



# Board Workshop / Discussion Agenda

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August 12, 2025 - 1:30 p.m.

Courthouse Room 220

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## WORKSHOP

1. **Restoring Futures: Healing and Treatment Homes and Violence Prevention Services for Safer Communities** [2025-225](#)

Sponsors: Health and Wellness, Safety and Justice



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## Request for Board Action

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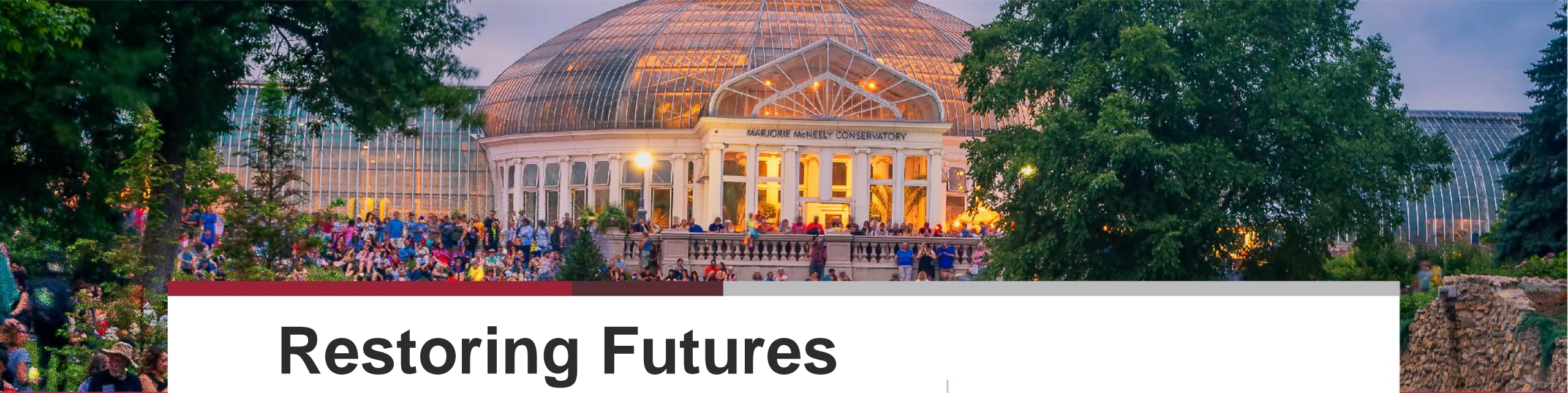
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Restoring Futures: Healing and Treatment Homes and Violence Prevention Services for Safer Communities

