

Partners for Success® Participant Survey Results

- 97% increased access to 360 Communities resources
- 98% said 360 Communities was responsive to their cultural needs
- 97% increased their knowledge of community resources
- 98% would recommend 360 Communities to someone they know

“Nuestro trabajador de apoyo familiar respondió muy rápidamente a nuestros mensajes y siempre estuvo dispuesto a ayudarnos”

“Our family support worker responded very quickly to our messages and was always willing to help us.”

— Partners for Success® parent participant

“I would like to recognize (my family support worker). This year has been extremely hard for me and my family. She was like an angel sent from above. She has helped us out so much. Taking off burdens from us, showing up with food and treats for my kids ... She has been in contact with me, asking how we are doing, wondering how else she can help ... literally going above and beyond.”

— Partners for Success® parent participant

“Solo darles las gracias por toda la ayuda que me brindaron en los momentos difíciles mil gracias.”

I just want to thank you for all the help you gave me during difficult times — a thousand thanks.”

— Partners for Success® parent participant



PARTNERS FOR SUCCESS® 360 Communities. Help in the moment. Hope for the future.

Stable families, thriving students.

During the 2025-2026 school year, Partners for Success® supported families and educators in 23 schools across five school districts in Dakota County. In partnership, they worked to implement effective home-based strategies that increased parental involvement, improved academic performance, and connected families to community resources.

2025-2026 IMPACT REPORT

Total numbers served program-wide:

- 2,863 Individuals
- 790 Families
- 1,394 Students



Founded by volunteers more than 50 years ago, 360 Communities is a growing and innovative nonprofit providing services to more than 26,000 people annually in over 30 locations in Dakota County, Minnesota. Holistic services include a network of five food shelves, two resource centers, a domestic and sexual violence shelter, and two programs that support school success from birth to high school graduation.



360 Communities® delivers safety and stability that improves lives.

We support individuals and families in Dakota County with:

- Healthy food
- Emergency financial assistance
- Housing stability
- Violence prevention and intervention
- Safe shelter
- Advocacy
- Healthy relationships
- Early childhood development
- School success
- High school graduation



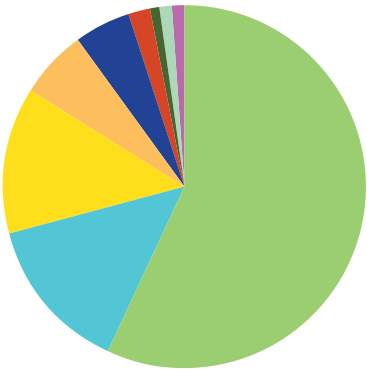
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37 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADUATED WITH SUPPORT FROM Partners for Success®

Program-Wide Race/Ethnicity Demographics

- Hispanic/Latino: 57%
- White Non-Latino/ Caucasian: 14%
- Black/African American: 13%
- Multi-Racial: 6%
- Unknown: 5%
- Asian: 2%
- African: 1%
- American Indian/ Alaskan Native: 1%
- Other: 1%



Preventing just FOUR students from dropping out of school creates social returns that pay for the entire program for a year.*

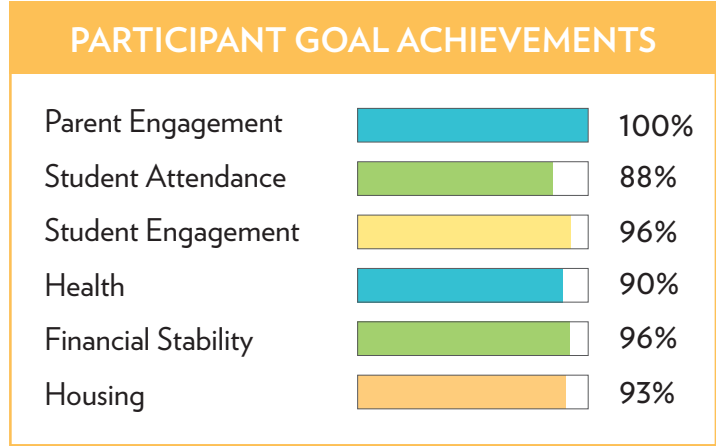
*University of Minnesota, CAREI study



A child’s success begins with a safe and stable home.

