

2018 Juvenile Justice Committee Minutes

January - December

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting

The Juvenile Justice Committee did not meet in January or February of 2018.

The next meeting of the committee is on March 15, 2018 at noon in the County Office Building, Conf. Room. B.

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2018 at noon at County Office Bldg. Room B

Present: Rebecca Church, Matt Brickl, Sara Langley, Teri Henderson, Kris Sather, Drew Althoff, Sarah Larson, Karen Sanness, Karen Wrolson

Von Wald: It was anticipated that Von Wald would be making a presentation at April's meeting.

Project Fine: Project Fine gave a presentation regarding a project they are working on. They presented the results from talking sessions they held last year. The committee talked about how the results affect us as professionals in our field and what we can do to make positive changes.

Staff Updates: Karen Wrolson is the new director at FCC.

Truancy: The truancy sub-committee meet earlier this week. Drew, Sarah, Rebecca, Karen, and Sherri Brekke were in attendance. The sub-committee discussed how the committee should go about reviewing the current truancy program. It was decided that the schools need to be at the table. Rebecca will reach out and contact the schools and hopefully get another meeting scheduled in the next couple weeks. Drew and Sarah do plan on attending the Juvenile Screening Team Meetings to better assist in the communication between Restorative Justice and Community Services.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:45 p.m.


Next Meeting: April 19, 2018 at noon at County Office Building, Room B.

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2018 at noon at County Office Building. Room B

Present: Teri Henderson, Sara Larson, Sara Langley, Matt Brickl, Kalene Engel, Marie Kovecsi, Phil Huerta and Laura Johnson (Von Wald).



Von Wald: Laura Johnson, Program Manager of Von Wald Group Home in Rochester reported on the services provided at Von Wald and answered questions by committee members. Pertinent information is included below and on the attached brochure:

- It is a 12 bedroom co-ed group home located in southeast Rochester
- It provides 24 hour supervision, but is a non-secure group home licensed by the MN DOC
- It provides short term detention, shelter care and programs ranging from 2-3 day programs to 90 day programs.
- The service area is mostly southeast Minnesota
- Last year Von Wald served 193 kids
- Next to Olmsted County, Winona placed the most kids at Von Wald; currently there are three Winona County there.
- The people from Winona County who place the kids there are Sherri, Teri and Kris
- They have adopted the Phoenix Truancy curriculum which was used at Hayward Group Home
- If a child stays longer than one day, they will start programming for that child.
- They are able to maintain staff fairly easily. Between Winona State-Rochester and Winona State-Winona, they usually have a good pool of interns, some of whom stay on as employees.
- They have 14 staff, 12 of which have bachelors degrees.
- The current cost is \$191 per night; field trips are included in that price
- Cost of stay is billed to the county; sometimes that cost is passed onto the client; however, insurance doesn't cover the costs.
- They don't take all applicants. Some exclusions could be for very serious crimes and someone who has a sexual assault against a peer.
- They recently began to offer Rule 25 assessment; the cost for an assessment is \$109
- They provide progress reports every week and a discharge summary upon discharge.
- The Rochester School District pays for a full-time teacher and a paraprofessional.
- They try to do a variety of activities, such as going to the YMCA, rock climbing, going to Chesterwoods Park, etc.
- If a child had a job within the community before getting there, they would want that child to retain the job and would provide transportation if it were close enough. Otherwise, they would seek help from the county.
- Laura is working on setting up volunteer opportunities for the kids.
- The kids are expected to do light chores.
- The staff run various programs, such as coping skills. They also have providers come into the home to talk to the kids.

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- Visitors are allowed and preferred during the rec time or free hours. Minors are not allowed to visit as a rule, but special exceptions can be made.
 - Dr. Carten is still doing evaluations
 - During the last two years, 180 Degrees (which is the corporation that operates Von Wald) has reduced the number of mental health, counseling and chemical dependency programs they run and have increased their focus on youth.
 - Laura is able to (and will) provide Marie with the number of Winona County youth placed at Von Wald and cost of placement over a particular period.
 - Laura was strongly encouraged to ask the owners of 180 Degrees whether they had any interest in expanded into the Winona market.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2018 at noon at County Office Building, Room B.



Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting

The Juvenile Justice Committee did not meet in May of 2018.

The next meeting of the committee is on June 21, 2018 at noon in the County Office Building, Conf. Room. B.