**Attachment**

1. Presentation



# **Restoring Futures**

## **Healing and Treatment Homes**

## **Violence Prevention Services**

For Justice-Involved Youth and their Families

**August 12, 2025**

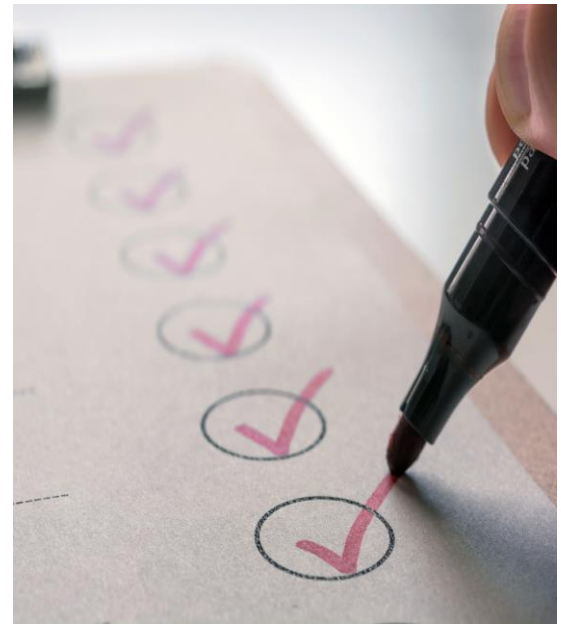


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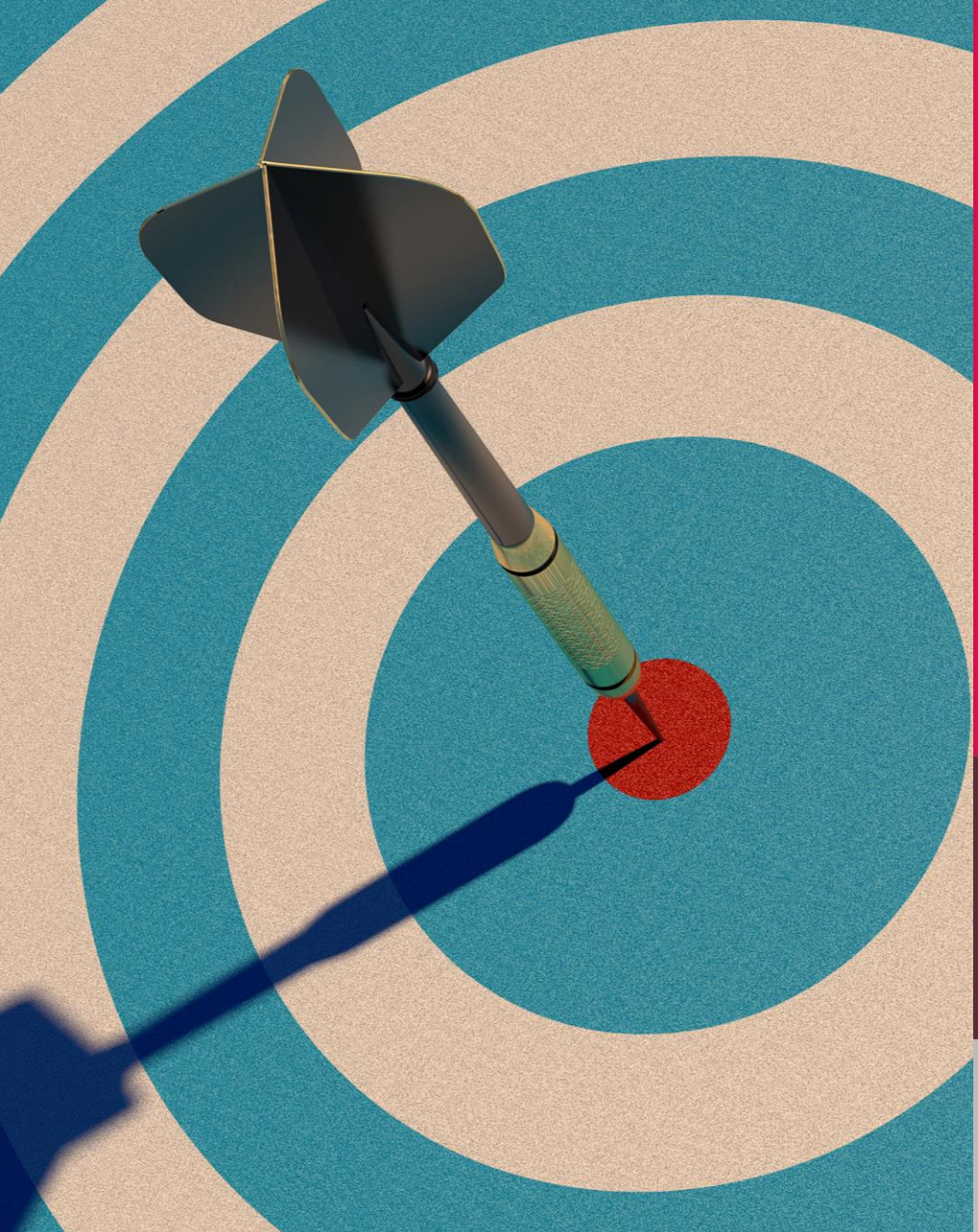
- ❖ Healing and Treatment Homes Grant
- ❖ Violence Prevention Programs and Services Grant

## Presenters

- ❖ Gloria Reyes, Deputy County Manager of Safety and Justice
- ❖ Nadir Abdi, Deputy County Manager of Health and Wellness
- ❖ Kim Stubblefield, Deputy Director of Community Corrections
- ❖ Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer, Finance







## Goals

- ❖ Overview of Healing and Treatment Homes and Violence Prevention Grants.
- ❖ Share legislative background and alignment with county strategic priorities.
- ❖ Detail purpose, investment, use of funds, and implementation timelines.
- ❖ Highlight the collaborative ecosystem supporting these initiatives.
- ❖ Present strategies for sustainability, community of practice, and ongoing support.
- ❖ Outline performance measures and invite discussion and feedback.



