



REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

2017



**Northfield
PROMISE**

Every child. Cradle to career.

Our Promise

We want Northfield to be a place where every single child has the chance to be happy, healthy and well-educated. We'll achieve this by measuring what matters, identifying best practices and spreading what works.



A **Council of Champions** guides and advocates for Northfield Promise.



More than 150 **Community Members** volunteer their time with Northfield Promise. Everyone is encouraged to get involved.



Our backbone organization, **Northfield Healthy Community Initiative**, provides behind-the-scenes support to Northfield Promise, recruiting and organizing partners and staffing groups.



Experts on our **Data Team** focus on evaluation and data analysis and determine how to best measure and track benchmarks on the cradle-to-career continuum.

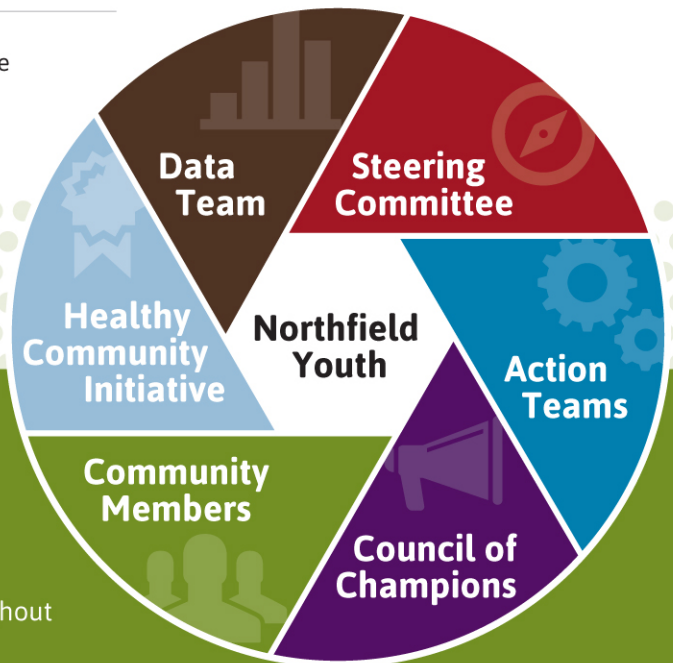


Collaboration and accountability are ensured by our **Steering Committee**.



Our **Action Teams** are passionate about helping kids.

We're connecting and aligning resources, programs and community members to collaborate toward measurable results in **10 benchmarks** throughout each child's life.



Year 2 Highlights

We are incredibly grateful to all the people and organizations who have contributed to make this a successful year.



One of five communities

in Minnesota selected for pilot "Educational Partnerships" funding from the Minnesota Legislature



TORCH recognized as one of 20 programs nationwide for its work in **closing the Latino graduation gap**



668 youth took part in programming at Greenvale Park Community School last year



Northfield's YouthBank is the first chapter nationwide to award **youth-led grants to youth-led initiatives**



Northfield, Faribault and Red Wing partnered together to receive **one of six Opportunity Reboot youth grants**

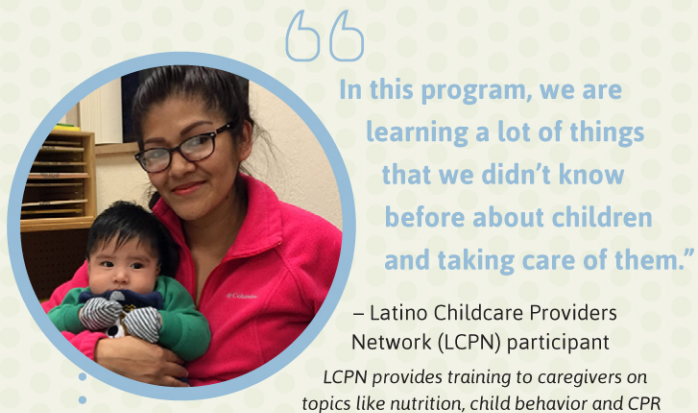
FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS



We, as a community, commit to working tirelessly to ensure that ALL Northfield children will:

10 BENCHMARKS

As we work toward 100 percent, here's where we stand.



“In this program, we are learning a lot of things that we didn't know before about children and taking care of them.”

— Latino Childcare Providers Network (LCPN) participant
LCPN provides training to caregivers on topics like nutrition, child behavior and CPR

Be ready for kindergarten



81% of incoming kindergartners were ready in reading on the state-approved kindergarten assessment

79% of incoming kindergartners were ready in math on the state-approved kindergarten assessment

Be at grade level in reading and math by the end of 3rd grade



60% of Northfield Public Schools 3rd graders achieved grade-level proficiency in reading

34% of low-income 3rd graders were proficient

Be at grade level in reading and math by the end of 6th grade

55% of Northfield Public Schools 6th graders scored at or above proficiency levels in math

20% of low-income 6th graders were proficient

Have interests, goals and a vision for the future by the end of 8th grade

95% of Northfield 8th graders have plans or ideas for what they want to do after high school



“It's so valuable getting to see the 'lightbulbs' go off in the minds of youth as they think about their future goals.”

— Sarah Schrader, RN, Allina Health
Helps to expose youth to healthcare careers

Graduate from high school with a plan to reach his/her full potential



91% of Northfield Public Schools students graduated in four years

81% of low-income students graduated in four years

BEYOND

NON-ACADEMIC



80% of non-low-income high school students reported they are involved in a sport, club or other group

52% of low-income students reported they are involved in a sport, club or other group

Report feeling connected and engaged in his/her high school and community

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It's important to let youth know that there are people who care for them and that it's OK to ask for help. Encouraging a positive mindset creates a path for success.”

— Maelynn Rosas, Tri-City Bridges to the Future mentor
Helps support youth who have dropped out of school or face risk factors



94% of Northfield youth in grades 5–6 reported having support from adults other than their parents

Have a connection with a caring adult beyond his/her parents as he/she transitions to middle school

“We hope to see students become aware of opportunities that exist for them in technical trades and connect their passions to success.”

— John Stenz, CEO of FORCE America
Helps to coordinate Business and Technical Trades Career Exploration Days and raise awareness about career opportunities to Northfield students



72% of Northfield's male high school students reported they feel good about themselves

51% of female students reported they feel good about themselves

Exhibit physical, social and emotional well-being in high school



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We hope to instill in our youth the idea of coming together and giving back. Even at a young age, youth can have a direct and positive impact by paying it forward to others.”

— Shari Sneary, Bridgewater Elementary PTO president
Helped coordinate the collection of over 2,400 books between the Northfield elementary schools and Northfield Promise



76% of Northfield 5th graders indicated having positive social and decision-making skills

Exhibit physical, social and emotional well-being in elementary school



ACADEMIC

EARLY CHILDHOOD

92% of incoming kindergartners participated in preschool and/or daycare

Be connected to the community during the early childhood years