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2018 at noon at County Office Bldg. Room B

Present: Rebecca Church, Matt Brickl, Kalene Engel, Sara Langley, Teri Henderson, Sarah Larsen, Marie Kovecsi

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April meeting were approved without changes.

Truancy Subcommittee Update: The truancy subcommittee met and discussed action steps, one of which was to create a simple document to break down the steps in the process. That document has already been completed. The next step is to go through the process with involved individuals, including school representatives, but it has been difficult to get everyone together. The subcommittee feels that it is important to have school officials in positions of authority to be in attendance and engaged in the process, as they are the ones that have the ability to impose changes on processes and direct staff accordingly. Restorative Justice will continue to attempt to pull together the right people for a meeting to discuss the process.

A&D Process: Overall, it appears as though there have been some improvements. For example, there do not appear to be instances where a juvenile was capable of being detained by police, but advised that they should simply turn themselves in the following day. There continue to be concerns about warrants that sit for a while without being executed. Overall, there have been fewer warrants requested from DOC. The liaison officer's job is apparently being redefined, so that officer's duties with respect to warrants may be revised.

Presentations Suggestions: Rebecca asked the group for names of programs/presenters that they would like to hear from during upcoming meetings. The following list was generated:

- Restorative Justice
- Hiawatha Valley
- Engage Winona
- Solomon's Song
- Ruth Charles – ACES
- Carol Marchand – Kids First and College Bound
- Prairie Lakes

Due to the possible interest of non-committee members in hearing from some of these presenters, Rebecca will reach out to a wider audience and invite them to the presentations. She will also work on arranging a field trip to Von Wald.

Adjournment: 1:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2018 at noon at County Office Building, Conf. Room B.

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2018 at noon at County Office Bldg. Room B

Present: Matt Brickle, Sara Langley, Marie Kovecsi, Kris Sather, Judy Gilow, Rebecca Church, Karen Sanness, Phil Huerta

Approved of Minutes: Minutes of the June meeting were approved without changes.

Kids First: Carol Marchant gave a presentation regarding Kids First. Here is some of the information she provided:

- Kids First is an after school program that she runs out at Maple Wood
- The program is in its 11th year
- The program serves about 80 families and 200 children
- It involves many volunteers, Marie K. volunteers there
- Some concerns the children face are poverty issue, low incoming housing
- This program helps give the children some stability
 - There are one to one volunteer
 - The children learn the rules
 - They come to appreciate the structure
- Entire semester students working on their education major from WSU are required to volunteer 2 hours a week
 - They journal about their experience
 - Its approximately 400 students every year, 200 students each semester
 - This can help give the students a background in behavior management
- The elementary get off bus after school and know their routine when they come to Kids First – they start by doing homework or reading
- There is an emphasis on reading, including giving incentives
 - The center this program is help in has a great library
- This program provides children a safe place to play
 - This program give the children stability, safety, routine
- The program runs from 2:30-6:30, Monday – Thursday
 - Children through 12th grade can attend
 - During that time there is snacks, games, crafts, clubs
 - Food is an issue for some/a lot of the children
- Some of the clubs include drama, math, science, cooking, books, sports
 - Cooking clubs and events are done a lot because students enjoy them
- Everything in the center donated
 - The program has never received a grant
- The program has a clothing rooms in order to provide they children in the program clothes if needed
- Goodview Trinity Church has some volunteers that help out

- They also provide a youth group for the children and host a VBS in the summer on site
 - VBS on site
- Kids First has a Halloween party every year
- College bound is a club that is offered through Kids First
 - This club has been offered for five years now
 - Middle school and high school students can join this club
 - 7th grade and up
 - The club goes to the WSU campus
 - The children will sit in one different classes
 - The children get to eat at the Smaug
 - They visit with administration
 - They visit the dorms
 - They learn how to fill out an application
 - Some classes they sit in on include science class, history class, etc
- Phil asked about drug education
 - It was noted that marijuana is a big thing in these families –parents smoke, other family members smoke, the children have access to it, there is early exposure
 - It was also noted that they families have other concerns they are dealing with as well

Truancy Subcommittee Update: There is a meeting scheduled for Friday. The school, Winona County Community Services, Judge Leahy, County Attorney's Office, and Restorative Justice are all planning to attend.

