

## Minnesota Human Services Department Transition Overview

On May 23, 2023, Gov. Tim Walz signed into law two pieces of legislation that will bring big changes to the Department of Human Services (DHS), paving the way for the creation of a new Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) and establishing Direct Care and Treatment (DCT) as a standalone agency. The Minnesota Legislature gave authority and resources to support the creation of these two new agencies.

This document outlines the programs at each of the agencies, approximate budgets and estimates for staffing.

### Department of Human Services

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The resulting Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) will be smaller and refocused on fewer program areas once colleagues leave the department to create the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families and the Department of Direct Care and Treatment.

**Number of employees:** Approximately 2,150 (precise post-transition full-time employee (FTE) numbers are not known yet; this is an estimate).

**Budget size:** Approximately \$23 billion annually, ongoing.

### What is remaining at DHS?

#### Aging and Disability Services

- Adult Protection
- Aging and Adult Services
- Disability Services
- Home and Community Based Services
- Long-term Services and Supports
- Nursing Homes
- Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Services:
  - Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard-of-Hearing

#### Behavioral Health Administration (new)

- Behavioral Health:
  - Adult Mental Health
  - Children's Mental Health
  - Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic
  - Clinical Treatment Policy
  - Substance Use Disorder

#### Homelessness, Housing and Support Services Administration (new)

- Housing and Support Services:
  - Moving Home Minnesota
- Adult Income Support Services

- Interagency Council on Homelessness’s Housing Justice Plan
- Shelter/Housing Programs (formerly part of the Office of Economic Opportunity):
  - Emergency Shelter Facilities Grants
  - Emergency Services Program
  - Emergency Solutions Grant
  - Transitional Housing Program
  - Homeless Youth Act
  - Shelter-Linked Youth Mental Health
  - Safe Harbor Shelter and Housing
  - Homeless Youth Cash Stipend Pilot

### **Health Care Administration**

- Minnesota Health Care Programs:
  - Health Care Eligibility and Access
  - Health Care Integrity and Accountability and Medicaid Compliance Officer
  - Health Care Eligibility Operations
  - Health Improvement and Benefit Design
  - Health Research and Quality
  - Managed Care Contracts and Rates
  - Medicaid Federal Relations
  - Medicaid Payments and Provider Services
  - Office of Medicaid Medical Director
  - Pharmacy Program and Medicaid Decision Support

### **Office of Inspector General**

- Background Studies
- Licensing:
  - Home and Community-based Services
  - Maltreatment Investigations (for remaining programs)
  - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder
  - Adult Foster Care and related programs
- Program Integrity Oversight:
  - Federal Audit Investigation
  - Fraud Prevention Investigation (for remaining programs) and MinnesotaCare
  - Managed Care Organization Oversight
  - Medicaid Provider Audits and Investigations
  - Minnesota Restricted Recipient Program
- Support functions related to Legal Counsel, Enterprise Operations and Policy, and Digital Services, Analytics and Insights (for remaining programs)

### **Resettlement Programs Office**

- Community Outreach and Engagement
- Immigrant Services
- Resettlement Network Services

## Support/Operations

- Business Solutions Office/Service Delivery Transformation
- Central Grants Office
- Communications
- Compliance
- Community Relations
- County Relations
- Equal Opportunity and Access
- Federal Relations
- Finance
- General Counsel's Office
- Human Resources
- Legislative Relations
- Management Services
- Office of Employee Culture
- Office for Equity and Inclusion
- Office of Indian Policy
- Office of Strategy and Performance

## Department of Children, Youth, and Families

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The Department of Children, Youth, and Families will launch July 2024, and be fully staffed in July 2025. Families and those who work with them are asking for coordination, engagement, and culturally and individually responsive programs that meet their children's needs throughout their development. The Department of Children, Youth, and Families will provide a recognizable public face and a clear front-door in the state's quest to prioritize children, youth, and families. This will align communication related to services for families, maximize and coordinate funding, align outcomes, and convene leadership to improve access to services for children, youth, and families.

**Number of employees:** Approximately 900 (precise post-transition full-time employee (FTE) numbers are not known yet; this is an estimate).

**Budget size:** Approximately \$20.3 million for FY24-25 transition year; approximately \$3.4 billion annually ongoing.

### What is moving to DCYF?

A more detailed list is also available for your reference at [DCYF Programs to Transfer \(mn.gov\)](#) found on the DCYF Implementation Website.

