

# BECKER COUNTY

## NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT on DRAFT of PROPOSED 2010-2011 BECKER COUNTY MFIP/CCSA BIENNIAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

Becker County invites you to comment on the draft of the proposed 2008-09 Becker County Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)/Children and Community Services Act (CCSA) Consolidated Fund Biennial Service Agreement for the period January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2011.

**Comments are due by October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**See below for specific instructions on submitting comments.**

### Background

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and the Children and Community Service Act (CCSA) Require Minnesota counties to submit a two-year service agreement to the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) in order to receive these funds. Several years ago, DHS combined the requirements for MFIP and CCSA funds into a single Biennial Service Agreement format.

“[T]he primary purpose of the service agreement and the consolidated funding model is to achieve stated outcomes and work towards the goals of economic stability for poor families under MFIP and keeping children safe and improving their well-being under CCSA. “[DHS Bulletin #07-68-11]

### Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)

Becker County’s MFIP Consolidated Fund plan describes the employment needs of adults on MFIP and identifies the service strategies designed to meet those needs. The plan also outlines Becker County’s statutory obligations and how we will:

- Administer MFIP financial assistance
- Deliver basic MFIP employment services
- Process MFIP cases approaching the 60-month time limit
- Administer the Diversionary Work Program (DWP)
- Provide Family Stabilization Services

Becker County Human Services, which is responsible for the county’s MFIP program, will monitor the success of the county’s MFIP program by using the following specific performance measures:

- Three-year MFIP Self-Support Index
- MFIP Work Participation Rate
- Promoting Equity in MFIP Outcomes

### Children and Community Services Act (CCSA)

The CCSA Consolidated Fund serves children and adolescents; adults experiencing abuse, neglect, poverty, disability, chronic health conditions; and racial and ethnic groups experiencing poor outcomes

and disparities. Becker's CCSA describes our overall services needs, strategies to meet those needs, and the performance indicators required by the Minnesota Department of Human Services including:

#### **Children's Mental Health**

- Improved mental health

#### **Child Safety**

- Reduced recurrence of child abuse/neglect

#### **Child Permanency**

- Reduced return to out-of-home placement
- Placement Stability

#### **Child Well-Being**

- Received adequate services to meet physical and mental health need

**Becker County welcomes all comments and suggestions to its 2010-2011 Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)/Children and Community Services Act (CCSA) Consolidated Fund Biennial Service Agreement.**

#### **How to review the draft agreement**

View the draft on-line at [www.co.becker.mn.us](http://www.co.becker.mn.us)

- Click on mmip/ccsa plan
- Be certain to look for the draft 2010-2011 service agreement

Obtain a hard copy by contacting:

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#### **How to submit comments and suggestions**

1. All comments must be received by the end of the business day on **October 09**, 2009.
2. All comments must be in writing (letter, fax or e-mail)
3. A comment should reference the portion of the plan that is the subject of the comment.
4. Submit comments by letter, email, or fax to **Nancy Nelson**, Becker Co. Human Service Director.

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