Marijuana Update: Phil updated the committee that Canada will be legalizing marijuana in October; Wisconsin will have on some of its ballots if legalizing it should be brought to the legislation; there's some work on the Federal level to decriminalize marijuana; Rochester has a new cannabis dispensary/restaurant opening up.

Upcoming presentations: Von Wald tour is scheduled for Friday, July 20; Big Brothers Big Sisters will be presenting in August; Engage Winona Youth Mental Health will be presenting in September; and Prairie Lakes will be presenting in October.

Rebecca is working on getting Hiawatha Valley Mental Health in for November.

Other discussion: Karen Sanness noted she received information about a family dependency treatment court grant.

Adjournment: 1:02 p.m.

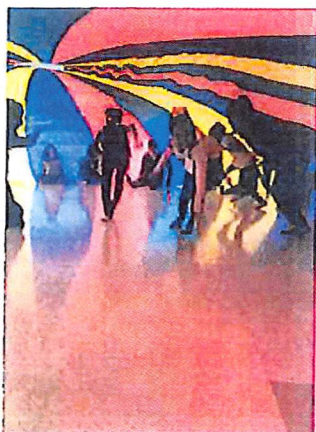
Next Meeting: August 16, 2018 at noon at County Office Building, Conf. Room B

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KIDS FIRST
1756 Kraemer Drive
Winona, MN 55987

Monday-Thursday
2:30-6:30 PM

- ✓ Kids First is a free, afterschool drop-in program
- ✓ Serving children & families living in the Maplewood Community
- ✓ Available to children in grades K-12.
- ✓ Fully staffed by Winona State University student volunteers



Great Fun & Educational Activities!

College Bound!

High school students can go to WSU each week to explore careers, and learn about college life & preparation.



Homework Help and Tutoring!

Kids have a quiet place to read and work on homework each night. Help and computers are available.



Clubs!

Children can participate in a wide variety of engaging clubs, focusing on science, yoga, dance, drama, sports, etc..



Cooking!

Kids and adults spend time cooking together each night, making treats for everyone at the center.



Arts & Crafts!

Drawing, painting and craft activities are available every evening.

A partnership between WSU and WHRA

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Juvenile Justice Committee
August 16, 2018 at noon
Winona County Attorney's Office

Present: Matt Brickl, Sara Langley, Marie Kovecsi, Kalene Engel, Jason Larsen and Jackie Mosiman of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Presentation by Big Brothers/Big Sisters: Jason Larsen (Executive Director) and Jackie Mosiman of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Seven Rivers Region provided the following information on their organization:

- BBBS has been around for almost 50 years; it has had a presence in Winona for approximately 20 years.
- The ages of youth served are from 5 to 18.
- The expectation is that the mentor and mentee will have weekly contact, but that can vary based upon the match.
- The program provides one to one mentoring between an adult mentor and a youth.
- It is the oldest, largest, most studied and most successful youth mentoring program.
- Mentoring relationships can be community-based or site-based.
 - A community-based match is more successful because the mentors/mentees can take advantage of all that the community has to offer.
 - A site-based match takes place at a particular location, such as a school.
- The process to become an adult mentor is somewhat cumbersome, but the thoroughness adds to the quality of the match and experience for the participants. The process includes
 - An application with three references,
 - An interview,
 - Online and personal training,
 - A first match meeting which is observed by staff,
 - Monthly check-ins with/match monitoring by BBBS case managers during the first year of the match, and
 - Quarterly check-ins after the first year of the match.
- Based upon their experience, if they match a youth with an adult who has similar interests and experiences, it strengthens the relationship.
- The program is based upon the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention's Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring.
- OJJDP provides 80 million in mentoring each year and BBBS receives 10% of that funding (more than any other program) largely due to its success.
- Studies have shown that every dollar invested in youth mentoring returns \$18 to society; that kids involved in BBBS mentoring do better in school, engage in less risky behavior and feel more socially accepted.
- The 7 Rivers Region BBBS serves approximately 250 children each year, with approximately 75 children in Winona.

- Nationally, youth mentoring numbers are down due to other mentoring programs competing for the same mentors.
- It is challenging to find adult mentors.
- In October, the National BBBS organization will be rebranding.
- Jason is trying to reach out to as many groups as possible to spread the word about BBBS and why their work matters.

Adjourned: 12: 51 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 20, 2018 at noon at County Office Building, Conf. Room B

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting

The Juvenile Justice Committee did not meet in September of 2018.

