

Central Minnesota Youth-Serving Organizations

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KEY: AE - Academic Enrichment FE - Family Engagement CCR - College and Career Readiness PI/SEL - Positive Identity/Social Emotional Learning

Program/ Entity	Brief Description of Resource/Asset	AE	FE	CCR	PI/ SEL	BIPOC -Led
180 Degrees	180 Degrees St. Cloud Youth Shelter is the only 24-hour emergency shelter for youth under 19 in a large, 13-county region of Central Minnesota.		X		X	
African Women's Alliance	AWA supports African women and children feel at home and have the support and opportunities needed to thrive and succeed		X		X	X
Align Learning Center	Align Learning Center provides affordable, personalized tutoring and related educational support to students from low-income households with the goal of expanding students' access to educational resources and preparing students to succeed and thrive in school and in the community.	X		X		X
American Red Cross	American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. ARC can provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first-aid and babysitting certification for participants.			X		
Anna Marie's Alliance	Anna Marie's Alliance provides safety, shelter, education, support, and referral services to survivors of domestic violence and their children.		X		X	
AVIVO	Avivo increases well-being through recovery and career advancement while working to end homelessness.			X		
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Minnesota	BBBS creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.	X	X	X	X	
Blooming Kids Child Care Center	Blooming Kids Child Care Center is a Somali-owned center that provides a safe, stimulating, and caring environment for children ages six weeks to 12 years.	X	X			X
Bridge Healing Center	Bridge Healing Center was started to provide trauma specific treatment for immigrants and people in MN struggling with mental health. We offer culturally specific therapy services and psychotherapy services for individuals and	X	X	X	X	X

	families. Everyone is at a different part of their journey in life. Our approach meets clients where they are at. We offer individual counseling, group counseling, family counseling, and play therapy. First time clients can sign up for a complementary, no cost intake session. At our center, we do our best to ensure all our clients feel supported and cared for.					
Central Minnesota Boy Scouts of America	The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.			X	X	
Blooming Kids Child Care Center	Blooming Kids Child Care Center provides a safe, stimulating, and caring environment for children ages six weeks to 12 years.		X			
Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Minnesota	Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Minnesota is to do whatever it takes to empower all youth to reach their full potential.	X	X	X	X	
Brothers and Sisters United International	BSUI delivers programming to provide young people the tools they need to take control of their life.	X	X	X	X	X
Center for African Immigrants and Refugees Organization	CAIRO provides culturally specific services, delivered by a staff that reflects the community it serves by drawing upon their own linguistic, familial, social capital, and lived experience.	X	X	X	X	X
CareerSolutions/CareerOne	Career Solutions provides a variety of youth offered programs including the WIOA Young Adult Program, YouthBuild, Youth At Work, CareerONE and CareerQuest.			X		
Catholic Charities	Catholic Charities serves people across the heart of Central Minnesota with more than 30 programs that aim to meet the physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals and families of all faiths and beliefs.		X		X	X
Catholic Charities SHY Program - Supporting Housing for Youth	Offers housing counseling, case management and financial assistance for young people, ages 16 to 24, experiencing homelessness, near-homelessness, or aging-out of foster care. This specialized program, offered at no cost to youth, helps build stability in their lives and maintain affordable housing.			X		
Catholic Charities SAIL - Support and Advocacy for Independent Living	Community-based service designed to provide a safe, confidential environment for youth, ages 16 to 21, to learn and practice essential life skills.			X		

