



# Northland Area Family Center Annual Report 2025



**Mission: "With compassion and respect, we provide education, mentoring, and support services that build strong individuals and families in the Northland Community."**

**Vision: "We empower Northland Families to realize their full potential, enrich their lives and shape their future."**

**We Value: "All People, Education, Partnerships and Community"**

Northland Area Family Center is an independent non-profit agency physically located in Remer, Minnesota serving residents living in the entire Northland School District. Begun by a group of concerned citizens whose goal was to support families in our area by making them more resilient, the Family Center has continued to serve area residents through the collaborative efforts of public and private agencies, community members and Northland Community Schools. The Family Center continues to reach out to the community by developing programs that build on the strengths of all participants.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have partnered with us on our work during 2025. The board of Directors continues to be instrumental in leading our organization. We appreciate the gifts of money, talents and volunteer hours in helping us provide education, mentoring and support services that build strong individuals and families in the Northland community. Nine volunteers provided 70 service hours.

If you would like to learn more, check out our website:

[www.northlandfamilycenter.org](http://www.northlandfamilycenter.org)

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## Family Support

### During 2080 open hours we:

- Made 105 total connections.
- Assisted 12 neighbors with MNSure applications or questions.
- Provided 8 neighbors access to the legal kiosk.



## Family Center Home Visiting

**Program Goals:** Build and sustain community partnerships to engage overburdened families in home visiting services prenatally or at birth, cultivate and strengthen nurturing parent-child relationships, promote healthy childhood development and growth, and enhance healthy family functioning by reducing risk and building protective factors.



- Northland Center staff completed 120 visits during 2025 with 8 families and 9 target children.
- The program is guided by an Advisory Board, that meets quarterly.
- Retention rates are high for the families currently involved.



## Child and Teen Check Ups (C&TC) Outreach

### Outreach efforts

- Mailed health checkup reminder letters to families in the Northland school district who are on Medical Assistance.



## Toys For Kids

The Family Center collaborates with volunteers to help area children have a brighter holiday. The Family Center served as the fiscal host for donations. Volunteers coordinated the program and distributed the gifts to families before the Holidays. This program is exclusively donation-funded.

- In 2025 we served 41 Families – 100 children.

## *ParentChild+*



ParentChild+, is a program of Northland Area Family Center and Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis. Early Learning Specialists meet with families twice weekly with carefully selected toys, books, and activities to work with parents/caregivers and children to support not only early literacy and school readiness, but also early opportunities. Our service area covers the Northland and Pine River/Backus school districts.

- In 2025, we completed 950 visits with 15 families (18 children).
- In May of 2025, eleven children graduated from the two-year program that runs from September through May.



## *Family Center Preschool*

As part of the Northland Early Childhood Collaborative, the Family Center Preschool provides a center-based program for 3-year-olds in the Northland community. Our mission is to have all children ready to learn as they enter kindergarten and be successful learners throughout their educational year- regardless of any perceived or real barriers such as economic-status, culture, or level of ability or disability.

- In 2025, we had 16 preschool students.



## Diaper Hub

Since April of 2024, the Northland Area Family Center has partnered with the Diaper Bank of Minnesota. Our goal is to provide diapers to Northland area families in need, increase awareness about diaper need in Minnesota, and advocate for changes to improve conditions for babies who need diapers. The Family Center acts as main storage, coordination, tracking, reporting, ordering, and also provides diapers directly to any child or family in need.

In 2025 we:

- Partnered with 13 agencies, with 18 points of dissemination.
- Dispersed diapers, pullups and wipes across 8 counties.
- Dispersed 60,383 Diapers and pullups (48,905 diapers and 11,478 pullups).
- Dispersed 1,810 packages of wipes (143,933 individual wipes).
- Served 1,988 families with 2,558 children (repeat families and children)



## Financial

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### Northland Area Family Service Center Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2025

	Dec 31, 25
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	143,063.67
Accounts Receivable	62,784.65
Other Current Assets	2,135.43
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	207,983.75
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	385,980.94
Other Assets	-132,416.15
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>461,548.54</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	214,657.70
Equity	246,890.84
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>461,548.54</b>

*About us- who and where we are:*

**Family Center Board Members**

*Officers:*

Chair: Heidi Holz  
Board of Director: Marlyn Holman  
Vice Chair: Kit Arnquist  
Financial Officer: Cheryl Desoto  
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**Staff**

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