

# THE PARTNERSHIP for youth & family wellbeing



The *Partnership for youth & family wellbeing* is for African American students who are experiencing academic crises. An academic crisis can include things like skipping school, failing classes, frequent detentions, receiving suspensions, frequent visits to the office or a time-out area, receiving academic and other school services in the home or an alternative setting, transitioning back to school from residential treatment, etc. The Partnership is a *voluntary* program that helps students experience success in school.

## The Service Model:

A student and their family will have up to three Family Partners: a Coordinator, a Youth Mentor and a Parent Peer Support Specialist. The Coordinator helps the family identify their concerns, needs, hopes dreams, strengths, and vision for the future. The Coordinator then helps the family form a team that will support them in developing and executing a plan to achieve their goals. Team members can include any positive people in the family's life including relatives, friends, faith community members, trusted professionals, and/or others. The family can also choose to add a Partnership Youth Mentor and/or a Partnership Parent Peer Support Specialist to their team. The Partnership Program values family voice and choice. It focuses on the things the student and family believe are important for success.

## More Information:

Call Corey Byrd, at 651-230-7757 or e-mail him at [cbyrd@thechangeinc.org](mailto:cbyrd@thechangeinc.org)

## Making a Referral:

Complete the referral form and a release of information and fax it to Corey Byrd, Director of Youth and Family Engagement at Change, Inc. Fax number: 651-290-2703.

## Eligibility:

1. African American children living in Ramsey County eligible to attend grades kindergarten through 12.
2. Experiencing an academic crisis.
3. Has symptoms that indicate a mental, behavioral, substance abuse, mood, anxiety, developmental, conduct, emotional or scholastic skills disorder.
4. At risk for out-of-home placement or returning from an out-of-home placement.
5. If student has had a CASII or Functional Assessment, the score was a four or higher.
6. Has been served by at least two of the following:
  - Special education /IEP or 504 Plan
  - mental health provider,
  - substance abuse provider,
  - medical provider,
  - developmental disabilities provider
  - juvenile services/court
  - child protection
  - family court
  - other
7. Has had at least two services from among the following types:
  - Mental health case management
  - Children's Therapeutic Services & Supports (CTSS)
  - Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility
  - Partial hospitalization for mental health
  - Chemical dependency treatment
  - Hospitalization for mental health
  - Eating disorder treatment
  - Medication Management
  - Residential treatment
  - School Interventions
  - Mental health therapy
  - Day treatment
  - Juvenile detention
  - Other

## Service Provider:

Change Inc. (formerly Guadalupe Alternative Programs).

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