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Juvenile Supervision Center

What is the Juvenile Supervision Center?

The Juvenile Supervision Center (JSC) is located in Minneapolis' City Hall. JSC provides a safe and supervised space for youth until they are returned to their home or school. JSC provides services and connections to resources that halt youth's progress into the juvenile justice system and increase connections to school and positive behaviors.

Who is served at JSC?

Youth ages 10-17 who have been picked up for truancy, curfew, or low level offenses (not requiring detention) by law enforcement in Hennepin County are brought to JSC.

What does The Link provide at JSC?

- 24/7/365 support and supervision
- Interviews and screening
- Services tailored to the unique needs of each individual youth
- Assistance to parents and guardians to involve them in meeting youth's needs
- Enriching and educational activities for youth
- Information on rights and responsibilities
- Aftercare services based on each youth's needs, including:
 - Limited Case Follow-up: Follow up with youth, parent/guardian within the first 24 hours of discharge from JSC
 - Case Coordination: Connections with other programs and services to ensure youth's and family's needs are met
 - Case Management: One-to-one support for youth and families who need additional services

What is the background of JSC?

JSC opened on January 7, 2008. The Link was chosen to be the service provider for JSC by the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County to develop an innovative plan to intervene in youth delinquency through a preventative and safe setting. JSC was developed to provide support and intervention to youth and families so youth attend school, avoid entering the criminal justice system, and are supported in achieving positive goals. The Link expects to serve over 3,000 youth per year at JSC.

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The Link's mission is to build a supportive community network that links youth and their families to their inner strength through life skills, education, advocacy, supportive housing, and a dynamic network of social services to transform lives.

Our Work

The Link provides in-home, in-school and in-community truancy and delinquency intervention services; family support; community outreach and trainings; affordable, supportive housing for youth; after-school and summer youth groups; and 24/7/365 support and intervention for the youth brought to the Juvenile Supervision Center.



Our Results

In 2007, The Link served a total of 849 youth, family members, and community members
341 youth improved their school attendance
346 youth improved their behavior at school and in the community
20 residents of Lindquist Apartments obtained a job, and 20 residents increased their education
The Link worked with 92 schools in Minneapolis to help our youth improve their attendance
25 gang-involved youth decreased or suspended gang activity
49 5th graders improved their grades and test scores in school
368 youth, family, and community members received resiliency training from The Link



Our History

The Link was founded in 1991 by two former Minnesota Vikings players in collaboration with Leonard Lindquist who shared a vision of bringing opportunity and positive relationships to disempowered youth living in impoverished neighborhoods. This grassroots initiative has since blossomed into an experienced youth service organization. Over the past 17 years, The Link has touched the lives of nearly 15,000 youth and their family members.



Our Philosophy

Through The Link's 17 years of experience in youth development services with those who have chronically been disempowered and involved in the juvenile justice system, we have recognized the unparalleled importance of working with youth using a strength-based perspective. We teach and model resiliency principles of the *Health Realization Community Empowerment Model* with the hope that The Link's participants will experience the internal change they need to be motivated to live successful, independent lives. When a youth connects to their underlying reservoir of strength and health, they begin to advocate for themselves. The Link has learned over the years that ALL youth want to achieve great things and are capable of doing so, regardless of their external situations. As such, our practice of working with youth using a strength-based perspective has resulted in a higher rate of increased attendance, life stability, and improved behavior.



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