

## Jan. 9 Partner Update

### Weekly Updates from DCYF

- DCYF community partner update

Thank you for your continued partnership and patience as we navigate the challenges caused by recent federal activity related to our programs. We know this is a challenging and uncertain time for many families and community partners. Recent news and increased public attention around organizations receiving public funds has added stress to your already demanding work. We want to begin by acknowledging the essential work you do every day to care for children and support families across Minnesota, and by sharing information about steps the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) is taking in the weeks ahead.

### **Program funding**

On Jan. 8, the Minnesota Attorney General Office joined attorneys general in four other states in [filing an injunction](#) to prevent the federal Administration of Children and Families (ACF) from freezing funds or restricting draw downs in the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), which includes child care funding; Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), which supports the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP); and the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), which includes payments to counties to support for child and adult protection.

DCYF will monitor the lawsuit and update partners as we can.

In the meantime, DCYF teams continue to work through the multiple communications and analyze fiscal and other practical aspects of the federal action. Our partners should continue to serve families and children and access DCYF programs through normal practices and procedures until more information is available.

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