

Recover & Reengage Youth

Resources and Technical Assistance for Implementation



Destination: Diploma to Degree (D3)* (Minneapolis)

<http://www.minneapolis.edu/Educational-Programs/Preparing-for-College/Destination-Diploma-to-Degree-D3.html>

Provided by Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC), the D3 program serves high school students who have dropped out or are behind in credits – attend technical college – provide support in getting high school diploma and college degree.

Project Return* (Northeast Metro Intermediate School District 916)

<http://www.nemetro.k12.mn.us/domain/99>

Project Return is a short-term, school-based program that is offered as an alternative to out-of-school suspension, or as an alternate educational setting. When a student enters Project Return, a tentative home school re-entry plan is established with the student, parents, home school contact, community providers and a Project Return social worker. The plan includes what is needed for the student to successfully return to their home district and the return date. The website contains program information and instructions on the referral process.

Diploma On!* (Intermediate District 287, Hennepin County)

<http://www.district287.org/page.cfm?p=774>

The goal of Diploma On! is to reduce barriers for students and increase graduation rates by contacting students previously dropped from their school programs and inviting them back to school. This is a voluntary and free program for students and families. A school social worker assists students and families in re-engaging un-enrolled students into school settings that meet the individual student needs. Intermediate District 287 and its member districts are piloting a “Drop Out” Recovery Program in six area school districts that include: Brooklyn Center, Hopkins, Osseo, Richfield, Robbinsdale and St. Louis Park.

Attendance Works

<http://www.attendanceworks.org/tools/>

Attendance works is a national nonprofit organization that works to raise awareness about chronic absenteeism, provides resources and handouts for communities, schools, students and families. This website includes information about policy and research as well as free tools and technical assistance resources to increase attendance.

Check & Connect*

<http://checkandconnect.umn.edu/>

Check & Connect is an evidence-based intervention designed to enhance student engagement at school and with learning for marginalized, disengaged students in grades K-12, through relationship building, problem solving and capacity building, and persistence. A goal of *Check & Connect* is to foster school completion with academic and social competence. The main office for Check & Connect is at the Institute on Community Integration on the Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota. This website includes supporting research, training and implementation information, resources, a description of the model and more.

School Turnaround AmeriCorps

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/special-initiatives/task-force-expanding-national-service/school-turnaround-ameri-corps>

The School Turnaround AmeriCorps program supports the placement of a dedicated cadre of AmeriCorps members from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) in persistently underachieving schools across the country. AmeriCorps members help keep students on track to graduate by working to increase student academic achievement, attendance and high school graduation rates; improve college and career readiness; and provide college enrollment assistance and advisement. School Turnaround AmeriCorps Grantees and Sites in Minnesota receiving supports include Duluth Area Family YMCA and Minnesota Alliance with Youth serving schools in Minneapolis.

Health Services to Promote Attendance

A National Center on Health (NCH) Tip Sheet. <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/health/school-readiness/strategies/promoting-attendance.html>

This website includes information and “tip sheets” on the importance of regular attendance especially for young children.

Using Data to Support Dis-Engaged Students

(For more resources on this topic, please visit [Rec#1: Quality Data](#))

A Practitioner’s Guide to Implementing Early Warning Systems

http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/regions/northwest/pdf/rel_2015056.pdf

Developed by the US Education Department’s Northwest Regional Education Lab and the Institute for Education Sciences, this guide summarizes what is known about early warning system implementation and describes how states, districts, and schools can draw on the research to inform their work locally.

National High School Center Early Warning System Tools and Resources

<http://www.betterhighschools.org/>

The National High School Center was supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education that ended in 2013. However, the website and its free resources remain available. This includes resources to support local school districts and schools in understanding more about the purpose and use of early warning systems to identify and better support students at risk of dropping out of school.

