[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.***

Outcomes				
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**
Juvenile Detention Center and **Hennepin County Probation** assist in outreach and recruitment of STEP-UP youth. In partnership with STEP-UP staff, they provide support throughout the work experience process. STEP-UP provides appropriate work experiences placing at-risk youth in supportive work sites. Minneapolis Youth Works – Agency staff have connections with staff at the **Link-Juvenile Supervision Center (JSC)** in Minneapolis City Hall, where they provide outreach and recruitment and post WIOA marketing materials.	Hennepin County Foster Care case managers and **Fostering Connections** (a Hennepin County program) helps inform youth in foster care about STEP-UP. Their assistance helps provide foster care youth with the information they need to apply and be successful in STEP-UP. Minneapolis Youth Works – **Hennepin County Foster Care** case managers and **Fostering Connections** are our main partners in outreach and recruitment of youth in foster care and aging out of foster care.	**Minneapolis Public Schools, Transition Plus** and **Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS)** all provide outreach, recruitment and support for the STEP-UP program. Minneapolis Youth Works continues to partner with **Minneapolis Public Schools special needs programs, VRS, MN State Services for the Blind, Minneapolis WorkForce Centers, Transition Plus** and **Minneapolis Public Schools ABE/GED programs.** In partnership with STEP-UP, **VRS** staff provided a business outreach presentation in January 2016 to AchieveMpls and WFC staff to focus on 1) asking the appropriate questions in assessment 2) how to appropriately place consumers in internships and 3) privacy issues around sharing information with worksite employers.	**Youthlink**, and other agencies that serve homeless youth provide outreach, recruitment and support for the STEP-UP program. Minneapolis Employment and Training is collaborating with **Hennepin County Department to End Homelessness** on a proposal that was funded to end youth homelessness. Minneapolis Youth Works service provider, HIRED, employs a staff who offices out of **YouthLinks's Youth Opportunity Center** and other providers maintain office hours and/or provide outreach and recruitment at a variety of homeless shelters and transitional housing programs including **Avenues for Homeless Youth, Catholic Charities-Hope Street For Homeless Youth, St. Barnabus, Mary's Place, Lutheran Social Services of MN Safe House and Nicollet Square.**	STEP-UP offers an Academic Class component which provides contextual learning and assists credit-deficient interns in earning academic credits. The fact that 600 credits were earned by interns in 2014 is a significant outcome. Minneapolis Youth Works provides program information at agencies that offer **ABE** and **GED** programs. Both STEP-UP and Minneapolis Youth Works coordinate and partner closely with **Minneapolis Public Schools, charter and alternative schools.**