### Children and Family Services from the Department of Human Services

- Business Integration
- Child Care Services
- Child Safety and Permanency
- Child Support
- Economic Assistance and Employment Supports Division

- Management Operations
- Office of Economic Opportunity programs related to food support and Community Action Agency partnerships:
  - American Indian Food Sovereignty Funding Program
  - Capital for Emergency Food Distribution Facilities
  - Community Action Programs
  - Diaper Distribution Grant Program
  - Early Childhood Learning and Child Protection Facilities
  - Family Assets for Independence (FAIM)
  - Grants for Prepared Meals Food Relief
  - Minnesota Food Shelf Program
  - Minnesota Food Bank Program (established in the 2024 legislative session)
  - SNAP Education
  - SNAP Outreach
  - The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

### **Office of Inspector General from the Department of Human Services**

- Licensing:
  - Family Child Care
  - Child Care Centers
  - Certified Child Care Centers
  - Child Foster Care
  - Maltreatment Investigations (for transferring programs)
- Program Integrity Oversight:
  - Child Care Audits and Investigations
  - Fraud Prevention Investigation (for transferring programs)
- Support functions related to Legal Counsel, Enterprise Operations and Policy, and Digital Services, Analytics and Insights (for transferring programs).

### **Central Operations**

Some central office functions will be prioritized to establish independently at the new agency in July 2024. Functions not established independently right away at DCYF will be shared with originating agencies, supported through interagency agreements through a transition period.

- Communications
- Community Relations
- Compliance
- County Relations
- Employee Culture
- Federal Relations
- Finance
- General Counsel
- Human Resources
- Management Services
- Office of Equity and Inclusion
- Tribal Relations

## Programs from the Office of Teaching and Learning within the Department of Education

- Early Learning Services division (except Part B 619)
- After-school Community Learning Grant Program

## Programs from the Department of Public Safety

- Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee
- Youth Intervention Program Grant
- Youth Justice Office
- Office of Restorative Practices

## Program from the Child and Family Health Division within the Department of Health

- Help Me Connect

## Department of Direct Care and Treatment

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Direct Care and Treatment is a highly specialized behavioral health care system that serves people with mental illnesses, substance use disorders, and developmental and intellectual disabilities. Because their conditions are complex and challenging to treat, other health care providers cannot or will not serve these patients.

The system includes psychiatric hospitals and other inpatient mental health treatment facilities; inpatient substance use treatment facilities; special care dental clinics; outpatient services; crisis services; group homes and vocational sites; and sex offender treatment facilities. In all, DCT delivers these services at about 150 sites statewide.

**Number of employees:** Approximately 4,700 (precise post-transition full-time employee (FTE) numbers are not known yet; this is an estimate).

**Budget size:** Approximately \$7.8 million for FY24-25 transition year; approximately \$750 million annually ongoing.

### What is moving with Direct Care and Treatment (DCT)?

#### Mental Health Substance Abuse Treatment Services (MHSATS)

- Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center (AMRTC)
- Six Community Behavioral Health Hospitals (CBHH)
- Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Hospital (CABHH)
- Three locations for the Community Addiction Recovery Enterprise (CARE) Program
- Minnesota Specialty Health Systems (MSHS), which including three Intensive Residential Treatment Services (IRTS)

#### Forensics Services

- Forensic Mental Health Program (FMHP)
- Forensic Nursing Home
- Community Integration Services (for patients who are provisionally discharged)
- Forensic Examiners

## **Community-Based Services (CBS)**

- Residential Services
- Vocational Services
- Community Support Services (CSS)
- Minnesota Intensive Therapeutic Homes (MITH)
- Minnesota Life Bridge (MLB)

## **Outpatient Services**

- Five Special Care Dental Clinics
- Outpatient Psychiatry and Primary Care

## **Minnesota Sex Offender Program**

- Moose Lake Facility
- St. Peter Facility
- Community Preparation Services
- Reintegration Services

## **Medical Services**

- DCT Medical Director (Chief Medical Officer)
- Medical Staff including psychiatrists, primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, psychologists, etc.
- Forensics Fellowship Program
- Central Pre-Admissions

## **Central Operations**

Some central office functions will be prioritized to establish independently at the new agency. Functions not established independently right away at DCT will be shared with DHS and supported through interagency agreements.

- DCT Administration:
  - Office of CEO
  - DCT Medical Director (Chief Medical Officer)
  - Pharmacy Services
  - Quality Department
- General Counsel
- Communications/Media
- Contracting and Compliance
- Human Resources
- Finance
- External Relations:
  - Counties
  - Federal
  - Legislative
  - Tribal/government to government relations
- Office of Equity and Inclusion
  - Learning and Development
- Support Services:
  - Facilities management
  - HIMS
  - Technology

- Office of Special Investigations
- MNIT Support for DCT



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