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2018 at noon at County Office Bldg. Room B

Present: Rebecca Church, Kalene Engel, Teri Henderson, Kris Sather, Judge Mary Leahy, Kris Sather

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved without changes.

Presentation by Prairie Lakes Youth Programs: Brad Bengston and Darin Balken from Prairie Lakes provided the following information about their programs and services:

- They offer secure programming, non-secure alternatives and group homes (1 boys and 1 girls).
- The secure program was opened in 1991, contains 46 beds and is for both boys and girls.
 - The secure program is unable to take CHIPS kids. It is all correctional.
 - Kids are held very accountable for their actions.
 - In secure detention, the kids attend two groups a day—one for Truthought and the on accountability.
 - Although there are cameras for monitoring, most of their monitoring is in personal monitoring by staff.
- The non-secure program opened in 2004, contains 17 beds and is for boys only.
 - Non-secure is licensed for from ages 10 to 21
 - The population in non-secure is a little older than in the group homes; usually 15-19 years.
 - They are usually at capacity consistently.
 - The non-secure programs focus more on developing independent living skills. Residents must progress to the next level by petitioning
- Each of the group homes has 11 beds. The group homes provide more intensive therapeutic intervention.
- They do not offer sex offender therapy.
- As of this summer, Tim Tinneas of St. Cloud has been doing psychiatric evals.
- Tim Johnson is doing diagnostic assessments, DBT, individual therapy and family therapy.
- Since June, Kate Wagner with Divine Hope has been doing their chemical use assessments and chemical dependence treatment.
- Residents attend five classes a day at Willmar School and can get their high school diploma from there.
- After the GED program was restructured, it became much harder for students to get their GED.
- The cognitive based program utilized throughout Prairie Lakes Youth Programs is Truethought.
- Staffing is always an issue but they recently hired a human resources manager and have been recruiting. They have approximately 70 employees between the programs.
- They do not do a lot of transports. Right now, the transportation responsibility falls largely on the counties. They try to do 90% of their stuff in-house.
- They are willing to bring kids to the Kandiyohi County (which is approximately 2 miles away) for ITV hearings for court. They do use vide visitation for boys and girls group homes. They are starting telemedicine services for their medication management.

Adjournment: 12:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 15, 2018 at noon at County Office Building, Conf. Room B.

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2018 at noon at County Office Bldg. Room B

Present: Rebecca Church, Kalene Engel, Marie Kovecsi, Phil Huerta, Sarah Larson, Matt Brickl, Josh Ploetz, Sara Langley

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved without changes.

Truancy Subcommittee Report: The first truancy court was held at the courthouse earlier this week. Two hearings were held and the overall process went very smoothly. Not every case is appropriate for Truancy Court. Judge Leahy considers the “late to class” type truanies to be more of a school disciplinary issue than a true truancy case. Restorative Justice’s efforts at early intervention have been very successful. Schools are supposed to refer kids to Restorative Justice after three unexcused absences. Last year at this time there were 10-15 cases pending in court for truancy; this year there were only two. The truancy rewards program, which allows truant to work off community service hours by attending school without unexcused absences, has worked very well. This school year, almost all of the kids who were given community services were able to work it off through the truancy rewards program.

Meeting times, location and frequency: Discussion was held on the frequency, times and location of the committee meeting. The location was changed to the County Office Building to better accommodate attendance by Community Services; however, participation has not increased. Further, the meeting times sometimes conflict with Treatment Court team meetings. No formal request has been made of the Juvenile Justice Committee to weigh in on the need for local juvenile placement options or other “jail” accommodations that may be beneficial to the juvenile justice system, but that may occur in the future. Marie Kovecsi suggested that the committee engage in Sequential Intercept Mapping of the juvenile justice system, much like what was done by the Stepping Up Workgroup. Josh Ploetz suggested that forming partnerships with local colleges and offering internships could be a focus of the committee. Another topic that was discussed extensively was the need for an accessible resource directory of services available in the county. After discussion, committee members agreed to move to an every other month meeting schedule and devote the January meeting to Sequential Intercept Mapping of the juvenile justice system.

Minnesota Youth Program and WIOA Young Adult Program: Josh Ploetz from the Minnesota Workforce Center provided information on the Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) and WIOA Young Adult Program (YAP).

