

**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 Juvenile 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				
Take direct referrals from Juvenile and Adult Probation Officers in order to provide employment services.	Take direct referrals from Ramsey County Social Services, Child Protection Unit, Fostering Connections Unit and Permanent Connections Unit in order to provide employment services.	Make appropriate cross referrals to Vocational Rehabilitation Services to provide integrated employment supports.	Continue engagement as stakeholder in Heading Home Ramsey Coalition and other county-wide efforts to end homelessness.	Work with ABE and other K-12 partners will aide in exposing youth to services that can help in the attainment of GED and other credentials.
Adult Probation Restructure Program: Partner with Community Corrections to provide employment and training supports with the purpose of reduce recidivism and revocation for high risk, young adult offenders.	Support the work of Foster Advocates, an organization contracted with Ramsey County Social Services, to support foster youth with continued engagement in education, through additional career pathways information & referrals.	Continue guidance on best practices with those with disabilities by local Vocational Rehabilitation management on Workforce Innovation Board and youth Committee.	Continue engagement with Heading Home Ramsey workgroup focused on connecting youth experiencing homelessness with employment services.	

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Engage with other stakeholder to guide Ramsey County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative and other juvenile justice policy, procedure and systems reform.	Engage with other stakeholders to guide the work of Transforming Child Welfare to reduce the number of youth, and the racial disparities, who reach “aging out” without permanency.		Contract with Face 2 Face to provide WIOA youth services to youth experiencing homelessness who are also seeking supports including drop-in space, housing supports & health services.	
Take direct referrals form County Attorney’s diversion process of Community Response Team.				