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Minnesota Community & Family Resource Network

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The Minnesota Community & Family Resource Network was launched in 2022 through the Association of Minnesota Counties with philanthropic support. The Network currently supports counties to develop, launch, and implement Family Resource Centers, based on community need and driven by community partners working in collaboration with governmental agencies.

At a Glance

- Year founded: 2022
- Year joined NFSN: 2023
- Network type: Non-profit Coordinated
- Network staff: .75 FTE
- Annual budget: \$147,675
- Funding source:
 - Private foundations

Network Functions

- Connecting Members
- Training/technical assistance
- Working on systems change/policy/advocacy
- Marketing/public awareness activities
- Data and Evaluation

Highlights

- Expanded Network from one FRC to 41 counties with active FRCs or engaged in community assessment and planning.
- Collaborated with counties, state departments and non-profits to advocate successfully for the passage of the Community Resource Center legislation & funding (MN laws 2023, Regular Session, Chapter 70, Art. 14, Sec. 42).
- Coordinated Technical Assistance & hosted 5 Standards of Quality Trainings for emerging FRC initiatives.
- Developed Network Framework & Structure.
- Developed Network materials for promotion of FRCs.
- Engaged Legislators and local leaders.
- Strengthened community partnerships in communities in 41 counties.

Standards of Quality Implementation



STANDARDS
TRAINERS

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CERTIFICATION
TRAININGS

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CERTIFIED
INDIVIDUALS

129

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Network Mission Statement:

1.) To honor the voices of families and communities by developing a coordinated, integrated network of Community Family Resource Centers committed to strengthening families by building on the five protective factors: parental resilience, social connections, concrete support in times of need, knowledge of parenting & child development, social & emotional competence of children. 2.) To influence and shape family strengthening practices, policies, and funding mechanisms.

Members

- FRCs in state statute: 2023
- Number of Members: 41 counties with initiatives, with 16 open FRC sites
- Households served in 2024: 6,781 (duplicated) at 8 FRC sites in 2024
- Funding sources:
 - Private foundations
 - County/Local Government funding
 - State Funding
 - In-kind donations



Member Service Areas

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Concrete Support
- Family Development Services
- Child Development Activities
- Parent Leadership Development
- Family Economic Success Activities
- Education Activities
- Health/Wellness Activities
- Intentional Multiple Family Member Engagement Activities
- Community Strengthening Activities
- Housing Support/Assistance



Outcome

Community & Family Resource Centers served over 6,000 households and increased access for marginalized communities.