- Josh has been coordinating the programs for about two years.
- The MYP is a feeder program for the YAP, with the hope that youth who participate in the MYP go on to participate in the YAP.
- The MYP is intended for youth ages 14-24 who are economically disadvantaged and face barriers to employment and school success, including youth offenders and foster care youth, among others.
- The program provides work readiness and life skills to the youth. The youth’s wages are reimbursed by the MYP.

- When a youth starts the program, Josh initially focuses on whether they can show up to work and then on what they do when they get to work. He evaluates them every month on 9 different criteria. He works very closely with Winona Public Schools and would like to develop a similar relationship with the other schools in the County.
- Previously, the State of Minnesota carried the insurance for the youth who were employed under the program, but after they discontinued that benefit, Josh contracted with Express Personnel to so do. Therefore, the youth are technically employees of Express Personnel.
- Currently, there are 23 students in the MYP program who are either going to school or working or both.
- The YAP serves youth ages 16-24 who are not attending school, as well as youth who are in school aged 14-21 who are low income and at risk.
- The YAP is career focused with the goal of helping a participant attain a credential or certification.
- Josh works with YAP participants to develop a training plan, with concrete goals.
- The YAP will pay tuition, books and fees and can also be used to pay for associates expenses, such as bus passes, gas cards and even a computer.

Adjournment: 1:08 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2019 at noon at County Office Building, Conf. Room B. Subsequent meeting is on March 21st at the same location.

MINNESOTA YOUTH PROGRAM

AT A GLANCE

- SFY17 Funding Amount: \$4.050 million
- Cost Per Participant: \$1,203
- Number Employed in SFY2017: 3,198
- Number Served through Outreach to Schools in SFY 2017: 21,915
- Gender: 54% male 46% female
- Youth from Communities of Color: 57%
- Youth with Disabilities: 47%
- Youth from families receiving public assistance: 41%
- 94 percent successfully completed the program and attained work readiness goals in SFY2017
- Return on Investment: Each state dollar invested in MYP yields a return on investment of \$4.65

MYP SERVES AT-RISK YOUTH IN ALL 87 COUNTIES, WHO ARE:

Ages 14- 24, economically disadvantaged or face severe barriers to employment and school success, including youth with disabilities, teen parents, youth offenders, homeless, runaways, and foster care youth.

MYP BENEFITS YOUTH WITH:

- Immediate earnings from structured, well-supervised work experiences;
- Work readiness and life skills to establish good work habits and skills;
- Focus on career pathways and in-demand jobs;
- Educational opportunities to earn academic or service learning credit;
- Increased self-esteem and citizenship, parenting, and leadership skills.

MYP BENEFITS MN WITH:

- At risk youth who remain in school;
- Dropouts who return to school;
- Offenders who pay restitution to crime victims with their earnings;
- Reduced public assistance costs.

MINNESOTA YOUTH PROGRAM Success Stories

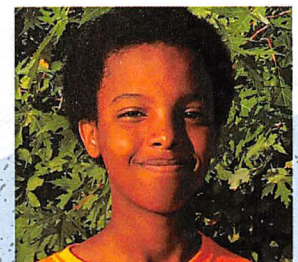
D'Andre was born in Jamaica and immigrated to Bemidji when he was 13 years old. His first work training job through Rural Minnesota CEP was at the Headwaters Science Center. During his senior year he obtained his own job at Target. He graduated from Voyageurs Expeditionary High School June of 2017 and is currently attending Hamline University. He hopes to earn a B.A. in Psychology and in Legal Studies with the hopes of becoming a Psychiatrist.



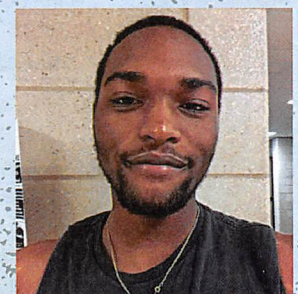
Brittney: In 2016 Brittney worked at Messiah Lutheran Church as a Teacher's Aid and in 2017 she worked at Community Bridge as a Food Service Assistant. Brittney said, "I love STEP-UP, that's why I keep coming back. I gained real work experience and learned a lot of skills that will prepare me for my future career. My dream is to become a math teacher. I'm thankful for my STEP-UP internship experiences."



Masud: "I joined Stearns-Benton CareerONE to see what the real world workforce is about and also what job experience is like. CareerONE teaches about money smarts like how to write a check, the importance of always being punctual and work experience. CareerONE also helps with my future beyond a high school diploma and how to save money for things I need."



