Making College Dreams Possible

Partnering with Riverland Community College, the Northfield Community College Collaborative empowers all students to reach their college dreams—right from Northfield! The program provides educational resources and academic assistance conveniently in downtown Northfield. Courses are available online through Riverland, and sometimes professors from the college come to Northfield to teach.

The Northfield Community College Collaborative acts as a support system, Nadine explains. “I am married with two kids, and I work,” she says. “The program is flexible, willing to work with my schedule and very understanding.”

Describing how the program has become a family of sorts, Nadine says, “You can rely on the staff even during difficult times. They are there for you if you just need someone to talk to.”

The initiative brings optimism to students, Nadine explains.

“The Northfield Community College Collaborative makes it possible for anyone to go to college. They open so many doors and help make connections.”

Not only does the Northfield Community College Collaborative provide academic support, it assists students with financial aid forms and answers various logistical questions. “I want to become a teacher, and they’re showing me the right steps to do that, like helping me plan classes and manage my time.”

The Northfield Community College Collaborative currently supports more than 25 students of a variety of backgrounds, ages and socioeconomic levels.
We, as a community, commit to working tirelessly to ensure that ALL Northfield children will...
Empowering
Our Youngest Learners

Using a series of conversations with Northfield's in-home childcare providers, the Northfield Promise Ready for Kindergarten Team identified an opportunity to support providers—and some of our community’s youngest learners—in early learning.

Through a pilot partnership with Mother Goose Time Early Learning Curriculum, local in-home childcare providers are offered daily curriculum kits and programming resources at a vastly discounted rate. The kits support skill-based learning through play and focus on learning skills such as emergent writing, science, music, counting and art expression.

23 local in-home childcare providers are now participating in the Mother Goose Time Early Learning Curriculum project, benefiting nearly 150 Northfield children.

Laura Brown is one of the providers putting the lessons into action.

“It is important to promote life skills and a sense of community at an early age,” says Laura. “These lessons allow children to work together to learn the importance of accountability and group success.”

Laura explains that she has been able to watch children grow and apply the skills they learn elsewhere. “Kids are putting vocabulary terms to use on their own. I even heard a child use the word ‘stratosphere’ while playing!”

The outcomes have been exciting. “It’s wonderful to hear from parents that their children are better prepared to enter into kindergarten.”