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**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.*

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<p>Research occupations that employ ex-offenders. Become knowledgeable of local businesses that can and will hire ex-offenders. Inform participants of 2nd Chance career fairs that take place in our SDA.</p> <p>www.mnsecondchancecoalition.org</p>	<p>Communicate and coordinate with local county Social Service agencies who work with this population. Become familiar with the rules and assistance resources that are still available to foster and aged-out of foster care.</p>	<p>Coordinate referrals and services with the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, local school districts IEP managers, Occupational Development and Day Activity centers, post-secondary training institutions, 6 Community Transition Interagency Committee (CTIC) groups and PACER.</p>	<p>Homes & Communities, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  Key Resource Provides a list of shelters and emergency housing in Minnesota.</p>	<p>Continue to keep close partnerships with local school districts to include ALC programs, YouthBuild programs, ABE’s for GED and MN Adult High School diplomas, to support and collaboratively in reducing dropout rates.</p>
<p>New Leaf workshops are offered at the WFC’s in our SDA by DEED staff. The NWICDC (Northwest Indian Community Development Center) they offer a Reintegration</p>	<p>Youth in foster care and youth who left foster care at age 18 can be at greater risk of homelessness than other youth. The Healthy Transition and Homeless</p>		<p>Lutheran Social Services Hope Housing and youth homeless program, Evergreen Inc., Churches United, Housing & Redevelopment Authorities, Community Action</p>	<p>Possible connections through www.mnyouth.net/work/gradminnesota/ and www.mnliteracy.org/hotline</p>

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<p>Program which assists individuals recently released from the Department of Correction system and those who will be released in the near future. http://www.nwicdc.org/services-and-programs</p> <p>Lakes Area Restorative Justice in the Brainerd Lakes Area:</p> <p>The core program of LARJP is Restorative Group Conferencing (RGC). RGC provides a forum for juvenile wrongdoers and their families, those victimized by the harm, and their supporters to meet in a safe and respectful environment to discuss the incident. It helps offenders understand the true impact of their actions on the victim, their family, and the community as well as hold them accountable for the harm they have caused by completing a</p>	<p>Prevention program aims to help these youth, ages 16 through 21, transition from foster care to adulthood and prevent homelessness. Pay the Bills: free materials through ODEP-pueblo@gpo.gov</p> <p>Red Path: Independent Living Skills Service through Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota. Brainerd Lakes and Central Minnesota</p> <p>Red Path is a free Independent Living Skills (ILS) service for youth ages 16 to 21 who are currently in or have aged out of care, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster care • Residential treatment • Group homes • Other types of residential care services <p>We support youth with growing their independent living skills, transition planning and case management to help them</p>		<p>agencies, Stepping Stones Resource Center, Homeless Coalitions, Websites that offer connections to include:</p> <p>www.health.state.mn.us/divs/orh/pc/pubs/hmlessyth.pdf ,</p> <p>www.180degrees.org/youth-residential.php Minnesota.</p> <p>Housing Matters https://www.housingmattersmn.org/about</p> <p>MyPath, One Step at a Time https://mypaths.org/?fbclid=IwAR1wIFliARUfddmDIm*hNeFGSmzS-mcJMY94BhXTSU9QUsm2qVYrZziK3Wk</p> <p>MyPath is here to empower Northwest Minnesota youth, and their communities, to ask for and connect to the resources they need to successfully access housing, avoid homelessness, and pursue happiness.</p>	<p>Red River Alternative Learning Center, Outreach, Youth Educational Services program</p> <p>The Upward Bound Program at Bemidji State University. https://www.bemidjistate.edu/services/upward-bound/</p> <p>Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs (MAAP). Their mission is to lead, promote, and support innovative learning experiences for all Minnesota students. http://www.maapmn.org/RegionNorthwest.html</p> <p>Bemidji Area Alternative Education Center (AEC) is a state-approved alternative program. The Minnesota Department of Education alternative education mission is to provide viable educational options for students who are experiencing difficulty in the traditional system.</p>

