



People **Serving** People

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ABOUT US

People Serving People is the largest and most comprehensive emergency shelter for families experiencing homelessness in Minnesota and a dedicated leader in homelessness prevention.

For over 40 years, People Serving People has focused on ending family homelessness in Hennepin County.

We will continue to offer housing, prevention, empowering programs, and educational services until every family has a place to call home.

2024 STATISTICS

- We served 534 families org-wide
 - 1,403 individuals in total
- 61% of guests were children
- Guests stayed an average of 102 days
- 92% of guests were people of color

WHAT WE DO

We provide emergency shelter and uplifting programs while advocating to change the inequitable systems that lead to homelessness. Families at our shelter have access to:

- A private room and nutritious meals in our cafeteria
- An on-site advocate that helps families achieve their goals and connects them to vital community resources
- Year-round educational services and specialized programming for children from infancy through school-age
- Basic necessities like free diapers, laundry detergent, and snacks via our front desk



HF 2226 CHILDCARE SAFETY REFORM

THE PROBLEM

There is a gap in the background check system for individuals working at childcare centers. While the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) requires background studies for childcare providers, these checks do not include alerts from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). NCMEC flags individuals in possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) and shares this data with state and local law enforcement agencies. As a result, individuals flagged by NCMEC may still be cleared to work with children, putting them at risk.



THE SOLUTION

This bill seeks to close that gap by requiring the DHS background checks for all licensed childcare providers to include alerts from the NCMEC. If an alert is found, the individual will be temporarily suspended from working with children until the investigation is resolved - enhancing safety and accountability in childcare settings.

