

ADVOCACY

2025 Policy Agenda

The Family Partnership is active in service and policy innovation so that children and families can thrive.

Our 2025 policy agenda reflects The Family Partnership's commitment to champion generational healing in the Twin Cities with approaches rooted in equity and evidence.



TOP LEAD PRIORITIES

- Ensure adequate funding for high-quality early childhood education programs, including home visitors
- Maintain and expand resources supporting implementation of Minnesota's Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Youth Act, and support the legal reforms necessary to implement a Safe Harbor for All system for adult survivors statewide
- Support state funding for mental health services and consultation that serves infants, children, and families from low-income households and communities.
- Support state funding to cap childcare costs at 7%
- Prioritize permanent funding of early learning scholarships from one-time funding in FY23

WE WILL ACTIVELY SUPPORT POLICIES THAT:

- Expand adoption of two-generation (2Gen) and brain science-informed approaches in Minnesota
- Increase access to Home Visiting services for families from Prenatal to 3
- Increase the quality and availability of Prenatal-to-5 early education and care for all families
- Involve survivor leadership and input to end commercial sexual exploitation of youth and adults
- Strengthen local/state systems and policies to close opportunity gaps and promote racial equity

WE WILL ENDORSE WORK THAT CENTERS CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES WHO ARE:

- Experiencing one or more forms of social exclusion including barriers to:
 - Reliable housing, transportation, public safety, and other forms of infrastructure
 - Quality education and healthcare
 - Stable employment, living wages, benefits, wealth building and/or economic participation
 - Belonging on the basis of race or ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, immigrant status, religion, age and/or other aspects of identity
- Black, Indigenous, and people of color
- Immigrants, refugees, and/or speaking a primary language other than English
- Members of the LGBTQIA+ community
- Living in or near poverty
- Survivors and those who are at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation and/or domestic violence
- Experiencing mental health challenges, substance abuse disorders, and/or repeated involvement with the criminal justice system