

Project VOICE

Is a collaboration of community organizations, social service agencies, and local schools – working together to build a brighter future for African-American children in the Summit-University and Frogtown communities of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Project VOICE Mission

The mission of Project VOICE is to create an effective and seamless network of academic and social services dedicated to the elimination of education, health, and social development disparities of African American children and families.

Project VOICE Goals

To empower African American students to achieve and believe in themselves;

To reduce or eliminate the disparities in academic achievement, school discipline, out of home placement and juvenile detention for African American youth;

To strengthen the family unit through a network of services that address family needs;

To build on the assets of the Summit-University/Frogtown neighborhood by bridging service gaps and eliminating systems barriers;

To provide high-quality, culturally appropriate, respectful and friendly customer service.

Project VOICE Outcomes

Improve Child Safety
Improve School Success
Eliminate Systems Barriers for Families

THE PROJECT VOICE HUB

The Project VOICE Hub located within the historic Hallie Q. Brown Community Center is designed to bridge service gaps and eliminate systems barriers that prevent families from obtaining valuable information and services that will assist them in meeting their needs.

These services include:

Ramsey County Community Outreach Liaisons:

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Community Outreach Liaisons' helps:

- Apply for government benefits including health care, MFIP, Food Support, Child Care Assistance and Emergency Programs.
- Refers people to specific programs and/or agencies for service.
- Assist clients in making appointments and applications for services.
- Visit individuals and families in their homes when necessary to explain supportive services available to people in need of special assistance.
- Assist in resolving problems facing communities regarding health and social service issues.

Family Community Resource Center Information/Referral Specialist

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

The Information/Referral Specialist helps:

- Identify available housing resources
- Identify utility assistance programs.
- Refers families/individuals to local employment resources.
- Provides food shelf and clothing room referrals for families/individuals in need
- Provides emergency shelter referrals.
- Provides referrals to youth mentoring opportunities and services.
- Other available services are dependent upon the individual needs of the family/individual.

Ramsey County

Family Support Specialist:

Mon. PV Hub	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tues. Webster Elem.	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wed. Maxfield Elem.	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Thur. Ben E. Mayes Elem.	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Fri. PV Hub	8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Family Support Specialist helps clients:

- Provide early intervention services to students with identified attendance issues that could lead to educational neglect reports.
- Assist to navigate social service systems.
- Assists in protecting children in dangerous/life threatening situations
- Educates families and community about the wellbeing and permanency of our children.
- Refers families to other programs and resources as needed.

St. Paul - Ramsey County Public Health Nurse

Wednesday 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

The Public Health Nurse's (PHN) helps:

- Provide families with valuable information and medical services including:
- Assist clients in identifying primary care physicians
- Assist clients in identifying free medical services.
- Assist clients in identifying dental services.
- Provide information to families/individuals regarding child-teen check up, immunization and other related medical services.

***PROJECT VOICE
SERVICE PARTNERS***

Project KOFI
YWCA of St. Paul
NdCAD

(Network for the Development of Children of
African Descent)

Walker West Music Academy
Cultural Wellness Center

***PROJECT VOICE
ACADEMIC PARTNERS***

Benjamin E. Mays Elementary School
Museum Magnet Elementary School
Jackson Preparatory Magnet School
Maxfield Magnet Elementary School
Webster Magnet Elementary School

SUPPORT SERVICE PROVIDERS

Saint Paul/Ramsey County Public Health
Ramsey County Human Services
Ramsey County Sheriff's Department
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
Wilder Research
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
Children and Family Services
African-American
Leadership Council – Education Committee
Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
City of Saint Paul COPP Program

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community through action”

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