Minnesota Early Indicator and Response System (MEIRS)*

<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/StuSuc/DropPrev/MEIRS/>

The Minnesota Early Indicator and Response System (MEIRS) is a tool that can be used to provide a snapshot of students in grade 6 and grade 9 who are at increased risk of not completing high school in four years. Using validated research-based variables associated with dropping out of school (such as attendance, multiple enrollments, state accountability test scores and suspension/expulsion) supports can be developed and targeted to students who may need additional assistance to stay on track for graduation. This MN Department of Education webpage includes an overview of the system, the implementation guide, and training information for school staff.

Support that Families Can Provide

US Department of Education Information for Parents

<http://www2.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml>.

This website provides links and resources to support parents and families to encourage their children to attend and succeed in school every day. Topics include Early Childhood Education, Special Education, Reading Resources, Helping Your Child Learn and Paying for College.

Family, School and Community Engagement (Minnesota Department of Education)*

<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/SchSup/FamSchCommEng/index.htm>

The development of strong collaborations between schools, families, and communities is an essential component for student academic success. The resources on this site are intended to assist parents, schools, and districts in strengthening partnerships between schools, families, and their communities to increase student achievement, and may be copied and distributed freely.

Family Engagement Modules included on the website are listed below.

[Module 1: Developing Partnerships](#)

[Module 2: School Choice](#)

[Module 3: P-12 Systems and Benchmarks](#)

[Module 4: Postsecondary Success](#)

[Module 5: Diverse Cultures and Parent Voices](#)

[Module 6: Engaging Families](#)

[Module 7: Afterschool Programs and Community Partnerships](#)

[Module 8: Families as Partners](#)

Engaging and Supporting Homeless Youth

Family & Youth Services Bureau: Resources for Runaway and Homeless Youth

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/programs/runaway-homeless-youth/about>

This site includes information and resources from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to support the success and health of runaway and homeless youth.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Resources for Homeless Youth

www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/resources-for-homeless-youth/

This page is a one-stop spot for youth, and those who help youth, to find housing. This page lists all HUD homeless programs and initiatives that can be used by youth and youth serving providers to help prevent and end youth homelessness, as well as resources, publications, and relevant links to other agencies and organizations. Additionally, this page provides an explanation of how HUD programs currently serve homeless youth and how HUD works together with other agencies to combat this problem.

The McKinney-Vento Act

<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/SchSup/ESEA/HomelessMcKinneyVento/index.html>

Children and youth who experience homelessness have the right to receive a free, appropriate public education ensured by the McKinney-Vento Act. The law requires schools to remove barriers to enrollment, attendance and success for homeless students. The McKinney-Vento Act sets high priority on students receiving education and services at his/her school of origin (the school a student attended when first homeless). A variety of information resources, including a directory of homeless liaisons for each school district and charter school in Minnesota, is available on the website.

Minnesota Department of Human Services – Adolescent Services*

<http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/services/adolescent-services/>

This website contains information and resources for current or former foster youth, victims of sex trafficking, and teenage mothers.

Youth Moving Forward*

<http://www.youthmovingforward.org/shelterhousing>

This site includes a list of shelters and youth services in the Twin Cities metro area and Greater Minnesota Area.

Hennepin County Office to End Homelessness*

<http://hennepin.us/headinghomehennepin>

Heading Home Hennepin is the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County community's 10-year plan to end homelessness by 2016. This website contains information for families, youth, single adults, and information and resources for care providers.

Metro-Wide Engagement on Shelter and Housing (MESH)*

<http://mesh-mn.org>

MESH is a unique collaboration of more than sixty nonprofits, government agencies, elected officials and providers of shelter and affordable housing services representing the seven counties of Ramsey, Hennepin, Dakota, Carver, Washington, Scott and Anoka. The mission of MESH is to foster metro-wide partnerships and strengthen capacity to end homelessness. This website contains information of education and training, research and assessment, policy advisory and advocacy work.

Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless*

<http://mnhomelesscoalition.org/>

The Coalition's mission is to generate policies, community support, and local resources for housing and services to end homelessness in Minnesota. It is uniquely positioned as the hub of a statewide network of 150 homeless service providers and other concerned individuals and organizations across Minnesota. This website contains information of technical assistance, policy, and advocacy work.

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