Melvin was a participant in the Scotty County Summer Youth Program and was assigned to a local worksite where he gained valuable work experience and earned high school credits. Melvin will graduate from Belle Plaine High School this spring. Along with school, Melvin is also working part-time for a local fast food restaurant to save money for college. He plans on attending Normandale or Mankato State University.



Leticia: "My journey to become a nurse began when I was a junior in high school. I was a full time PSEO student. I also took classes over the summer that had to be paid for out of pocket. The Northeast Office of Job Training not only made it possible for me to attend summer classes, but also supplied me with resources. In 2017, I graduated with my associate of science degree in nursing. I am nineteen years old and I am currently a registered nurse employed through Essentia Health. In addition to that, I have a three-year-old son."



HOW MYP INTERACTS WITH OTHER PROGRAMS:

- MYP allows services to in-school youth; now that the federal WIOA Youth Program targets services to out-of-school youth and dropouts. MYP also allows youth enrollment in standalone summer programs (unlike the federal WIOA Youth Program).
- MYP allows the youth workforce system to respond quickly to additional opportunities to offer youth summer and year-round employment when other funding sources become available. For example, MYP's teen parent participants may be co-enrolled in TANF projects and MYP participants with disabilities may be co-enrolled in Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) Pre-Employment Transition Services programming.

OUTREACH TO SCHOOLS/CAREER ADVISOR COMPONENT

The Outreach to Schools/Career Advisor Component of MYP provides high school students much needed one-on-one and group career guidance and career exploration of in-demand jobs, emphasizing services to youth who are under-represented in the workforce. Each school district identifies career services most needed in their area. MYP assists in providing those services and helping meet district requirements for the "World's Best Workforce". Through the Outreach to Schools/ Career advisor component, the following goals are addressed:

- Assist high school students in selecting a career of interest to the student and a post-secondary path to prepare for that career;
- Provide effective career counseling and labor market information to the region's youth and families in collaboration with school counselors;
- Build on the work of the Local Workforce Development Boards in identifying strategic industries and high-growth, in-demand occupations;
- Raise local youth and parent awareness and usage of Minnesota's workforce development system and engage local workforce, education and economic development partners.

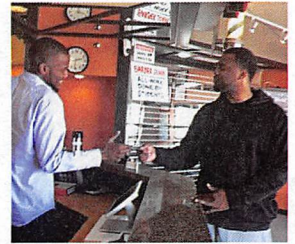
MINNESOTA YOUTH PROGRAM

Success Stories:

Nia: "I discovered Stearns-Benton CareerONE last summer. I thought it might be something I would want to join, so I looked into it, and I liked the things that they would teach me. After being a part of CareerONE this summer, I'm glad that I joined. I learned a lot of different things that you wouldn't learn in a regular school setting."



Thomas' dream was to be a Barber, but he was struggling to maintain regular attendance at Harmony Learning Center where he was studying for his GED. After a few months, he passed each of his GED exams. His Ramsey County U LEAD Counselor was able to put him in touch with Townsend Barbering School who awarded him a scholarship. His Mom observes that she has not seen him so happy in a long time.



Josh first came to the Anoka County WFC at age 18. During his time at school his counselor helped him gain some work experience at Headstart as a custodian assistant. He was hired on as a Classroom Assistant at Headstart. In June of 2017, Josh graduated and received his diploma. He has since accepted a new position working as a Behavior Modification Assistant for the State of Minnesota. He is now earning \$ 17.95 an hour and loves his job.



Zeinab: an 18 year old Moorhead youth originally from Somalia, fled to Kenya as a toddler. When she moved to Moorhead, Zeinab was referred to RMCEP's Summer Youth Program, as an eligible child of an MFIP single parent with limited English and no work experience. She was placed in work experience at a local school, where her supervisor said she adapted well, completing all her tasks and always being on time.