Center for Victims of Torture - St. Cloud	CVT helps young people and families recover from physical and psychological trauma caused by torture and war trauma through a holistic model that includes psychotherapy, community education and professional interpretation to support family needs in a safe space.		X			X
CentraCare	CentraCare, one of the largest health networks in Minnesota, holds a vision for all of us to live a healthy life. As a provider of care and employer to many, we encourage and inspire health and well-being. We also know there is a need for healing and comfort in every life, so at the heart of CentraCare is a commitment to serve in the communities we all call home			X		
Central Minnesota Community Empowerment Organization	CMCEO provides Education Training, Housing Support, Career Advancement, Economic Empowerment, Youth Development & Business Development.	X	X	X	X	X
Crisis Nursery - St. Cloud	<p>Parents dealing with personal stress or crises such as an illness, housing problems, divorce or separation, financial strains or other issues can benefit by contacting us.</p> <p>A child's parent or legal guardian can request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short-term care by licensed providers for children up through age 12 - Crisis support for families - Information and referrals to additional community resources 		X			
Community OutPost	The Community OutPost team collaborates with residents, community groups, businesses to assess community needs; build and maintain relationships; and improve access to needed health, wellness, and other services. Mayo Ambulance, CentraCare Health, and Stearns County Social Services have designated space in the facility.		X		X	
DBlake Center	DBlake Center teaches our next generation of leaders, elevates our youth and honors grieving families through support and programming.	X	X		X	X
Fahan Organization	Fahan Organization empowers parents and youth to create a better future by fostering parent engagement and offering one-on-one mentorship. Fahan Organization strives to provide high quality education and resources that will equip our community with the tools they need to succeed in their academic and personal goals and achieve their full potential.		X	X	X	X

Feeding Area Children Together	FACT bridges the gap for students when not in school with additional access to food through FACT Packs sent home via time at school, FACT Pantries and Break Boxes.				X	
Fe y Justicia	We work to educate, train leaders and identify services necessary to community members throughout the counties of Central Minnesota		X			X
Girl Scouts of America	Girl Scouts offers hands-on, girl-led, girl-centered learning in STEM, the outdoors, and entrepreneurship, and abundant opportunities to develop invaluable life skills, and helps all girls take the lead early and often.			X	X	
Golden Gloves Boxing	Golden Gloves Gym provides Boxing workshops and training sessions that focus on developing participants' physical and mental stamina. Boxing can support mental wellbeing by developing internally the confidence, self-belief, motivation, discipline, emotional control and focus participants need to be successful outside the gym.				X	
Goodwill-Easter Seals	GESMN supports participants across the state as they prepare for work, move into employment, and achieve career advancements. Services are intentionally designed to address barriers to employment that participants face, while connecting them to compassionate staff who can support participants on their journey to employment.	X		X		
Gracie Jiu Jitsu	Gracie Jiu Jitsu creates a safe environment for people to learn self defense, stay in shape and become a more well rounded person.				X	
Great River Regional Library	Thirty-two branch libraries. Nearly 1 million books, CDs and DVDs and 250 public computers. One really great system providing materials, computers, programming and information services. This includes classes, training sessions, and beyond.	X	X	X	X	
Great River Children's Museum	GRCM shines a bright light on the power of play to spark children's learning, strengthen families, and build community connections. Its dynamic, interactive environments and experiences are a gateway to the world and its people for children and families of all backgrounds.		X			
GREAT Theatre	GREAT Theatre brings the community together through shared theatre experiences. We see our primary role as a door opener to the richness and growth that theatre can afford individuals, families	X		X	X	

	and communities, opening a dialogue that equips participants with action steps on other important (and sometimes overlooked) topics.					
Habitat for Humanity	Our School Build Program, Tiger Builds at Tech High School, gives high school students the opportunity to build a Habitat for Humanity house. Our goal with school builds is to continue to branch out with additional opportunities.	X		X		
Hands Across the World	HAW provides safe spaces for families to gather and share stories, assist families moving from settlement to integration, and provide educational opportunities for the whole family.	X	X	X	X	X
Help Me Grow	Provides a specialist for parents to speak to about their child's development from birth to three years of age.		X			
herARTS in Action	herARTS in Action provides programming to an equitable world through increased access and social justice with art. This is achieved by producing art, facilitating art experiences, and selling artwork that educates on global topics, creates social change, and funds sustainability projects globally and locally.	X			X	
Higher Works Collaborative (HWC)	HWC works to advance the lives and livelihoods of the African-American community in Central Minnesota. HWC takes a holistic approach to empowering individuals in the key areas of education, transportation, housing, employment, health and wellness, and the arts.	X	X	X	X	X
Hikmah Education Center	Hikmah Education Center is an Islamic organization located in SE St Cloud, Minnesota offering educational opportunities and homework help.	X	X			X
Hooyo Hour	About Hooyo Hour Organization Hooyo Hour Organization is a non-profit organization dedicated to uniting mothers and uplifting communities across Minnesota. Founded by Hodan A. Omar, our passionate Executive Director, Hooyo Hour Organization was born out of a vision to create a supportive network for mothers, fostering personal growth, educational excellence, and community strength.	X	X	X	X	X
Junior Achievement	Junior Achievement prepares young people with the skillset and mindset to build thriving communities. Through experiential learning focused on financial literacy, career readiness, and entrepreneurship, students build the skills required to succeed in today's dynamic world.	X		X	X	

