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From: Jack Amon <jack.amon.ak@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 8:05 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: support for Denali Family Services

Dear Senate Finance Committee members,

My name is Jack Amon, and my Daughter Katrina Eggers is the Director of Training & Development with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

This project will fund the construction of a new outpatient behavioral health facility in Wasilla, expanding access to critical services for youth and families across the Mat-Su Valley and beyond. Currently, DFS is at capacity and has had to turn away youth in need due to limited space and staffing constraints.

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As a resident of the MatSu Valley I believe that this investment is not only important for Mat-Su families—it is a statewide solution that helps reduce strain on Alaska's behavioral health system, lowers long-term costs, and keeps youth connected to their support networks.

I respectfully ask that you include the \$2.8 million CAPSIS request for the Wonderland Project in the FY27 capital budget.

Thank you for your time, your service to Alaska, and your commitment to supporting youth and families.

Sincerely,

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From: Virginia Rose <VRose@denalifs.org>
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To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please Support Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in the FY27 Capital Budget

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Virginia Rose, and I am a Foster Care Supervisor with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

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Thank you for your time, your service to Alaska, and your commitment to supporting youth and families.

Sincerely,

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From: Betty Tunnell <btunnell@denalifs.org>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 10:43 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please Support Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in the FY27 Capital Budget

Dear Senate Finance committee,

My name is Betty Tunnell, and I am a Behavioral Health Associate supervisor with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

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As a staff at Denali Family Services for more than 14 years, I can tell you that we have been running out of space to help the youth in our community. I personally have seen hundreds of youth in my time here. We are doing great things. Please help us continue to support the youth who need us to become positive, functioning adults in our state.

I respectfully ask that you include the \$2.8 million CAPSIS request for the Wonderland Project in the FY27 capital budget.

Thank you for your time, your service to Alaska, and your commitment to supporting youth and families.

Sincerely,
Betty Tunnell

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April 16, 2026

Senators Bishop and Stedman
Senate Finance Committee
The Alaska State Legislature

Dear Senators Bishop and Stedman:

My name is Dr. David Moxley, and I am a long standing board member with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget. This project will fund the construction of a new outpatient behavioral health facility in Wasilla, expanding access to critical services for youth and families across the Mat-Su Valley and beyond. Currently, DFS is at capacity because of space limitations negatively affecting staffing in Wasilla. DFS has had to turn away young people in need due to limited space and staffing constraints. The Wonderland Project is critical to the advancement of behavioral health services in Wasilla and the valley, so they are accessible for young people and their families. As indicated by its name, DFS is a family-centric behavioral health organization integrating psychiatric care, social services, mental health care, and supportive educational options for young people and their families. DFS offers accredited, licensed, and certified behavioral health services designed to promote the health, development, and functioning of youth in their communities and the schools serving them.

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I respectfully ask that you include the \$2.8 million CAPSIS request for the Wonderland Project in the FY27 capital budget. This investment will leverage local growth in employment including the addition of staff working in Wasilla but also impacting positively the employment and productivity of family members whose children and youth receive care.

Thank you for your time, your service to Alaska, and your commitment to supporting youth and families.

Sincerely,

David Moxley

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From: Dan Bigley <dbigley@denalifs.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 5:06 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please Support Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in the FY27 Capital Budget

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Dan Bigley and I serve as the President/CEO of Denali Family services, a community behavioral health organization that's been serving Alaska's youth and families for over 30-years.

The youth we serve are frequently at risk of psychiatric hospitalization or being placed in residential treatment settings either in, or outside of Alaska. DFS provides intensive behavioral health services in community settings so that youth can stabilize and increase their level of functioning while attending community schools, maintain connections with friends and family members, maintain access to sports and other community-based activities, and continue developing the skills necessary to transition into adulthood with stable housing, employment, and healthy relationships to support ongoing resiliency.

Although we are based out of Anchorage and Wasilla, we serve youth from all over Alaska through our therapeutic foster care program. As the largest program of our kind in the State, we serve about 150 youth at any given time and serve about 70 youth each day in our therapeutic foster care program. About 70% of the youth we serve are identified by the courts as "children in need of aid" and are in the custody of the State-of Alaska.

Sadly, there are just not enough homes or services to go around. DFS has operated out of the same rental space in Wasilla since 2007, and although our program has grown considerably we have no further space for expansion. In the past 6-months, we have had to deny services for 46 youth in our Wasilla location alone due to capacity constraints.

This is why I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

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From: Katrina Eggers <keggers@denalifs.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 8:55 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please Support Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in the FY27 Capital Budget

Dear Senate Finance Committee members,

My name is Katrina Eggers, and I am the Director of Training & Development with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

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Thank you for your time, your service to Alaska, and your commitment to supporting youth and families.

Sincerely,

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From: Cameron Adams <CAdams@denalifs.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 9:17 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please Support Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in the FY27 Capital Budget

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Cameron Adams, and I am the Assistant Clinical Director with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

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Sincerely,

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From: Jackie Elliott <jElliott@denalifs.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 11:57 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please Support Denali Family Services' Wonderland Project in the FY27 Capital Budget

Greetings Committee Members,

My name is **Jackie**, and I am a Behavioral Health Supervisor with Denali Family Services (DFS). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in including DFS' *Wonderland Project* in the FY27 capital budget.

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Thank you for your time, your service to Alaska, and your commitment to supporting youth and families.

Sincerely,

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From: Til Beetus <tilbeetus@gmail.com>
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To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Erin Morotti
Subject: Please restore full funding for victims' services and the Violent Crimes Compensation Board

Dear Members of the Finance Committee,

I am writing to ask you to reject the cuts made by the Senate DPS Finance Subcommittee on April 15, 2026, and restore funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and the Violent Crimes Compensation Board to the full House-approved amounts.

This issue is deeply personal to me.

I am a former shelter resident. I once had to seek safety while my child's father was looking for me throughout Fairbanks with a loaded gun. I know what it feels like to need help immediately and to depend on victim services for safety and survival.

I am also a mother whose daughter was sexually assaulted while attending a Tanana Chiefs Conference culture camp. When TCC was notified, they first offered to help, but once it became clear they could be seen as liable, they denied my daughter the help she needed. I had to turn to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board so my daughter could get therapy somewhere safe and appropriate. Because of that support, she was able to receive care without having to go to therapy through the same organization that had negligently sponsored the camp.

That is why I am so alarmed and disappointed by the subcommittee's actions. It is not acceptable to reduce funding for programs that serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. These are not optional services. They are lifesaving services.

I also strongly oppose denying the fund source change for the Violent Crimes Compensation Board. State funds must be available now so victims of violent crime can continue to receive help and so federal funds will remain available as well.

When funding is reduced, victims pay the price. Families face longer waits, fewer services, less legal help, and more barriers to safety and healing. Survivors should not have to fight for counseling, shelter, advocacy, or compensation after already enduring violence and trauma.

Please reject these actions and restore CDVSA and VCCB funding to the full House-approved levels when the DPS finance subcommittee report comes before the full Finance Committee.

I urge you to remember that behind every budget line is a real person, often a woman or child, trying to survive and heal. I know, because I have lived it, and my daughter has too.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Til Beetus



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