



Minnetonka Family Collaborative

The Minnetonka Family Collaborative was established in 2005 to help build a healthy community for the children and families within the Minnetonka School District. The mission of the MFC is to ***support and enhance the well-being of children, youth, and families in the Minnetonka School District through partnerships with the community.***

Collaborative Efforts:

Minnetonka Family Collaborative partners gather throughout the school year to share information regarding programs, community resources, and look for opportunities to support families and the community. The MFC fosters collaborative processes and brings perspectives, information and resources of various partners and constituencies to create solutions to service gaps, service coordination and unmet needs of families in the community.

Funding Source:

The MFC is an unincorporated association of designated community partners as authorized by federal regulations and state statute overseeing the utilization of federal Medicaid and Title IVE dollars that are reimbursed to states, counties, and communities in the form of Local Collaborative Time Study Collars (LCTS). Community investments that the MFC makes each year are based on earnings that come from federal reimbursements for services delivered by Minnetonka School District staff. The MFC is governed by a community stakeholder group. The Minnetonka School District serves as the fiscal agent for the MFC. The Collaborative is federally funded through the Local Collaborative Time Study. These funds have been designated by state statute for use in expansion of early intervention and prevention services in Minnesota communities and are distributed through the Department of Human Services and Hennepin County Public Health.

2023- 2024 Strategic Priorities: (stated in priority order)

1. **Children's Mental Health (0-21)**- Help children and youth have full access to resources and credentialed support services with a focus on those families and children with the least access.
2. **Early Childhood (0-5)**- Help provide outreach, screening, service coordination, and other interventions to support the healthy development of children and youth, with a focus on supporting those with the least resources.
3. **Opportunities for Academic Success** – Help address identified barriers to academic success by supporting system-based responses for school aged children (e.g., truancy, attendance, nutrition, out of school supports, etc.)
4. **Underage substance Use** – Help reduce underage alcohol and drug use by school aged children.
5. **Develop and Strengthen stakeholder partnerships** – Act as a strategic community resource supporting the well-being of youth and families within the Minnetonka School District boundaries.

For the 2023-2024 school year, the Minnetonka Family Collaborative awarded twenty-one grants totaling \$361,762.88 of which \$251,762.88 will be used for programs in the Minnetonka Schools.

- Neighborhood Center at Minnetonka Heights - YMCA - \$25,000
- Hunger Prevention – ICA Food shelf - \$15,000
- Resource West Programming - \$15,000
- Adolescent Mental Health Services – myHealth - \$19,500
- Hope House Youth Homeless Shelter - Open Hands Foundation - \$15,000
- Sojourner Women's Shelter - \$7,500
- Relate On site mental health counselor at ICA Food shelf - Relate/ICA - \$3,000
- Fun Club After School Program - Excelsior United Methodist- \$4,500
- Minnetonka Homelessness Response – His House - \$4,500
- So-Hi Community Playground - \$1,000
- Student Well Being – Minnewashta Elementary - \$8211.88
- Homework Help – Clear Springs Elementary - \$7069
- Homework Help – Scenic Heights Elementary - \$5060
- CFS Behavior Specialist - Minnetonka Schools - \$47,000.00
- Family Resource Facilitator - Minnetonka Schools - \$17,000.00
- EmpowerU Social Emotional Learning - \$5,000
- Tonka Cares - Minnetonka Schools - \$25,000.00
- Relate Counseling in Minnetonka Schools - \$90,000.00
- Project Play - Clear Springs and Scenic Heights Elementary - \$35,000.00
- Healthy Start Snack Cart – Excelsior Elementary - \$2,422.00
- Growing Through Grief - Park Nicollet - \$10,000.00