## Strategic Alignment with County Priorities

The efforts support Ramsey County's commitment to:

- ❖ **Residents First**

- ❖ Ensuring accessible, effective, and responsive services

- ❖ **Racial and Health Equity**

- ❖ Addressing systemic disparities

- ❖ **Justice System Transformation**

- ❖ Centering community and well-being in public safety

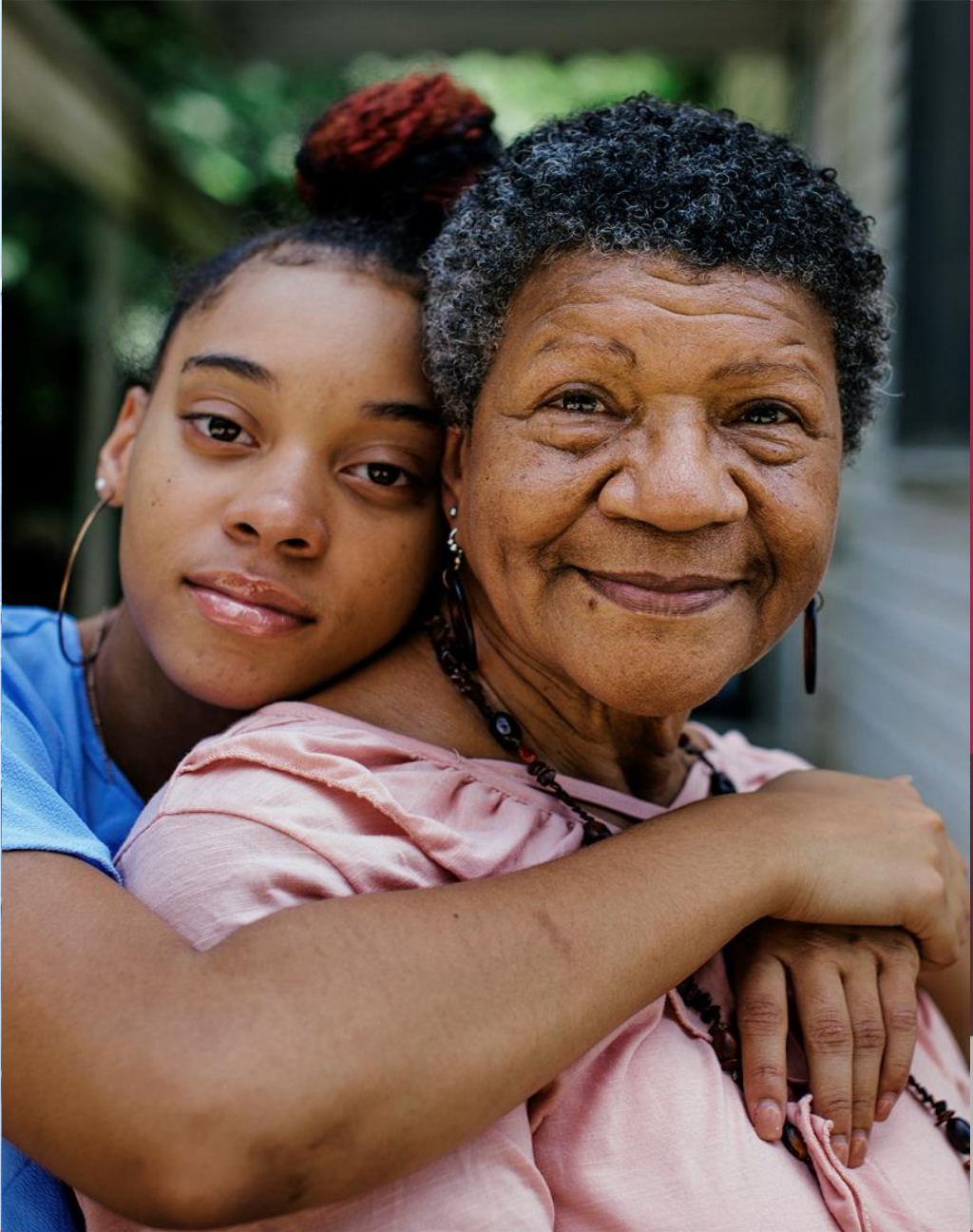
- ❖ **Holistic Support**

- ❖ Strengthening youth and families with coordinated care





# Healing and Treatment Homes Grant



## Background: Healing and Support for Justice-Involved Youth and Families

- ❖ Youth from African American, Native American, Hispanic, and Asian communities in Ramsey County are more likely to be impacted by the justice system.
- ❖ There is strong support from state, county and community leaders to invest in violence prevention programs and services for justice-involved youth and their families.
