



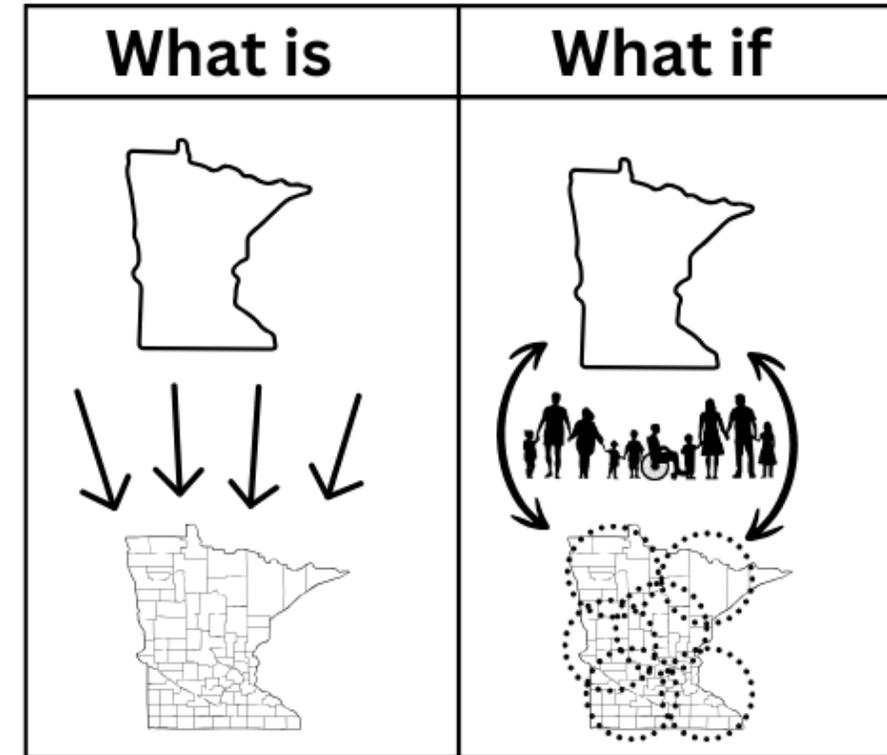
# Strengthening MN Families

## *A Collaborative Approach to Supporting Minnesota Families*

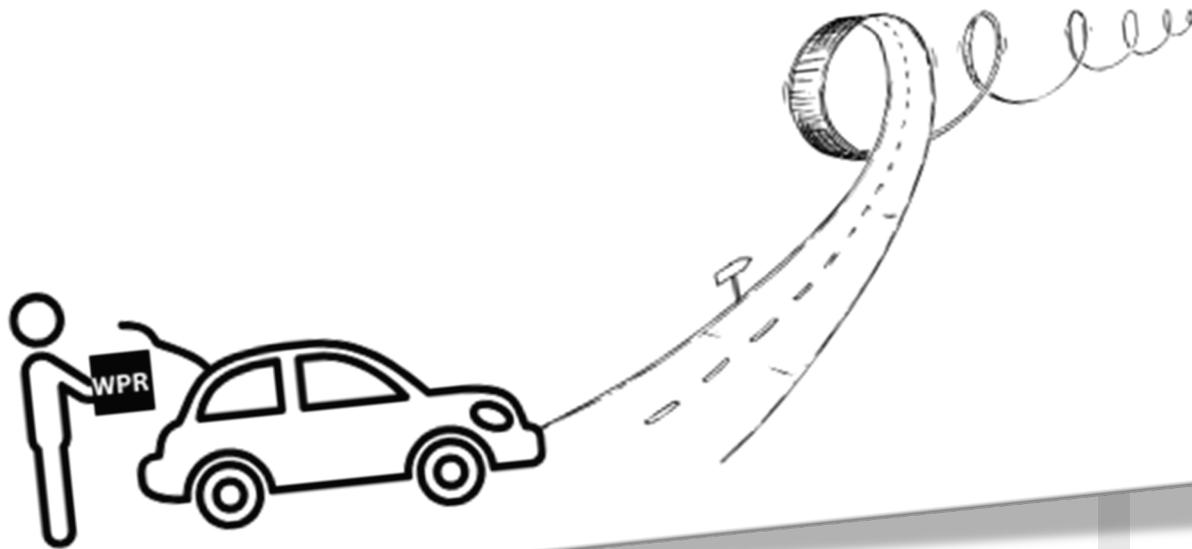
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# Federal TANF Pilot Cancellation

- Federal TANF Pilot represented an opportunity to focus beyond WPR
- But the good work continues
- We're starting from a new baseline with "Strengthening MN Families"
- This is a position of CHOICE, not crisis
- We want to bring you with us on the journey



**What if you could put  
WPR in the trunk...**



- ✓ Explores local "bright spots" and successful innovations
- ✓ Examines regional resource sharing
- ✓ Creates state-level support for cross-regional learning
- ✓ Shifts from pilot to comprehensive, long-term strategy

