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Legislative Agenda 2025

Invest in Medicaid Outpatient Mental Health Rates to support the crisis in access to children's mental health care

Solve the Children's Boarding Crisis

- Establish a Youth Care Professional Training Academy to increasing staff who can serve children in intensive residential services
- Invest in Boarding Decompression funding for creative individualized care solutions
- Expand Youth Care Transition Teams and Hi-Fidelity Wrap Around service models that effectively support children and families access care after boarding
- Increase access to in-home intensive family-centered services by increasing rates for in-home services and travel
- Designate a working group to improve access to Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) care while increasing quality and individualization of care
- Bridge funding for Children's Residential Crisis Stabilization services in anticipation of access to a future Medicaid benefit
- Improve policy for Family Peer Specialists and MNCHOICES assessments to expedite access to quality care

Support Transitions and Transportation for Children

- Create a children's standard for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)
- Establish a Community Integration benefit for children transitioning from intensive treatment settings to home and community

Established Deemed Status for Licensing Children's Residential Care through use of the rigorous requirements of national accreditation for MN licensing standards

Kinship Caregiver Support

- Align with new federal licensing flexibilities to support kinship foster caregivers
- Invest in family-kin caregivers to provide stable and loving parenting

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