

# 2018 Public Policy Priorities



## 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.

## **SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES INNOVATION POOL** offers incentives to shift disability services to a more person-centered system by utilizing innovative approaches to independent housing, competitive employment and community integration.

**CONSUMER-DIRECTED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS (CDCS)** is a self-directed option for people accessing services through a waiver. Increasing the CDCS budget exceptions and educating more people about CDCS will reduce costs and increase flexibility in services for individuals with disabilities.

**BEST LIFE ALLIANCE** addresses Minnesota's disability services workforce shortage by reforming the Disability Waiver Rate System (DWRS) to help stabilize community-based services.

## **SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS**

**SENIOR COMPANIONS** are older adult volunteers who assist their elderly neighbors with daily tasks, including transportation to medical appointments and other activities. Increasing funding will provide more access to Senior Companions statewide, and as a result improve health outcomes and save costs.

## **SERVICES FOR FAMILIES**

**SOMALI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND** would create a four-year pilot to support economic development so that members of the Somali community can more fully contribute to the Minnesota economy.

**STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT COUNSELING** will support Minnesotans in getting on track with their student loan payments so they can contribute to the economy.

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