- ❖ Ramsey County secured a \$10 million direct appropriation through the 2023 Public Safety Omnibus Bill (Laws 2023, Chapter 52).
- ❖ In 2024, Ramsey County launched two cross-departmental initiatives, led by HWST, CCD, Social Services, and Safety & Justice, in partnership with:
  - ❖ Ramsey County Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Office, whose advocacy helped secure critical state funding.



# 93rd Legislature (2024) – Chapter 123, H.F. No. 5216

## Youth Treatment Homes – \$5 Million

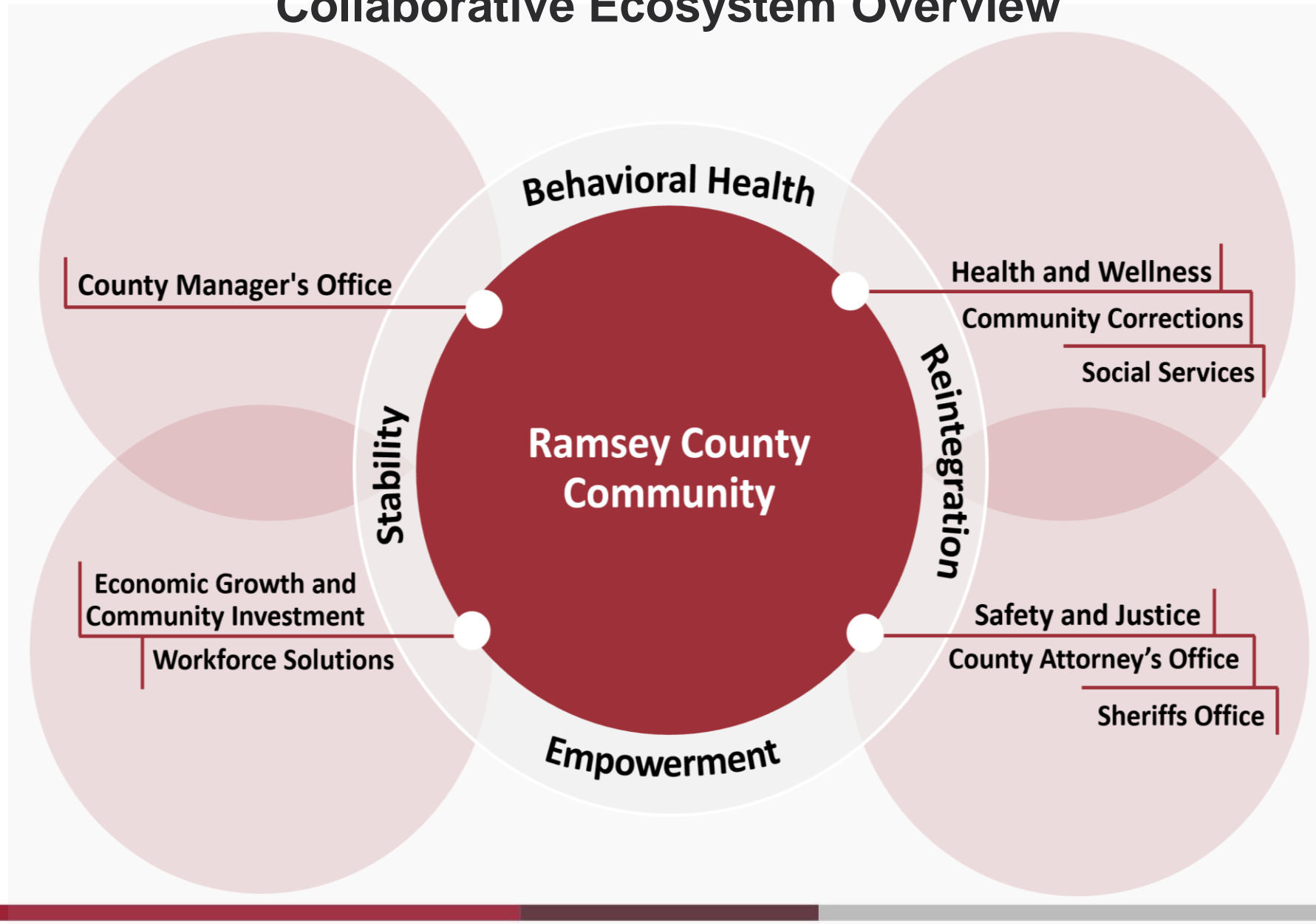
- ❖ Establish culturally driven, trauma informed homes.
- ❖ Homes to be safe, community-based, and culturally aware.
- ❖ Young people will stay there by court order to get therapy and healing support.
- ❖ Families and community members will help guide the program.
- ❖ Funding expires **June 30, 2027**.

