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- 1 Early Childhood
2. Youth Development

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Why We Advocate for Children in Minnesota

- Because over 50% of Minnesota's children of color are not ready for kindergarten. (*Minnesota School Readiness Study 2013*)
- Because over 188,000 Minnesota children 0-17 are living in poverty, a 60% increase since 2000. (*Children's Defense Fund – Minnesota 2014*)
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Grants for your Episcopal Faith Community

SAF offers small grants of \$1,000 to faith communities to support efforts of outreach and advocacy for vulnerable children in your community.

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MinneMinds (minneminds.org)

Start Early Funders Coalition (startearlyfunders.org)

Think Small (thinksmall.org)

Out of School Time & Mentoring

Ignite Afterschool (igniteafterschool.org)

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