

MINNESOTA BLUEPRINT FOR SHARED VISION FOR YOUTH

Interagency Projects Supporting Positive Outcomes for At-Risk Youth

Vision: “By age 25, Minnesota’s young people will be ready for the responsibilities and rewards of economic self-sufficiency, healthy family and social relationships, community involvement, stable housing and life-long learning.”

MISSION STATEMENT: *State and local agencies will collaborate to assure that Minnesota’s neediest youth will acquire the talents, skills, and knowledge necessary to ensure their healthy transition to successful adult roles and responsibilities.*

| Outcomes | | | | |
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| Improve Transition Outcomes for Juvenile Offenders | Improve Transition Outcomes for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care | Improve Transition Outcomes for Youth with Disabilities | Prevent and End Homelessness | Reduce High School Dropout Rates |
| Strategies | | | | |
| Coach ex-offenders in job search skills, including application completion, resume and cover letter writing and interview skills. | Help youth identify community resources and connect with resources while in foster care. | If WOTC is reauthorized for Vocational Rehabilitation clients (and youth is a vocational rehabilitation client), make sure employers know how to use this incentive | Coordinate with Winona Volunteer Services for short term housing needs and with SEMCAC and Winona Housing Redevelopment Authority for longer term needs. | Coordinate services with high school teachers to provide education and incentives as to the value of a high school diploma. Use work experiences as both an option as well as an incentive to stay in school. Work experience would discontinue if school is not attended. |
| Work with all partners to increase awareness of ex-offender job search | Arrange for regular (monthly, biweekly) meetings of youth with support person to identify problems early | Work with employer groups to increase hiring of individuals with disabilities | | Other options to obtain their high school credential through GED programs offered through Adult Education Services. |
| CareerForce (Winona) has | Work with youth to identify | Work cooperatively with on-site | | |

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| membership on Winona County's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (that is made up of policy makers, and law enforcement to parole officers and judges). | warning signs that they need additional assistance – help them | vocational rehab services to help youth identify career choices/on-going support people and resources | | |
| Providing job search and job skills training to offenders while they are still incarcerated. | | | | |
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