## Violence Prevention & Family Support – \$5 Million

- ❖ Support local groups that help youth and families.
- ❖ Help families when a young person is placed outside the home.
- ❖ Offer short-term care to avoid youth going to jail.
- ❖ Create job programs for youth involved in the justice system.
- ❖ Funding is accessible until **June 30, 2027**.



# Collaborative Ecosystem Overview



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## **County Manager's Office**

Ling Becker, Alex Kotze, Jenn Hamrick,  
Amy Peterson, Margaret Soukup

## **Finance Department**

Kia Xiong, Melanie Mahon, Katie  
Walloch, Calandra Curl

## **Procurement and Contracts**

Dolly Lee, Victoria Murad, Paul Carlson,  
Lynn Pelto, Jean Yeager, Daniel Chavez,  
Youa Vang

## **Communications**

Valerie Hsu, Chris Barron

## **Office of Safety and Justice**

Gloria Reyes, Elijah Norris, Kaye Ward

## **Community Corrections**

Monica Long, Michelle Finstad, Kim  
Stubblefield, Valeria DeRusha, Ed  
Hauck, Mallory Potter, Clare Pillsbury,  
Becky Shack, Alix Herzing, Deidreann  
Frater-Rowe, Robyn Bata, Adriana  
Arce, Aurelio Curbelo

## **Social Services**

Sophia Thompson, Alex Cleaveland,  
Falon M. Huynh, Casey DeLima, Bobbi  
Jo Potter, Kari A. Kerber, Maina Ngunyi

## **Division of Innovation and Strategy**

Sarah Myott

## **State of Minnesota**

### **Department of Human Services**

Katie A. Leuer, Mike J. Gallagher, Nancy Just

### **MN Department of Public Safety**

#### **Office of Justice Program**

Michael Hrera

### **Sheriff's Office**

Michael Martin, Kyle Mestad

### **County Attorney's Office**

John Choi, Erica Schumacher, Kevin  
Fleming, Cyndy Melby

### **Workforce Solutions**

Catrice O'Neill, Charie Grill, Holly Pratt,  
Rachael Molenaar

**11 County Departments - 58 Professionals - 2 State Departments**



# Overview: Healing and Treatment Homes

- ❖ **Purpose:** Establish safe, stable, and healing-centered homes that deliver culturally responsive care tailored to the needs of justice-involved youth and their families.
- ❖ **Investment:** \$4.38 million awarded to two qualified service providers committed to equity and community well-being.
- ❖ **Use of Funds:** To develop homes that prioritize healing, cultural connection, and long-term support.
- ❖ **Community Level Impact:** Safer, more resilient communities by reducing youth incarceration and fostering healing through culturally grounded, family-centered care.



