

*Looking back at 2019 and looking ahead to 2020*

# NORTHFIELD youth first



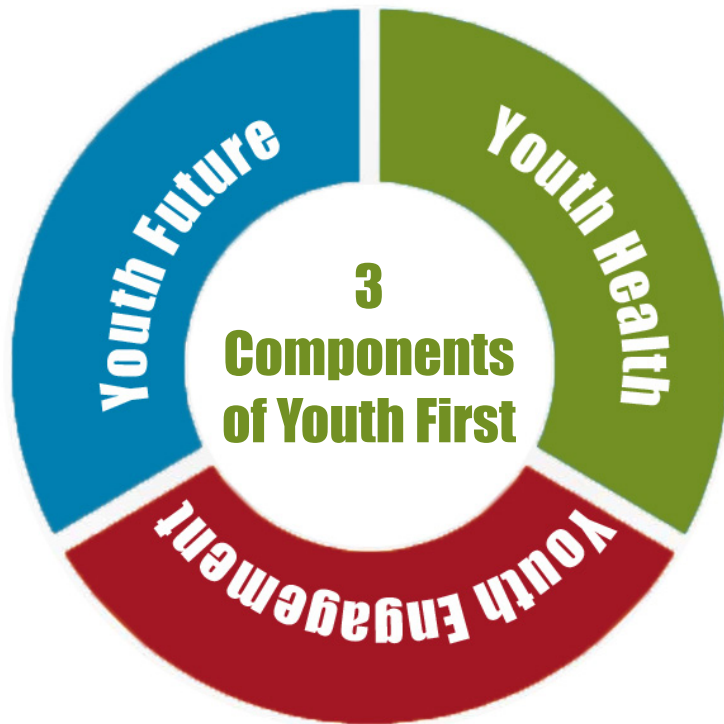
# What is Youthprise?



Founded in 2010 by the McKnight Foundation, Youthprise invests in the future of Minnesota by investing in youth. With a commitment to racial equity, it strives to shift the trajectory for underserved young people.

Guided by a strengths-based approach, Youthprise works to transform how funders, institutions, providers and communities work with youth.

Youthprise approached Northfield HCI and the City of Northfield in 2015 about launching a shared partnership.



# Why Northfield?

## Relationship

*Northfield has a strong, trusted relationship with Youthprise.*

## Leadership

*Northfield is seen as one of the leading communities in Minnesota for youth development efforts.*

## Results

*Exciting results have been achieved in the first 4 years of this partnership.*



# Looking Back

~ Results over the past year ~

## YOUTH ON BOARDS

**97** Northfield youth (unduplicated count) served on local boards and commissions this past year

**2014 - 2 boards**  
**2019 - 22 boards**

The Northfield Youth on Boards initiative was recently awarded a "Local Government Innovation Award" by the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs



## YOUTHBANK



- **9** grants awarded in the past year – totaling \$14,925 – to support youth-led efforts designed to meet local needs
- **100%** of the YouthBank team is comprised of local young people

Started in 2015, Northfield's chapter was the first YouthBank chapter in the United States to award grants



## NORTHFIELD ALLIANCE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

- Trained **309** local individuals this year to identify and respond to mental health concerns through evidence-based Youth and Adult Mental Health First Aid
- More than **125** substantial tips received this year through Tip 411
- Trained over **600** beverage servers in Rice County this year on safe serving practices in an effort to reduce youth alcohol use and keep our community safe from alcohol-related injuries or death
- Collected **27,730 pounds** of medication (program lifetime to-date) through the Take It To The Box program



## NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE COLLABORATIVE



Northfield Community College Collaborative (NCCC) launched in 2018

- **54** Northfield young adults took college classes through the NCCC
- **98%** are first-generation college attendees; **85%** are students of color
- **486** college credits earned



Presented on the Youth First model at state and national conferences

# Looking Ahead to 2020

## YOUTH ON BOARDS

Continue to support youth on at least 22 boards/commissions

- Continue to grow the diversity of the program
- Deepen relationships with adults working with youth on boards
- Grow the number of local nonprofits participating to 10 or more



## CAREER PATHWAYS

- Continued growth of the Northfield Community College Collaborative, supporting over 50 young adults in pursuing postsecondary education locally
- Continue Education Fellows Pilot for those interested in education careers
- Launch Public Sectors Fellows for those interested in careers in the public sector



## YOUTHBANK

- Award nearly \$15,000 in YouthBank grants to support youth-led efforts
- Hold workshop-type events to increase the number of students discussing issues and opportunities impacting their community



## NORTHFIELD ASAP

- Advocate for Tobacco 21 to be passed in Northfield and Rice County as a way to reduce youth vaping and tobacco use
- Increase mental health and crisis resources for non-English speaking and uninsured community members
- Better align strategies with community partners to address mental health across Rice County



*Thank you for your continued support of this partnership!*

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