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<p>contract designed by themselves and the victim on how the harm will be repaired. By completing the contract, the offender's record is cleared which allows and empowers them to have a greater educational and employment opportunity as an adult.</p> <p>https://www.larjp.org/about-us/</p>	<p>transition from care to living on their own. Participation in Red Path is voluntary.</p> <p>https://www.lssmn.org/services/youth-homelessness/brainerd/red-path-program</p> <p>Pine Haven Group Homes</p>		<p>This project is a collaboration between many partners on the Youth Homeless Demonstration Project with the mission of building and changing systems to work better for youth in Northwest Minnesota so that events of youth homelessness are: brief, non-reoccurring, and rare.</p> <p>YHDP Vision: To bring new and existing stakeholders together to prevent and end homelessness for unaccompanied youth, ages 16 to 24, in the Northwest Region of Minnesota.</p>	<p>https://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/aec/aec-resources/about-us/</p> <p>Northwest Indian Community Development Center also offers an ABE program that allows participants to earn their GED at their own pace.</p> <p>http://www.nwicdc.org/assets/docs/NWICDC_ABE%20Flyer5.pdf</p> <p>Oshkiimaajitahdah, also known as New Beginnings is located on the Red Lake Reservation in Redby, MN and they assist many of my Red Lake Nation enrolled youth clients who are having trouble at school or are at risk of dropping out of high school and need alternative education routes</p> <p>http://www.redlakenation.org/tribal-programs/human-services/oshkiimaajitahdah#teen-parent-program</p>

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In Bemidji, there is a connection with the Bemidji Area OIC who runs a program for ex-offenders. Also connect with Restorative Justice and Re-entry programs. In Wadena area – Community Concern for Youth.	Hold Integrated Resource Team (IRT) meetings with other agencies that a participant is working with to create a common plan and coordinate the provision of supports and services.	Access resources from Lakeland Mental Health, Solutions, Freedom Resource Center, State Services for the Blind, Place for Hope, Heartland, Productive Alternative, SSA and the Disability Linkage line at www.Minnesota Help.info	Hold Integrated Resource Team (IRT) meetings with other agencies that a participant is working with to create a common plan and coordinate the provision of supports and services.	Human Services Advisory Pathway (Formerly known as School to Work). Mission statement: “To advance excellence by developing college and career-ready students for their futures and our growing region.”
Assist program participants to inquire about the possibility of having offenses expunged from their records. Also explore the Federal Bonding program and process for employment needs.		Hold Integrated Resource Team (IRT) meetings with other agencies that a participant is working with to create a common plan and coordinate the provision of supports and services	Free Medical Clinics and Free Dental Clinics This site brings you the most recent information about Free Medical Clinics and Free Dental Clinics that are available in Minnesota.	
Work closely with probation officers of participants.	Love, Inc of Douglas County a Christian non-profit agency whose purpose is to network local churches into a partnership that links their resources and services to help our community members in need as well as looking beyond the need to engage with the person. https://www.loveincdouglas.org/ (This resource fits across multiple columns in this document.)	Lakeland Mental Health **Vocational Rehabilitation **Productive Alternatives **Solutions **Summit **CCRI **Access **MCRS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration Federally-funded health centers care for you, even if you have no health insurance. You pay what you can afford, based on your income.	Work closely with probation officers of participants.

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<p>Legal Services Corporation Legal Services Corporation located in Minnesota. Provides free or low-cost legal advice or representation for low-income individuals or families.</p> <p>F5 Project – Fargo/Moorhead We help the formerly incarcerated. We help those suffering from addiction. We help veterans + anyone needing housing, recovery resources, peer support or a plan to change their life. https://www.f5project.org/</p> <p>Career Fairs called 2nd Chance career fairs but our outdoor Trunk</p>	<p>A Place to Belong http://www.aplace2belongmn.com/ “A Place to Belong provides a safe, comfortable, and supportive environment for persons with serious mental illness who are working on their recovery while living in the community, by means of voluntary recreational, social, educational and community service opportunities.”</p> <p>Otter Tail County Public Health https://ottertailcountymn.us/department/public-health/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Assure adequate public health services 	<p>Family Development and Housing The family development program provides services that help individuals, families, and unaccompanied youth (ages 16-24) with housing emergencies, homelessness, and self-sufficiency. We offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless Prevention • Rapid-Rehousing • Transitional Housing • Emergency Service • Permanent Supportive Housing <p>Down Payment/Closing Costs</p>	<p>Prevent and End Homelessness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peoples Church is a homeless shelter located in Bemidji http://www.peopleschurch-elca.org/ • Wolfe Center is a homeless shelter located in Bemidji http://www.crcinform.org/directory/listing/wolfe-center • Red Lake Homeless Shelter 15855 Main Ave. Red Lakes, MN 218-679-3171 • Red Lake Housing: Long term, short term, transitional, and supportive housing. 218-679-3228 	<p>Otter Tail County Human Service Agency https://ottertailcountymn.us/department/human-services/ “Our department’s mission is to provide an array of financial and social services to families and individuals to help maintain or enhance the quality of life for all persons served. Our agency staff directly provides over 27 different programs, and we contract with many other agencies throughout the county to provide a variety of programs.”</p>

