



Project Potential: In-School Initiative

Olson Middle School, North Minneapolis

Ensuring that students recognize and use all of their personal strengths and develop their capacity to succeed

Two Project Potential Case Managers work within the Olson/Lind Upper & Lower Academy to address attendance and behavior issues of 5th and 6th grade students.

The Link's role in Olson Middle School is crucial. Students referred to our program are in the 5th grade, yet are reading at a 2nd grade level. Teachers are in need of our support so we can work closely with these students and their families to address the issues affecting the children's success in school.

In the Olson Middle School, The Link offers students one-on-one youth specific support and advocacy, tutoring, after school activities, mentoring, positive role modeling, and an eight-week curriculum for resiliency and overcoming challenges.

The Link also offers intensive in-home case management, parent support groups, and opportunities for community service projects and field trips.

Already in 2007, 55 students were served through our In-School Initiative.

Of the youth that needed improvement in the following areas;
88% improved school attendance and tardiness,
85% improved behavior in and out of school,
90% improved academic achievement,
91% improved relationships with teachers, and
89% improved engagement in school activities.

