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ATTN: Chair Wiklund and Committee Members

I am writing on behalf of Fernbrook Family Center as a request that you support **SF4388.** This bill would be instrumental in building capacity and infrastructure to provide mental health services to kids and families in Minnesota.

The needs of kids and families have increased significantly and the lack of access to mental health services is putting them at great risk. Provider shortages and burnout are problematic and worsening.

This bill would eliminate unnecessary barriers and would make it easier for children to access services more timely and more consistently. Fernbrook Family Center provides services using the Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Grant and these services are vital for our early childhood providers. This would codify the requirements and structure in statute, which would align all providers.

Fernbrook Family Center provides skills training in all 12 of our locations. This service has prevented countless children from requiring a higher level of care and has provided life saving mental health services to children and families.

We ask that you vote to support **SF4388** during the hearing on March 17, 2026!

Thank you!

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