



Northland Area Family Center Annual Report 2023



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 stronger, 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 2023. The board of Directors continue 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. 27 volunteers provided us with 196.5 hours of their time!

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

www.northlandfamilycenter.org

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Family Support

Who we served in 1642 open hours:



- 327 total connections
- 50 clients received assistance regarding MNSure, for applications or had questions.
- 12 people accessed the legal kiosk

Family Center Home Visiting

Program Goals: Build and sustain community partnerships to systematically 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 family functioning by reducing risk and building protective factors.



- The Northland site completed 203 visits during 2023 with 8 families and 9 target children.
- The program is guided by an Advisory Board, which meets quarterly.
- Retention rates are very high for the families currently involved.

Child and Teen Check Ups (C&TC) Outreach



Outreach efforts

- Mailed reminder letters to families in Northland School District who are on Medical Assistance for health checkups.

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 funded exclusively on donations.

Served 56 Families – 147 children

ParentChild+

Parent Child+, is a program of Northland Area Family Center and Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis. Our service area covers the Northland and Pine River/Backus school districts.



- In 2023, 918 visits were completed with 29 families. In May of 2023, 4 children graduated from the 2nd year program. Program runs September to the end of May. This is a 2-year program.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

February 2023 – Valentine’s Dance for ages 0 – 8 and their families was held at Northland Community Schools commons. A grand time was had by all! A meal was provided along with a fun night of activities and dancing! There was 22 families that attended with 41 children!



SOURCEWELL

Our NECC team was awarded the Team of Excellence Award from Sourcewell, honoring to recognize our Northland Early Childhood Collaborative for exemplifying innovative practices in education.



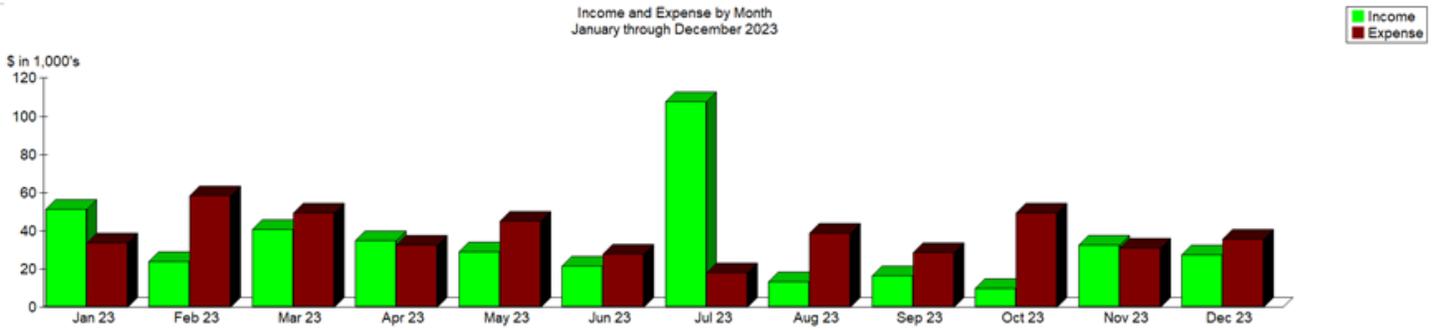
Family Center Preschool

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

- In 2023, we had 14 preschool students. We also held summer preschool for the month of June with 6 students.

We were fortunate to have applied for and received a Facility Revitalization Grant through a partnership with First Children’s Finance for the materials of a Discovery Center 5 playground system. We had an awesome bunch of volunteers to help setup this wonderful system!





Northland Area Family Service Center Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	222,703.74
Accounts Receivable	60,209.94
Other Current Assets	692.60
Total Current Assets	283,606.28
Fixed Assets	434,699.88
Other Assets	-120,478.34
TOTAL ASSETS	597,827.82
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	53,022.29
Long Term Liabilities	216,441.24
Total Liabilities	269,463.53
Equity	328,364.29
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	597,827.82



Northland Area Family Center

Family Center Board Members

Officers

Board of Director: Marlyn Holman
 Vice Chair: Kit Arnquist
 Treasurer: Cheryl Desoto
 Secretary: Faye Zorman

Directors

Heidi Holtz



About us ~ who and where
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Staff

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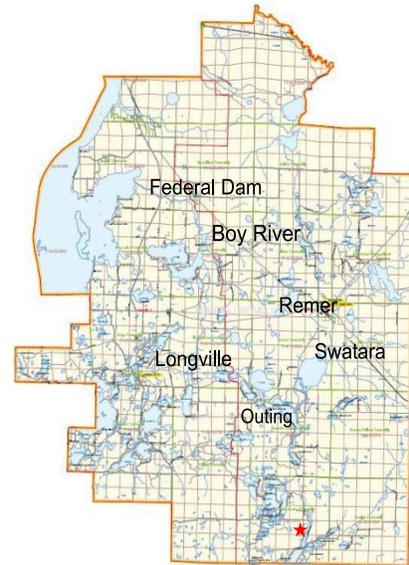
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Our Service Area



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