Alan enrolled in YES Duluth and is a youth in the foster care system. He was placed on a paid work experience with City of Duluth Parks and Recreation. He returned to Parks and Recreation for a second work experience in the summer and the supervisors were thrilled with his work performance and growth. This spring, Alan was hired directly for a summer



Statutory Authority: MN Statutes 116L.56

For More Information:

Kay Tracy, Director (651.259.7555)

Office of Youth Development,

MN Department of Employment and Economic Development

<https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/office-youth-development/youth-programs/youth-program.jsp>



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WIOA Young Adult Program

AT A GLANCE

- PY16 Funding Amount: \$7.29 million
- Number Employed in PY2016: 2,707
- Youth from Communities of Color: ... 51%
- Youth with Disabilities: 34%
- Youth from families receiving public assistance: 42%
- System-involved youth – foster youth or juvenile offenders: ... 17%
- Homeless or runaway youth: 17%

ELIGIBILITY:

Participants are at-risk youth ages 16-24 who are not attending any school, and in-school youth ages 14-21 who are low-income and at-risk. WIOA Young Adult Program provides comprehensive employment and training services to youth, including work-based learning, an introduction to career pathways, attainment of recognized credentials and wraparound support services.

REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF WIOA PROGRAMS:

- Tutoring, study skills training, and dropout recovery and prevention;
- Alternative secondary school services;
- Paid and unpaid work experience, including summer employment;
- Occupational skill training;
- Education offered with workforce preparation activities and training;
- Leadership development activities;
- Supportive services;
- Adult Mentoring;
- Follow-up Services;
- Comprehensive guidance and counseling;
- Financial literacy education;
- Entrepreneurial skills training;
- Labor market and employment information about in-demand industry sectors/occupations;
- Activities helping youth prepare for and transition to post-secondary education and training.

WIOA YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM Success Stories

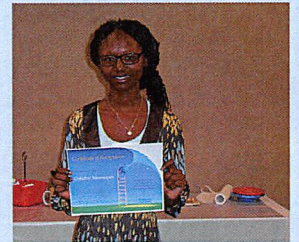
October: “I had just graduated from Woodbury High School when I joined the [Washington County] youth program. I wanted to go to college but I couldn’t afford it, and I had just been kicked out of the house. This program helped pay my tuition for two full years and helped me get my very first job. The first placement was at the R.H. Stafford Library, my second was at Woodbury City Hall, and the last was at Peace of Mind Daycare. I am currently a senior at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls with a Biology major, emphasis in Biomedical. I will be graduating in December of 2017. I plan on pursuing my education to be become a Physician’s Assistant. I have also recently started my own non-profit organization.”

Maxine dropped out of high school when her mom got sick and passed away. Maxine’s goal was to enroll in college so she decided to enroll in Adult Basic Education (ABE). She had a passion for working with young kids, so Southeast MN Workforce Development, Inc. signed her up for the WIOA OSY program. Shortly after, Maxine was employed at a local worksite in Owatonna, MN. Maxine obtained her GED last March and is currently working with the Owatonna ABE to focus on improving her accuplacer scores. Maxine hopes to enroll into college soon.

Andrea started working with Minnesota Valley Action Council hoping to learn work readiness skills. After the initial meetings, assessments of her strong reading and math abilities, the single mother completed work readiness classes, and landed a work experience at a local worksite. With this experience and career exploration, Andrea has started training for her Office Administration certificate and plans to either extend to a degree in this field or start an Accounting degree program.

Shavonne enrolled in Anoka County’s WIOA Youth Program where she worked as a Teacher’s Assistant through the work experience program. Her counselor connected her to the Health Care Pathways Program at the Anoka County’s Job Training Center through the P2P grant. In September 2016, she received her Nursing Assistant Certification and training. She is now working full-time and with paid benefits at Park River Estates as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Shavonne’s long term career goal is to go back to school for her LPN and work in a hospital or large care facility.

Gaolee enrolled in the Anoka County Youth Program when she was 19 and has two young children. She started in the program with a work experience placement at a hospital and was later hired on part-time as a dietary aide. She passed the Nursing Assistant and Home Health Aide state exam. Her plan is to work for a few years as a Nursing Assistant and then return to school to be a Registered Nurse when her children are both in school.



More WIOA Young Adult Program Success Stories➤

Youth Committees are multi-sector local partnerships involved in shared decision-making, community education and awareness, resource mapping, youth-centered planning, program development and capacity building.