# Timeline: Healing and Treatment Homes



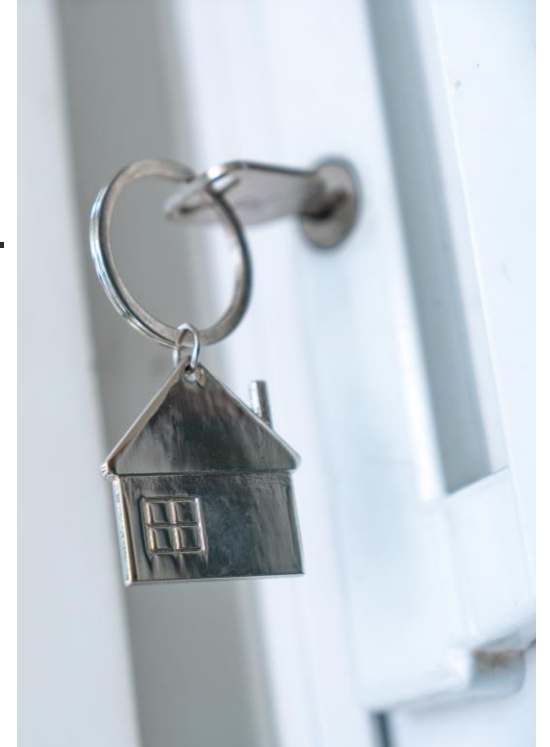
# Healing and Treatment Homes: Advancing Goals by Filling Gaps

## Goals:

- ❖ Provide safe, stable, and healing-centered homes for justice-involved youth.
- ❖ Reduce detention through trauma-informed, culturally responsive care.
- ❖ Engage families and communities in youth rehabilitation.
- ❖ Support justice system transformation through community-based alternatives.
- ❖ Establish a scalable, sustainable model with long-term funding potential.

## Gaps Addressed:

- ❖ Lack of culturally appropriate residential options.
- ❖ Overuse of detention and inappropriate placements (e.g., hospitals, JDC).
- ❖ Disconnected services across justice, health, and family systems.
- ❖ Barriers to reintegration and family-centered support.
- ❖ Short-term, crisis-focused approaches without long-term impact.



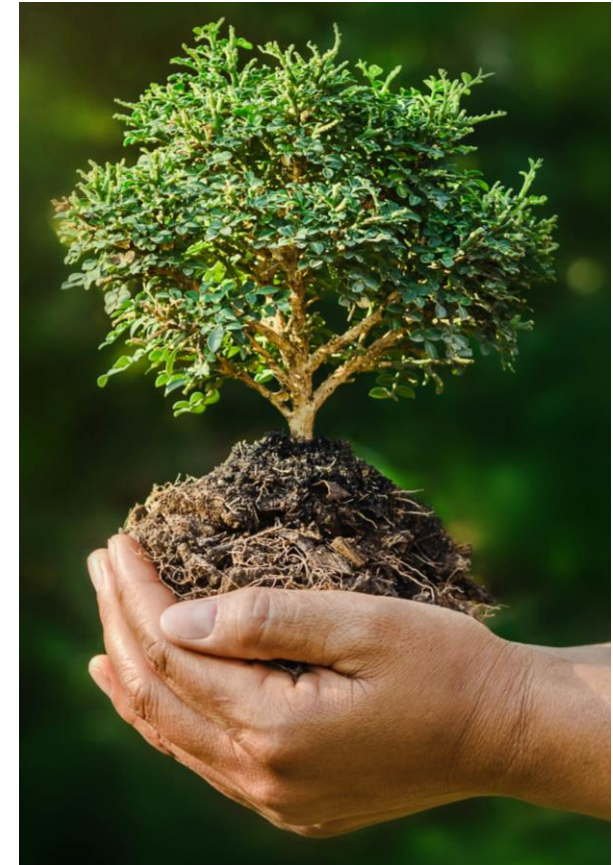


# Long-Term Sustainability/Resource Planning

A workgroup has been exploring strategies to secure long term funding beyond the grant timeline - ensuring sustainability, advocating for policy change, and adapting programs for long-term success.

## Sustaining Funding for Youth Programs:

- **Licensing and State Funding:** Revenue streams will depend on DHS licensing. The main funding stream will be **Title IV-E**.
- **Diversification:** Children are currently in hospitals and other locations where SSD pays for them. Funding could shift between current options to YTH.
- **Partnering with others:** Regional partners have placement challenges and have indicated they are interested in using Ramsey County beds.
- **New Opportunities:** Working with the partners to identify grants and other non-traditional funding sources.
- **Work with the State:** Meet with state partners to look at ways to get enhanced per diem rates, explore other funding options and possible new legislation.





