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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| Improve Transition Outcomes for Juvenile Offenders | Arrowhead Juvenile Corrections  
YES Duluth receives referrals from AIC for youth on probation or transitioning from the Juvenile Center. Staff support both juvenile and adult offenders as they seek employment and also refer them to the New Leaf Workshop delivered at the CareerForce Duluth location. | Lutheran Social Services  
Lutheran Social Services’ Oh No! Eighteen (ONE) program serves youth, ages 16-20 who are in or have aged out of foster care. YES Duluth continues to strengthen the partnership with LSS through employment and education support especially as youth transition out of foster care. |
| Improve Transition Outcomes for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care | Pre-ETS  
YES Duluth provides Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) to students with disabilities in grade 9 through age 21 that are attending secondary school and potentially eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS). This has impacted our reach in the schools due to eligibility requirements that are not restricted by income criteria, yet includes 504 plans and medical records as qualifiers. | Life House & Lutheran Social Services  
YES Duluth works with staff from Life House and Lutheran Social Services – community organizations that specialize in serving homeless youth and/or working to prevent homelessness - to educate them on YES Duluth program offerings and solicit referrals of youth in need of training and employment assistance. YES Duluth also works with the new Center for Changing Lives. Operated by Lutheran Social Services, the Center provides services and housing for youth who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. |
| Improve Transition Outcomes for Youth with Disabilities | SOAR Career Solutions  
YES Duluth partners with SOAR to provide counseling & guidance to both juvenile | St. Louis County Social Services, Foster Care  
YES Duluth collaborates with county |
| Prevent and End Homelessness | Pre-ETS  
YES Duluth works closely with Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) and will co- | ISD 709 – Families in Transition  
YES Duluth works closely with the ISD 709 Families in Transition Program staff to |
| Reduce High School Dropout Rates | ISD 709 – Families in Transition  
YES Duluth works closely with the ISD 709 Families in Transition Program staff to | Area Learning Center  
YES Duluth works with the Area Learning Center to increase blending of resources |

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<td>and adult offenders. SOAR offers re-entry services for individuals coming out of incarceration as they transition back into society.</td>
<td>social workers to identify and serve youth aging out of the foster care system and assist them with the application process to the program.</td>
<td>enroll participants when possible.</td>
<td>connect with youth who themselves (or their families) are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.</td>
<td>and additional assistance to ‘super seniors’ and those students at risk of dropping out.</td>
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### Strategies

#### Opportunity Youth of Duluth (OYOD)
YES Duluth partners with SOAR and Life House to implement OYOD. The Duluth-based OYOD project leverages the assets of each partner to serve youth and young adults who are most at-risk. SOAR (re-entry services) and Life House (homeless) serve as the primary entry points for program participants; YES Duluth facilitates placement in community-based employment and provides supports for those who are ready.

- **ISD 709 – Bridge & T12**
  - YES Duluth works with school counselors, and staff involved with the BRIDGE and T12 programs for youth with disabilities. Staff also participate in Transition Resource Fairs at local high schools to promote services to youth with disabilities.

- **Opportunity Youth of Duluth (OYOD)**
  - YES Duluth partners with SOAR and Life House as part of OYOD. The Duluth-based project leverages the assets of each partner to serve youth and young adults who are most at-risk. SOAR (re-entry services) and Life House (homeless) serve as the primary entry points for program participants; YES Duluth facilitates placement in community-based employment and provide supports for those who are ready.

- **NERCC Transition Fair**
  - YES Duluth staff tables at the bi-annual Northeast Regional Corrections Center (NERCC) Transition Fair. This is an opportunity to connect with NERCC residents before their release.

- **ISD 709 Area High Schools**
  - Within area high schools, YES Duluth staff work closely with Integration Specialists from the Office of Education Equity as well as promoting and supporting cross referrals with the Check and Connect program at Denfeld High School.