

**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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Strategies				
<p><u>Youth Intervention Program (YIPA)</u></p> <p>PIC provides career development, work readiness training and paid work experience opportunities for at risk youth with an emphasis on youth involved in the criminal justice system.</p>	<p><u>Department of Human Services- SELF Program</u></p> <p>The WSA Youth Program staff will work closely with county social workers to identify youth aging out of the foster care system and assist them with the application process to the program. Program staff will avail themselves to attend IEP meetings and work with the designated team of professional providing support to disabled foster youth.</p> <p>PIC youth staff partner with this program that provides specific instruction and Independent Living Skills classes for youth in foster care and aging out of foster care. PIC counselors are invited to co-facilitate courses on career development and job search.</p>	<p><u>Community Transition Interagency Committees</u></p> <p>Representatives from a variety of community organizations serving youth come together to develop transition plans for youth with disabilities. PIC participates in these transition meetings and to partner to provide more streamlined services.</p> <p>Partners often include: WDI, K-12 schools, Human Services, Health Industries, Rehabilitation Services, Parents and Community Education.</p>	<p><u>Western Community Action</u></p> <p>Mission is to prevent, respond to and help homelessness in Southwestern Minnesota by coordinating services and maximizing resources.</p> <p>Program staff and WCA staff maintain regular contact to streamline referrals.</p> <p>PIC staff belongs to Homeless and Hunger Board Advisory Committee.</p>	<p><u>Independent School Districts and Alternative Learning Centers</u></p> <p>Strengthen network with ALC's in service area to increase blending of resources and additional assistance to 'super seniors' and those students at risk of dropping out.</p>

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<p><b><u>Minnesota Youth Programs</u></b></p> <p>PIC provides career exploration activities, labor market information activities, career pathways, work readiness training and paid work experience opportunities for youth involved in the criminal justice system.</p>		<p><b><u>Disability Employment Initiative (DEI)</u></b></p> <p>Our co-enrollment and partnership with the DEI funds has increased our opportunities and education for serving youth from this population. Working closely with community disability employment services and our on-site partners has brought improved services and amore solidified and organized approach to offering services.</p>	<p><b><u>Western Community Action</u></b></p> <p>Mission is to prevent, respond to and help homelessness in Southwestern Minnesota by coordinating services and maximizing resources.</p> <p>Program staff and WCA staff maintain regular contact to streamline referrals.</p> <p>PIC staff belongs to Homeless and Hunger Board Advisory Committee.</p>	<p><b><u>Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for Youth</u></b></p> <p>PIC provides career exploration activities, labor market information activities, career pathways, work readiness training and paid work experience opportunities for youth at risk for becoming a high school dropout.</p>
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		<p><b>Minnesota Youth Programs</b></p> <p>PIC provides career exploration activities, labor market information activities, career pathways, work readiness training and paid work experience opportunities for youth with disabilities.</p>	<p><b>Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council</b></p> <p>By coordinating services and maximizing resources program staff and SMOC staff maintain regular contact to streamline referrals for their homelessness prevention/intervention programs such as:</p> <p><i>Transitional Housing Programs, Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program, and FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Program</i></p>	<p><b>Youth Intervention Program (YIPA)</b></p> <p>PIC provides career development, work readiness training and paid work experience opportunities for at risk youth with an emphasis on youth attending ALCs.</p>
		<p><b>Project Search</b></p> <p>The program serves as an opportunity for students to transition from high school to community employment by working Monday to Friday, generally from 8am to 3pm, during the school year. Students are provided an opportunity to participate in a variety of 8-10 week internship rotations at Avera Marshall Medical Center that best meet their interests, experiences and abilities. A job coach, program instructor, and department staff work with the students (and IEP team) to help them develop the necessary interpersonal and job skills to gain meaningful employment.</p>		<p><b>Nobles County Integration Collaborative</b></p> <p>A collaborative effort within the SW MN region to come together and partner on projects surrounding career development, character, and increasing academics.</p> <p>PIC staff and the NCIC Coordinators maintain regular contact to streamline referrals and regional events in the area including career exploration, labor market information, and career pathway activities.</p>

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		Project SEARCH is a program with over 200 host sites worldwide designed to assist youth with disabilities reach their goals of community employment. Our program is based on this successful international program, which was developed at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in 1996.		
		<b>Advanced Opportunities, Inc.</b> Advance Opportunities is a private not-for-profit agency that has been providing quality employment opportunities and vocational training to individuals with developmental, physical and other disabilities since 1963. Current employment services are provided on our work floor as well as at community businesses and include assembly, shredding, collating, aluminum can recycling, housekeeping (hotel, new construction businesses/homes), office cleaning, lawn care services and digital imaging services. Advance Opportunities is committed to broadening the scope of our employment offerings. To that end, we strive to forge new mutually beneficial relationships with businesses and community partners that result in expanded employment opportunities.		