

[Attachment 3]

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 Ex-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 | | | | |
| CMJTS youth employment specialists will collaborate with county court services/probation agents to identify candidates for WIOA and MYP participation and provide them with meaningful training and workforce preparation assistance. | CMJTS youth employment specialists will work with other agencies whose primary charge is to serve youth who have a history of out-of-home placement to identify, serve, and support these youth as they transition into the workforce. | CMJTS will seek additional opportunities to work with the Minnesota Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) to find opportunities for co-enrollment, and to serve those young people who are unable to receive services from VRS due to their “wait-list” status. | CMJTS youth employment specialists will educate staff from agencies serving homeless youth and/or working to prevent homelessness (e.g. Catholic Charities Supporting Housing for Youth) to educate them on CMJTS Youth Program offerings and solicit for referrals of youth in need of training and employment assistance | CMJTS will partner with area Adult Basic Education (ABE) providers to provide financial support for their youth and young adults pursuing a GED or adult diploma, and will offer employment and training services to these learners, as appropriate. |
| CMJTS youth employment specialists will connect with public assistance and dislocated worker programs to identify young ex-offenders on their caseloads who would also benefit | CMJTS youth employment specialists will connect with public assistance and other employment-related programs to identify young adults who have exited the foster-care | CMJTS youth employment specialists will connect with day-treatment facilities, therapists, and other mental health practitioners or mental health collaboratives operated by agencies | CMJTS youth employment specialists will maintain regular contact with the Open Doors for Youth resource center and will provide their youth with employment and training information | CMJTS youth employment specialists will work with public assistance and other employment-related programs to identify youth and young adults who lack a diploma or GED. These |

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| from WIOA Youth or MYP services. | system, or who have members of their household currently receiving foster-care services, and will provide these youth with information on WIOA Youth and MYP services, as appropriate. | within LWDA 5 to educate them on Workforce Center/American Job Center offerings, solicit referrals, and provide appropriate clients with work, training, and support services. | and resources so that they can improve their personal situations. | youth will be co-enrolled, as appropriate, so that diploma or GED services can be better supported. |
| CMJTS youth employment specialists will attend training, as budgets allow, so that they can be educated on the re-entry process and additional ways to assist offenders who are preparing to reenter the workforce. | CMJTS youth employment specialist will collaborate with case managers from county social services agencies to provide training and support for their foster care youth who are preparing to enter the workforce. | CMJTS youth employment specialists will attend and contribute to Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings at area schools, as appropriate, to assist special education students with their employment goals as they approach graduation. | CMJTS youth employment specialists will work with public assistance and other employment-related programs to identify youth and young adults experiencing homelessness and will provide these young people with WIOA and MYP program information. Staff will then co-enroll, as appropriate. | CMJTS youth employment specialists will provide employment and training services to Alternative Learning Center students, who are often at-risk of dropping out of the school system. |
| CMJTS will accept referrals of young ex-offenders in need of employment and training services from inpatient and outpatient chemical dependency and mental health treatment facilities | CMJTS youth employment specialists will work with area group homes to provide their youth who are preparing to return to their communities, with resources, support, and guidance to assist them with their re-integration. | CMJTS youth employment specialists will participate in Community Transition Interagency Committee (CTIC) activities when possible. | CMJTS youth employment specialist will collaborate with county case managers and/or local foster care agencies to provide support for youth currently experiencing and/or at-risk of homelessness. | |
| | | CMJTS youth employment specialists will connect with public assistance and other employment-related programs to identify youth and young adults with disabilities, and will | CMJTS will promote available services to those experiencing serious financial hardship by providing printed information at local food shelves and emergency assistance providing | |

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| | | provide these young people with WIOA and MYP program information. Staff will co-enroll, as appropriate. CMJTS youth employment specialists will partner with agencies who provide vocational services to youth and young adults with disabilities (e.g. Functional Industries) to provide these youth with additional opportunities for workforce preparation, as appropriate. | agencies (e.g. Lakes and Pines CAC, Common Cup, etc.). | |
| | | CMJTS youth employment specialists will connect with the CMJTS DEI coordinator to form Integrated Resource Teams and deliver a full complement of coordinated services to youth with disabilities. | CMJTS will assist participants by giving them strategies to manage their personal finances and by providing them with financial literacy instruction and resources, as appropriate. Related topics will include budgeting, use of credit, identity theft, etc. | |