



Minnesota Psychiatric Society

Improving Minnesota's mental health care through education, advocacy and sound psychiatric practice

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Support Permanent Funding for FastTrackerMN.org: Minnesota's Behavioral Health Navigation Hub

The Minnesota Psychiatric Society, representing over 450 psychiatric physicians, urges permanent funding for **FastTrackerMN.org**—a statewide, community-driven hub for navigating behavioral health services. This platform connects Minnesotans to real-time information on mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) resources, including available treatment openings.

What is FastTrackerMN.org?

- Launched in 2012 with input from the community and providers.
- Serves as Minnesota's centralized, online resource for mental health and SUD services.
- Shares real-time updates from clinics, providers, and programs.
- Currently relies on grants, contracts, and donations, leaving it vulnerable to funding gaps.

Benefits for Minnesotans:

- Free, open-access tool for all residents.
- Single entry point for self-referrals and personalized searches.
- Real-time access to openings, insurance information, locations, and community support.

Benefits for Providers:

- Password-protected platform for sharing accurate, date-stamped service availability.
- Tools for treatment planning and provider collaboration.

Key Data:

- Statewide, over 600 mental health clinics and nearly 350 SUD programs participate.
- Continuous updates ensure reliable, timestamped information.
- Data collection informs public access, service gaps, and investment priorities.

The Ask: To maintain and grow this vital resource, **maintain funding and allocate to FastTracker** for staffing, infrastructure, and public awareness efforts. Minnesota's behavioral health needs are at an all-time high, and FastTrackerMN.org is essential to meeting those needs. Permanent funding will ensure stability, growth, and continued access to life-saving services.

Call to Action: The provider community urges the state to join this partnership and sustain FastTrackerMN.org with dedicated long-term funding.