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<p>and Treat job fairs as well. Moorhead Community.</p> <p>Career Advising being provided to Moorhead West Central Juvenile Justice residents/students for information on high pay/high demand occupations they may be able to consider for employment and/or training. RMCEP currently has a P2P ITP grant that these youth would be eligible upon their graduation from high school and their transition from the Center.</p> <p>Pope and Douglas County Car Care Program: https://carcareprogram.org/ At Car Care Program we know that you want to be an independent, valuable contributor for your family and community. In order to do that, you need an opportunity to make some changes to your situation so you can ultimately re-write your story.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Promote healthy communities and healthy behaviors ○ Prevent the spread of infectious disease ○ Protect against environmental hazards ○ Prepare for and respond to disasters and assist communities in recovery ○ Assure the quality and accessibility of health services <p>Someplace Safe https://www.someplacesafe.info/ “Someplace Safe is a nonprofit agency offering a myriad of services to victims and survivors of crime, families, and communities in a nine-county region in West Central Minnesota.”</p>	<p>ARMHS https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=id_058153 “Our Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services (ARMHS) provide skills training for adults with mental health conditions. Our directive is to help these adults gain independence in their home and community. The adults in this program develop stability and social competencies, as well as basic social and living skills, in order to better manage symptoms from mental illness.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Place of Bemidji: Housing options for people who are homeless and have an alcohol abuse disorder or are eligible for Section 8 housing due to a diagnosed mental health disability. 218-444-8717 • Evergreen Shelter (youth only) 622 Mississippi Ave. NW Bemidji, MN 218-751-4332 • Village of Hope is a long-term homeless shelter for people 18 and older who have children https://www.villageofhopebemidji.org/ • The Shop in Brainerd. The Shop is here to provide a place for youth where they can grow to be positive, 	

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<p>The problem is not having a safe and reliable vehicle limits your opportunities to provide for the basic needs your family, which makes you feel frustrated and, perhaps, a little hopeless. We feel that your ability to take care of you and your family shouldn't be limited due to lack of transportation. You deserve to be given a chance to re-write your story.</p> <p>Our entire team understands that re-writing your story is more than four tires and a set of keys. It's about making small, but effective decisions that will positively drive your life forward, one mile at a time.</p>			<p>productive, and engaged citizens in the Brainerd Lakes Area. The Shop is also here to close the “opportunity gap” for youth who have yet to find a place to participate in constructive activities, inspiring recreation, and transformative programs.</p> <p>https://theshopbrainerd.org/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brainerd Warming Shelter For anyone 18+ 1926 S 7th street Brainerd • Northern Pines is a comprehensive community mental health center with a six-county service area in Central Minnesota that includes Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties. https://www.npmh.org/ • Nystrom & Associates in 	

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			<p>Minnesota work in the behavioral health and addiction treatment fields. They can offer housing vouchers and options.</p> <p>https://www.nystromcounseling.com/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Lutheran Church Detroit Lakes – Overnight Emergency Shelter https://www.firstlutheranchurch.com • MAHUBE-OTTWA Family Development and Housing The family development program provides services that help individuals, families and unaccompanied youth (ages 16 – 24) with housing emergencies, homelessness, and self-sufficiency. They offer homeless prevention, rapid-rehousing, transitional housing, emergency service, 	

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			<p>permanent supportive housing. https://www.mahube.org/services/family-development-and-housing/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compassion House Treatment Facility in Detroit Lakes. Short- and long-term residential treatment. https://yourfirststep.org/treatment-center/compassion-house-detroit-lakes-mn/ • Detroit Lakes MN Women’s Shelters They provide listings of women’s shelters, family shelters, transitional housing, residential treatment centers and other residential services for women. Many shelters also provide services such as alcohol and drug rehab treatment along with clinics, and best of all 	

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			<p>supportive housing options. https://www.womenshelters.org/cit/mn-detroit_lakes</p> <p>Father's Resource Program https://wcmca.org/program/fathers-resource-program/ "The Father's Resource Program helps parents and families that have issues involving parenting time, custody, and child support. The program instructs and educates parents and families on area resources and services that may be of assistance to them. Often the Father's Resource Program will help parents and families with completing pro se motions (pro se means that the individuals represent themselves in court)."</p>	