ILT Academy	ILT Academy was built to support the underestimated innovators and founders by underestimated innovators and founders and provides opportunities to young people.			X		X
Islamic Center of St. Cloud	Islamic Center of St. Cloud provides after school tutoring and homework help for students with additional community partners and support.	X	X			X
Local Education Activities Foundation (LEAF)	LEAF is a fully independent, non-profit organization for the purpose of promoting and enhancing school-based, extra-curricular activities and educational opportunities in District 742. LEAF's endowment fund provides supplemental funding for academics, activities, arts and athletics in the district's schools.					
Lutheran Social Service - Children and Family Services	LSS provides a variety of family and social services, along with youth and young adult programming to support education, independence and resiliency.		X	X		
Meeting Points	The vision of Meeting Points is to support young people and families with education, mental health and experiences with a cultural lens.		X	X	X	X
Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid	Legal Aid has provides access to the legal system for Minnesota's most vulnerable citizens. We work with them to defend their basic rights for safety, shelter, food, health care, and education.		X			
Milestones	Milestones provides leadership and support for child care excellence. We offer guidance, support, expertise and resources to parents, grandparents, child care providers, early childhood educators and the community as a whole to ensure we make the best decisions about the young children in our lives.		X			
New Visions Foundation	New Vision Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to create pathways to success by motivating disadvantaged youth in Minnesota through coding and digital literacy classes.			X		X
No Limit Painting	No Limit Painting provides engaging art experiences for young people and families to support youth development, build confidence, and enrichment.		X		X	X
PAKRAT Program	The Summer Rotary Club/LEAF/District 742 PAKRAT Roll & Read Program provides a "library on wheels" during the summer months and serves as an extension of the school year PAKRAT program.	X	X			

Paramount Center for the Arts	Paramount Center for the Arts provides opportunities for artistic exploration, arts education and the enjoyment of arts and entertainment.					
Pathways 4 Youth	Pathways 4 Youth is a youth resource center for youth ages 16 through 24 experiencing or at risk of homelessness.				X	
Promise Neighborhood of Central Minnesota	PN provides year round academic programs for youth and resources and trainings for adults.	X	X	X	X	X
Reach-Up HeadStart	Provides Early Head Start and Head Start programs for pregnant woman and children ages (from birth-5 years of age). Available to eligible households in Benton, Sherburne and Stearns counties.	X	X			
Sanneh Foundation - Dreamline	The Sanneh Foundation empowers youth by supporting and promoting educational attainment through in-school and after-school support, improves lives by providing programs that strengthen physical health and social and emotional development, and unites communities by advancing diversity, equity, and community well-being.	X		X	X	X
SCRUBS Academy	Scrubs Academy creates and delivers a welcoming and engaging learning environment that cultivates a diverse population of students into devoted, professional, and compassionate Long Term Care healthcare workers.			X		
ServeMinnesota	ServeMinnesota's primary goal is to invest its AmeriCorps resources to catalyze positive social change in Minnesota. We align the power of AmeriCorps with successful strategies that provide cost-effective solutions and yield measurable results. We apply evidence-based practices and scale what works to increase our impact.	X				
St. Cloud Area School District	The St. Cloud Area School District is a state and nationally recognized leader in innovative education. St. Cloud Area School District 742 is the 17th largest school district in Minnesota serving a population of over 100,000 residents within 250 square miles throughout four counties.	X	X	X	X	
St. Cloud State University	St. Cloud State University (SCSU) serves more than 14,000 students in the greater St. Cloud area with expertise and high-quality educational opportunities. SCSU will provide hands-on and real world experience in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to 6-12 grade students at schools throughout central Minnesota.	X		X		