About 87% of a student’s life is spent outside of school. There are many challenges and barriers that can affect their ability to learn or attend school. Parents need a network of support and resources to ensure their students can arrive at school ready to learn.

Family support workers partner with school staff to identify students who are struggling academically. They assist families with basic needs such as food, housing, safety, community resources, and school supplies. They build trusting relationships with families, set goals with them, and provide ongoing support and follow-up to help them make progress toward their goals.



“Family support workers are so easy to talk to, kind, and understanding. There was a lot I didn’t know about community resources and they always point me in the right direction or even bring it to us!

I can’t believe how much our lives have turned around because of this program. Thank you so much!

— Partners for Success® parent participant

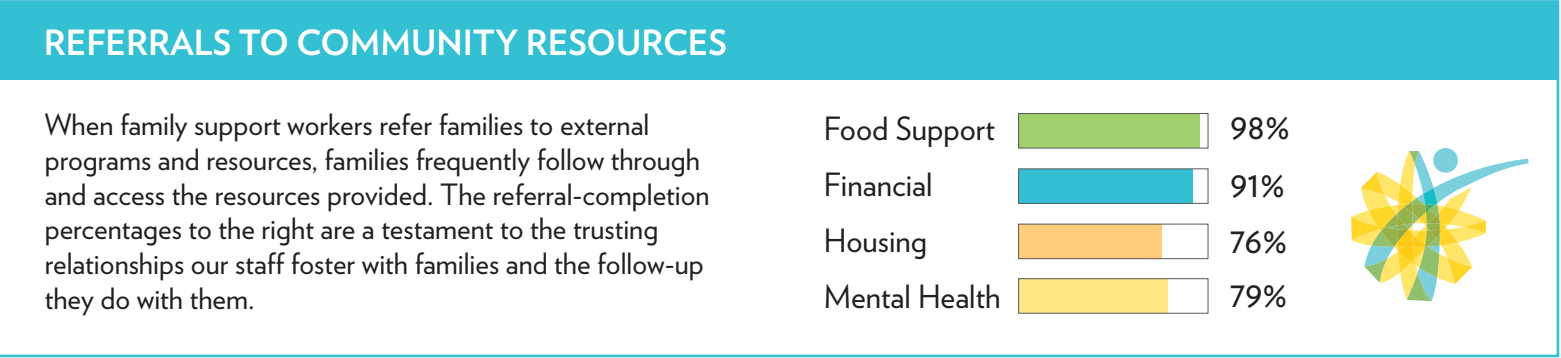
Read how our family support workers help students and families overcome barriers to school success:

Financial assistance, stable housing, and emotional support

Danielle is a single mom who moved back to Minnesota from Alabama in 2023 after unexpectedly losing her housing. She landed at her parents’ home with her eight-year-old daughter, Ellie. What was meant to be a short stop stretched to nearly three years. She and Ellie were allowed to sleep and shower there only, so they spent their days in libraries, parks, malls, and stores, and ate most meals at gas stations and grocery store cafes. Danielle worked, but with nowhere safe for her daughter after school, she could not put in enough hours to save up for her own place to live.

When I reconnected with Danielle in the fall of 2025, we came up with a long-term plan with specific goals. Danielle’s top priority was to work enough hours to afford her own home. Every step served that goal. We applied for cash assistance, childcare assistance, and county housing. Ellie qualified for McKinney-Vento status, a designation that protects students without stable housing and provides free transportation to and from school. With childcare handled, Danielle increased her work hours, and her income went up, which qualified her for the 360 Communities Housing for Success program.