YOUTH COMMITTEES:

- Recommend policy direction to the LWDB for the design, development, and implementation of programs that benefit all youth;
- Recommend the design of a comprehensive community workforce development system to ensure a full range of services and opportunities for all youth, including disconnected youth;
- Recommend ways to leverage resources and coordinate services among schools, public programs, and community-based organizations serving youth;
- Recommend ways to coordinate youth services and recommend eligible youth service providers;
- Provide on-going leadership and support for continuous quality improvement for local youth programs;
- Assist with planning, operational, and other issues relating to the provision of services to youth; and
- If so delegated by the LWDB after consultation with the chief elected official (CEO), oversee eligible youth providers, as well as other youth program oversight responsibilities.

For More Information:

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MN Department of Employment and
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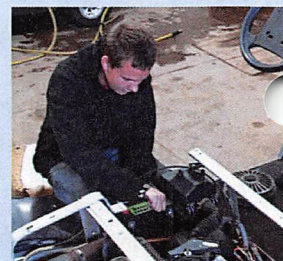
Martinique came to the Minneapolis HIRED seeking assistance in the areas of case management, guidance, employment, and skill-based learning. Martinique and her family of six constantly struggled with putting food on the table and buying the essentials they needed. She demonstrated a past history of school suspensions, fights, and skipping class. Martinique obtained a job at the Mall of America, and her grades and attendance have improved and she is on track to graduating. Martinique wants to pursue a meaningful profession in the fields of psychology or sociology. She is interested in becoming a medical assistant or a psychological nurse.



Nesly: "I came to America 4 years ago. Since I didn't speak fluent English, I decided to attend a class at Hawthorne ABE, where I was introduced to SE MN Workforce Development (WDI). Their staff helped me to figure out classes to take and helped pay for college books, tuition, and bus fare. I got my CNA and LPN licenses, and I passed my boards last October. I now work as an LPN at Mayo Clinic while I finish my general classes. My ultimate goal is to be an RN. WDI has been a big part of most everything that I've achieved so far. I am thankful for this program and emotional support I've received from WDI staff."



Cody was referred to the Southwest PIC Youth Programs by his Special Education teacher. Since he was struggling with classes, his plan at that time was to simply drop out of high school. Cody was given the opportunity at the school to work in the afternoon and receive academic credit. The PIC Youth Program staff met with Cody and placed him in a work experience at a local site. Cody completed his work experience successfully and also graduated from high school. Cody is currently working for NB Golf Cars as a Mechanics/Parts and Service Assistant.



DeLani participated in the SW MN Private Industry Council (PIC) Young Adult Programs to further her education and gain a career. She wanted to become a nurse but was not sure how to do that as a single-mother of two. With PIC staff's help, DeLani began a work experience at Avera Marshall as a Patient Services Representative (PSR). She successfully completed the 8 weeks of training necessary to become a PSR at Avera. DeLani is very excited about this position, as well as is her employer Avera.



Krystal: "Before coming into the WIOA Youth Program at SBETC, I was working temp jobs and bouncing from couch to couch. The beneficial services I received included help with paying for school and help in figuring out what career field I wanted to be in. I chose healthcare, and though I changed my major many times, this program and the staff stayed with me and helped me make major decisions to better my future. I am working at the St. Cloud Hospital as a Personal Care Assistant (PCA). I am earning \$14.53 per hour."





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Young Adult (Ages 16-24) Program Referral Form

Referred by: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Today's Date: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. Education

- ☐ In High School, grade: _____
- ☐ High School Diploma/GED, Year: _____
- ☐ Working on GED
- ☐ Some College
- ☐ Not in school, last grade completed _____

2. What services are you interested in?

- ☐ GED Support
- ☐ Work Experience
- ☐ Resume Writing
- ☐ Career Exploration/Job Search
- ☐ College Search
- ☐ Complete a level of training after high school
- ☐ Other(s): _____

3. Eligibility Criteria: Please check all that apply

- ☐ Public assistance recipient
 - ☐ MFIP / DWP
 - ☐ ☐ SNAP- food support
- ☐ Homeless, runaway, or foster child
- ☐ Has IEP in school
- ☐ Documented disability
- ☐ Criminal history / Involved in the juvenile justice system
- ☐ Pregnant/parenting
- ☐ Youth requiring additional assistance to complete an education program or to secure and hold employment

**Winona WorkForce Center Representative Will
Contact You To Follow Up On This Request,
Thank You!**

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Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting Minutes
December 2018

The Juvenile Justice Committee did not meet in December of 2018. The next meeting of the committee is on January 17, 2019 at noon at County Office Building, Conf. Room B. Meetings will be held every other month thereafter, with the next meeting on March 21st at the same location.