St. Cloud Technical and Community College	SCTCC has committed to meeting the needs of our community through its 90+ programs of study that closely match the types of jobs available in the area.	X		X		
St. John's University/St. Benedict's College	Saint Ben's and Saint John's share a unique partnership that presents unique possibilities. The faith, traditions and values of our community, plus the scope of our combined curriculum make this a place where Bennies and Johnnies don't just learn – they lead, they grow and they change.	X		X		
Too Much Talent	Too Much Talent helps to prepare youth and families to be the next generation of leaders by providing education, resources, and programming that assures every person reaches their potential and has access to pathways into prosperity.	X	X	X	X	X
Tri-Cap	Tri-County Action Program, Inc. (Tri-CAP) is the federally designated community action program for Benton, Sherburne and Stearns counties in central Minnesota		X			
The Village Family Services Center	The Village Family Service Center is to enhances the lives of those we serve. We strive to meet community needs and enhance overall well-being with innovative services and integrated care models.		X		X	
United Way of Central Minnesota	Through concerted efforts, we've strengthened our United approach and priorities to the specific areas of education, financial stability and health. We enable businesses, partner agencies and individuals to make an impact alongside our mission by offering many opportunities that appeal to a wide range of preferences and giving styles.	X	X	X	X	
University of Minnesota Extension	University of Minnesota Extension brings Minnesotans together to build a better future through University science-based knowledge, expertise and training.	X		X		
Yes Network	Yes Network strengthens communities by prioritizing the social emotional needs of children and families by implementing community-based programming and learning initiatives to ensure that every child, is given the opportunity to thrive.	X	X	X	X	
YMCA	The St. Cloud Area Family Y is dedicated to ensuring access to quality facilities and programs, regardless of a family or child's ability to pay.	X			X	
Youth Following Our Lead	Empowering young leaders, creating a better future together!	X	X	X	X	

Youth for Christ	At Youth For Christ we believe that every kid matters. Our programs are designed to create environments that nurture caring relationships and provide purpose.	X	X	X	X	
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Facilities

We also identified there is limited access to programming from a variety of these amazing community assets. Through intentional programming, identifying transportation and other barriers, and being able to support better access and opportunities to these programs along with strengthening center partnerships with assets and programs in the community that have expertise in their field.

In reviewing facilities, we identified the following.

Facility	Learning/ Meeting Space	Gym/Athletic Space	Kitchen Space	Performance/ Artistic Space	Other
Boy Scouts of America	X				
Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Minnesota	X	X	X	X	X
Center for African Immigrants and Refugees Organization	X				
CentraCare	X		X		X
Community OutPost	X		X		X
Golden Gloves Boxing		X			
Great River Regional Library	X		X		X
Great River Children's Museum	X			X	X
GREAT Theatre	X			X	X
Higher Works Collaborative (HWC)	X				X

Hikma Education Center	X				X
Islamic Center of St. Cloud	X	X	X	X	X
Paramount Center for the Arts	X			X	X
Promise Neighborhood of Central Minnesota	X	X			X
Sauk Rapids-Rice School District	X	X	X	X	X
St. Cloud Area School District	X	X	X	X	X
St. Cloud State University	X	X	X	X	X
St. Cloud Technical and Community College	X	X	X	X	X
St. John's University/St. Benedict's College	X	X	X	X	X
YMCA	X	X			X
Youth Following Our Lead	X				
Youth for Christ	X	X	X	X	X