with disabilities who depend on MA for services to keep more of their income and savings to pay their own living expenses.

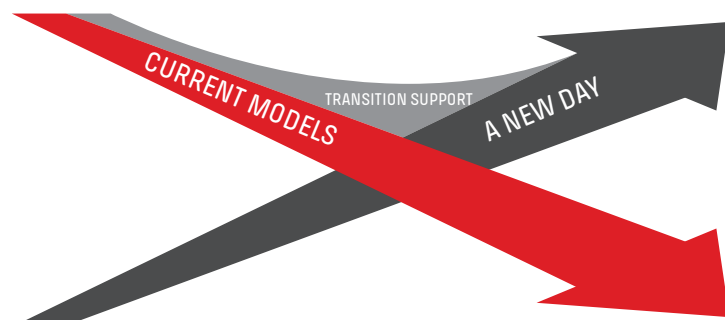
LSS Vision

All people have the opportunity to live and work in community with dignity, safety and hope.

LSS Mission

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota expresses the love of Christ for all people through service that inspires hope, changes lives, and builds community.

A NEW DAY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES Accelerating the Minnesota Olmstead Plan *beyond* 2017





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EQUITABLE ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL MINNESOTANS BY ENSURING:

SECURITY AND STABILITY.

SAFE HARBOR FOR SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH

enables youth who have been sexually exploited to pursue resources for housing and services.

FINANCIAL WELL-BEING.

STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT COUNSELING

provides counseling to Minnesotans whose student debt prevents them from contributing to the economy.

ACCESS TO RESOURCES.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

allows for equitable access and assistance for entrepreneurs of color.

INVESTMENTS TO ADDRESS DISPARITIES.

SOMALI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

supports economic development for youth and women, as well as health and education initiatives.

AN END TO PREDATORY LENDING PRACTICES.

PAYDAY LENDING REFORM

regulates financial products that create cycles of indebtedness.

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