Healthy Community Initiative
Northfield
report to the community
2013
2012 marked an exciting year for the Northfield Healthy Community Initiative (HCI) and youth development efforts in our community. Northfield is again setting the bar for initiatives across the state and around the country. Highlgihts included:

- For the fourth consecutive year, Northfield was named as one of the "100 Best Communities for Young People" by America's Promise.
- Northfield's PRIDE Time out-of-school-time network was recognized by the National League of Cities as one of 27 outstanding collaborative initiatives nationwide.
- Once County was one of 10 communities nationwide selected to participate in the National Drug Court Planning Initiative to help bring a drug court to our community.
- The Teaching Obstacles and Raising College Expectations (TÖRECH) project was highlighted in statewide media and legislative reports for its work in closing the graduation gap for Latino students.

As explained on page 7, we are very excited to have many exciting efforts underway. As explained on page 7, we are very excited to have many exciting efforts underway. For the next year, we plan to focus on: the horizon - the Northfield Promise. We encourage you to learn more about this collective impact project and hope you’ll consider getting involved.

Finally, we wish to offer a big THANK YOU to HCI’s wonderful supporters.

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HC1 SUPPORTED COLLABORATIONS

HCl provides staffing and organizational support to the following collaborative initiatives:

**Tackling Obstacles and Raising College Hopes (TORCH)**
Collaborative to increase the graduation and postsecondary attendance rates of Northfield’s low-income and minority students in grades 6-12

- 338 YOUGHS SERVED LAST YEAR
- 81 SUMMER INTERNSHIPS LAST SUMMER
- 14 YOUGHS GRADUATED HARRIED POSTSECONDARY DEGREE/GOVERNMENT L A Y A R D

**Take it to The Box**
Medication disposal boxes in the Johns of the Northfield and Fairbault Police Stations open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- OVER 8,000 POUNDS OF MEDICATION COLLECTED IN FIRST 5 YEARS

**Growing Up Healthy**
Coalition works to increase the community connectedness of marginalized families in Rice County
- SUPPORTED 41 MENTORSHIP LEADERS IN 2016 TO UNDERSTAND MENTORSHIP

**LINK Center**
Community resources and referral center in the Northfield Community Resource Center for all newcomers to Northfield
- SHARED OVER 1,300 PEOPLE LAST YEAR
- MENTORS, STAFF Members and TRAINEES ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY NORTHFIELD RESOURCES

**Rice County Mental Health Collective**
Working to transform the mental health system to a public health model where prevention and promotion are as important as care and treatment.
- LACKING THE “HEALTHY MENTAL” PERCEPTION PSYCHOLOGY WORKSHOP SEASONS AS A COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND WORKFORCE WILLIAMS OPTION
- INVENT T cell RESEARCH EXHIBIT ACTION PLAN (WEB) PROTOCOL TO THE AREA TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS IN LEADING THEIR OWN RECOVERY

**Rice County Chemical Health Coalition**
Coalition of local and HCl partners dedicated to systems change to reduce youth alcohol and drug use.
- ONE OF 10 PROJECTS NATIONALWIDE SELECTED INTO THE ADOLESCENT CHART PLANED TO EXPAND TO A NEW 5-YEAR PROJECT
- SOCIAL SECURITY ORDINANCES IMPLEMENTED IN RICE COUNTY

**Mayor’s Youth Council**
A City Council-appointed commission of 14 high school juniors and seniors that offers youth input to the Mayor, City Council and City staff
- Non-profit application to be “MOST重要” GAINED AS ONE OF THE “100 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR YOUTH”
- DURING YOUTH-CURRICULUM CURRICULUM FRAN E MI MINNEAPOLIS, CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

**Youth Sports Collaborative**
Coalition works to ensure all youth are welcomed regardless of income — can take part in local sports associations.
- AX FINANCIAL OVER 1,100 SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING OVER $106,000 SINCE COLLABORATIVE BEGAN

**PRIMEtime After School Collaborative**
Coalition that offers after school and summer enrichment programs to Northfield youth in grades K-12
- 1,048 yOUTHS PARTICIPATED IN PRIMEtime PROGRAMS LAST YEAR
- 97% OF PARENTS ATTEND 120% OF THEIR GRADES AND 25% RENEWED THEIR 5-YEAR

**Dollars and Sense**
Financial literacy education to local low income middle and high school students
- 241 yOUTHS PARTICIPATED IN WORKSHOPS LAST YEAR
- 95% COHESIVE INITIATIVE EMPLOYED IN FINANCIAL LITERACY INITIATIVE

**Lancashire Minnesota’s Youth Development Account (YDA)**
Program to promote college access

**Mayor’s Task Force on Youth Alcohol & Drug Abuse**
City Council appointed commission of local and state leaders to trade community awareness about youth substance use
- LEAD STRATEGIC AND RACE PROGRESS FOR THE ADOLESCENT CHART PLANED FOR 2015
- COORDINATED MENTORS POSTSECONDARY INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS & FAMILY EDUCATION CAMPAIGN
- SPONSORED TRAINING ON “LIFE OF AN ATHLETE” AT NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
- SAVE THE MIDDLE SCHOOL “MOST IMPORTANT STUDENTS” CAMPAIGN
Moving Forward - The Northfield Promise

The concept of “collective impact” has garnered national attention in recent years. Collective impact encourages the major community institutions (city schools, businesses, higher education, faith communities, nonprofits, etc.) to come together and agree to work collaboratively towards improving a set of shared outcomes for youth in the community. Through these efforts, communities across the country have been able to see significant, measurable changes to the health and well-being of their youth.

In 2018, HCI began to secure commitments from major Northfield institutions to work on a collective impact initiative. Called “The Northfield Promise,” this effort seeks to ensure that ALL young people growing up in Northfield are provided the community support they need to be successful from birth through high school and beyond.

During the first part of 2019, HCI will continue working with community partners to identify key community-wide benchmarks goals for youth along this cradle-to-career continuum. Starting in fall 2019, HCI will help convene action groups around these selected benchmarks.

Northfield is one of 80 communities NATIONWIDE invited into the Strive Network, the national leaders in collective impact. This allows Northfield to draw on the expertise and best practices of communities across the country.
Partners

HCI thanks its generous donors for their ongoing support of the coalition’s efforts. For a list of HCI’s corporate and organizational sponsors, please visit www.northfieldhci.org

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