



PARTNERS FOR SUCCESS[®]

stable families, thriving students



A lifeline for home and school

360 Communities founded Partners for Success[®] in 1992 with educators who identified that the struggles children faced at home limited their ability to learn.

Nearly 90% of a child's life is spent outside of school. A child's success in school depends on having stable social, emotional, and physical supports at home. Partners for Success[®] uniquely delivers this support. By partnering with educators, families, and the community, this program delivers the vital resources to promote learning that teachers and school staff cannot.

Partners for Success[®] works with K-12 families to:

- Increase household stability
- Build trust between families and educators
- Increase parent-student involvement
- Promote academic achievement

The cost-effective solution



Partners for Success[®] helps students graduate from high school every year. **Preventing just four students from dropping out generates social returns that far exceed the annual cost of the program!**¹

¹ University of Minnesota Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement, 2015



The challenge in front of us

In Dakota County, about 5,000 school-aged children live in poverty.² Imagine 100 school buses lined up, every seat filled with a child facing daily uncertainty. Students and their families are struggling with housing instability, health concerns, and hunger. The challenges are outpacing the educational resources needed to meet their needs. These students are at greater risk of falling behind, dropping out, and requiring far more costly interventions later in life.

14% of students - over 800 young adults - do not graduate from high school on time or at all each year. When students drop out of school, it limits their earning potential, making it harder to afford nutritious food, safe housing, healthcare, and other essentials that support a healthy life. Over time, this erodes not only their personal well-being but also the strength and sustainability of our community's workforce. **It does not have to be this way. With thoughtful investment and support, we can change the trajectory for each child ... and our community.**



² Minnesota Department of Education

³ Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis



Why invest in Partners for Success[®]?

Unaddressed challenges outside of school hinder a child's academic progress, increasing dropout risks, and delaying graduation. This affects the future workforce and leads to more costly support services later. Partners for Success[®] provides early intervention and prevention to reduce future costs and improve outcomes.

✓ Every dollar invested in Partners For Success[®] returns up to \$14.29 in social benefits, including increased future earnings, reduced public costs, and a stronger, more resilient community.⁴

⁴ University of Minnesota Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement, 2015

THRIVING STUDENTS



VIBRANT COMMUNITIES



THE RETURN FOR YOU

Investing in Partners for Success[®] today is also an investment in the future financial, physical, and emotional health of the community.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, a high school diploma means:

- Fewer chronic health conditions such as asthma, heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and more
- Improved mental health
- Increased life expectancy
- Increased employment opportunities
- Improved living conditions
- 24% more in lifetime earnings

When families have the support they need, kids do better.

And when kids do better, communities thrive!

Invest today at
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