# **Violence Prevention Services Grant**

# Overview: Violence Prevention Services Grant

- ❖ **Purpose:** To fund violence prevention services across six areas.
- ❖ **Investment:** \$4.4 million focused on supporting youth and families
- ❖ **Use of Funds:**
  - ❖ **\$2M** to complement the healing and treatment homes care and rehabilitation.
  - ❖ **\$825K** to expand respite and alternatives to detention services.
  - ❖ **\$820K** to innovate and expand access to Safety and Justice programs.
  - ❖ **\$425K** to support youth leadership, economic mobility, and well-being.
  - ❖ **\$180K** to support youth empowerment and workforce development.
  - ❖ **\$150K** to strengthen youth and family-focused community supports.
- ❖ **Community Level Impact:** Strengthens community safety and youth well-being through expanded, culturally responsive prevention and support services.





# Violence Prevention: Advancing Goals by Filling Gaps

## Goals:

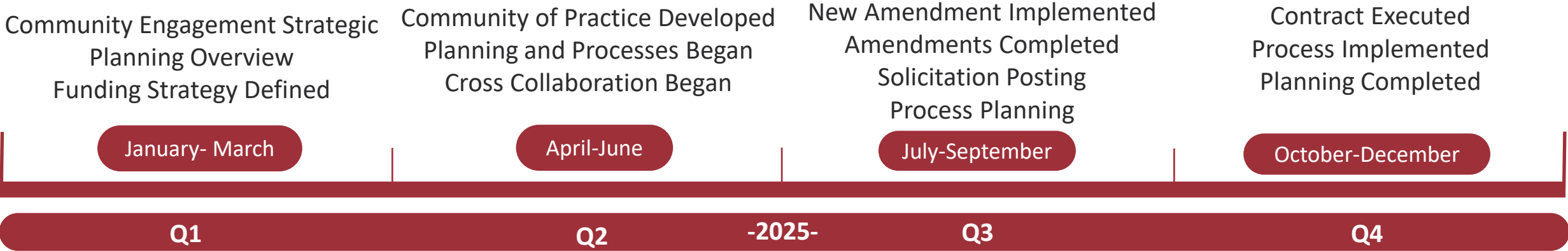
- ❖ Prevent youth justice system involvement through early, community-based interventions.
- ❖ Expand access to culturally responsive prevention and support services.
- ❖ Promote youth leadership, empowerment, and economic mobility.
- ❖ Provide alternatives to detention and crisis placement.
- ❖ Strengthen families and communities to increase long-term safety and well-being.

## Gaps Addressed:

- ❖ Limited investment in youth-centered violence prevention.
- ❖ Few alternatives to detention or emergency placement for at-risk youth.
- ❖ Lack of coordinated, community-led prevention infrastructure.
- ❖ Underrepresentation of youth voice, leadership, and workforce pathways.
- ❖ Disparities in access to supportive services for marginalized communities.



# Timeline: Violence Prevention Programs and Services





## Assembly of a Community of Practice

- ❖ A natural venue for knowledge sharing.
- ❖ Innovative strategies for resource sharing.
- ❖ Showcasing opportunities and information.
- ❖ Bridging service and program gaps.
- ❖ Regular community gatherings.





# Performance and Evaluation

The core areas Ramsey County will be evaluating to understand the effectiveness of healing homes and violence prevention programs are:

**Implementation:** Are these programs being delivered as intended, and are targeted populations receiving program services?

**Engagement:** How effectively are these programs engaging justice-involved youth and their families and what barriers are limiting access and participation?

**Impact:** Are these programs reducing violence and fostering healing for youth and families?

# Summary: Transforming Justice-Involved Youth Services

## What Makes This Work Unique

- ❖ First-of-its-kind healing-centered care plus justice transformation at the county level.
- ❖ Developed outside traditional systems, aligned with community priorities.
- ❖ Moving forward amid structural, cultural, and financial challenges.

## Key Pillars of the Work

- ❖ \$10M state investment supporting Healing & Treatment Homes and Violence Prevention.
- ❖ Equity-driven and culturally responsive.
- ❖ Multi-phase implementation with cross-sector collaboration.
- ❖ Focus on youth healing, family support, and community well-being.
- ❖ Pursuing long-term sustainability via licensing, state partnerships, and funding diversification.



# Breaking New Ground: A Transformative Youth Justice Model

*This work is not only innovative, but also unprecedented. We are building something that hasn't existed before in our county: A youth justice model centered on healing, equity, and family restoration. And that comes with complexity, risk, and real challenges.*





# Questions & Discussion

Thanks for Your Support!

*8/12/2025*