# Guiding Principles



**Our Question:** “Does this strengthen Minnesota families?”

**Our Approach:** Family is defined by those we serve.

**Our Definition of Strength:** Providing opportunities and the ability to access them

# Local Service Interventions



## **Gathering Insights and Feedback from Partners in Drafting the Plan**

- Identifying and amplifying “bright spots”
- Documenting successful local innovations

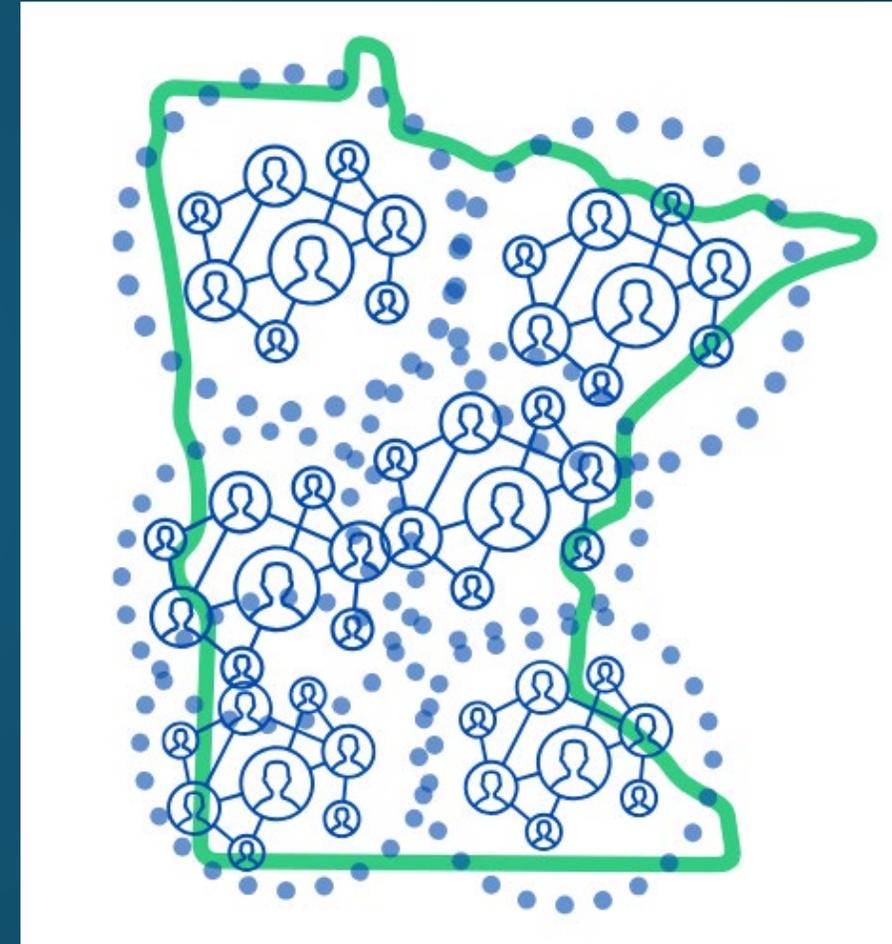
# State Level Systems Change



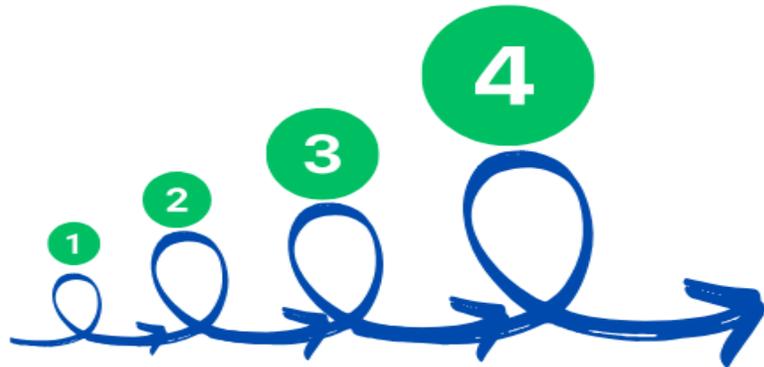
- Supporting work at the local level
- Facilitating cross-regional learning and knowledge exchange
- Creating systematic improvements based on demonstrated excellence

# Collaboration and Partnership

- State/Local Collaboration
- Counties, tribes, and community-based organizations
- Frontline staff and employment support workers
- Family-centered design
- Cross-jurisdictional cooperation



# Timeline Overview



**Iterative and Developmental  
Engagement Process**

## • **Learning Year #1 (2025):**

- Engagement with stakeholders
- Allocated funding to all interested partners

## • **Learning Year #2 (2026):**

- Regional innovation labs across the state
- Competitive RFP process and pilot launches

## • **Subsequent years (2027 – 2031):**

- 5-Year pilots
- Continuing learning networks

# Questions?

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