Soon, Danielle reached the top of the county housing list with four places to choose from. She chose one and moved in with support from a Housing for Success navigator, who provided rental assistance covering the first month’s rent, last month’s rent, and the deposit. Donated furniture filled most of the apartment. Partners for Success was able to supply her with groceries, household and hygiene supplies. Danielle now has summer childcare in place so she can keep working. “I can’t believe how much our lives have turned around because of this program,” she said.



When family support workers refer families to external programs and resources, families frequently follow through and access the resources provided. The referral-completion percentages to the right are a testament to the trusting relationships our staff foster with families and the follow-up they do with them.

HOLISTIC SUPPORT SERVICES	
Internal Food Connecting to 360 Communities’ food shelf network for food and other resources	1,656 times for 298 clients
Resource Navigation Sharing requirements/procedures, helping clients find ways to reduce barriers	2,189 times for 599 clients
Tangibles School supplies, winter gear, personal care items, household goods, etc.	10,598 items for 519 clients
Sexual or Domestic Violence Intervention Support Service Connecting families to 360 Communities violence prevention services: shelter, support group, advocacy, etc.	20 times for 16 clients
Financial Assistance Connecting to financial aid to support household stability.	\$203,071 in support for 189 households
This data does not include the additional financial assistance provided through mutual aid and community organizing efforts in response to needs arising from Operation Metro Surge.	

Delivering tangibles and providing advocacy

Marisela and her family did not have access to transportation, so they couldn’t get to a food shelf. I offered to deliver food to their home along with household and hygiene items. During one of those visits, Marisela mentioned that her sixteen-year-old and six-year-old daughters were sharing a single twin bed. Within days, I located a twin mattress and brought it over so each girl had her own place to sleep. We applied to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and now the girls have volunteer-built bunk beds.

Marisela shared that abuse had taken place in the family. I connected her with a Lewis House advocate and referred one of the girls for counseling at school. This is an example of how meeting tangible needs first often supports trust and sharing.

Safe shelter, childcare, and transportation



In August, Mirna walked into my school’s open house in tears. She shared that her apartment was infested with mice and insects that were biting her three children, so the family had been sleeping in their car. I had worked with her a couple of years earlier, when the family first arrived in West St. Paul after fleeing domestic violence. Mirna had also just learned that her ex located her address despite a confidential address program. She was afraid to go back to the apartment. I opened my supply closet and had the family look through winter gear, clothing, backpacks, and hygiene items. All four left the open house with something of their own.

Her older children were enrolled in two different schools. Mirna and I teamed up with the family support worker from the second school and a Housing for Success navigator to brainstorm solutions for the family’s circumstances. The family’s income was too low to qualify for our Housing for Success program, so we pivoted to seeking space at a domestic violence shelter. Fortunately there was an immediate opening. We arranged school transportation from the shelter, stayed in close contact throughout the stay, and connected Mirna with a 360 Communities domestic violence advocate for additional support.

I spoke with a Dakota County county worker on Mirna’s behalf and learned that she was in danger of losing her unused child care scholarships. Mirna told me that she didn’t want to bring her youngest child to daycare, because the daycare was leaving her nonverbal three-year-old alone during the day. With the county worker’s help, we reported the facility to the state. I helped Mirna transfer her child care scholarships to a new provider and arranged transportation to the new daycare location.

With help from Esperanza United, Mirna found a new apartment near her children’s schools. When immigration enforcement came to her apartment building, I brought food. I stayed with Mirna through the fear.

I enrolled the family in 360 Communities’ Armful of Love holiday gift program and applied to Sleep in Heavenly Peace for beds for her children. The last piece was enrolling her youngest in preschool and connecting the new district’s special education team with his current case manager so his plan follows him.

By working with Partners for Success, Mirna rebuilt her family’s housing stability, ensured their safety, and set her kids up for school success moving forward.

