

City of Saint Paul

Compact Signing and Statement of Support for Saint Paul Children and Families

Background: The Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Board wants Saint Paul to be a city where all children learn, grow and thrive. The Saint Paul Collaborative Board is implementing the National League of Cities Youth Master Planning process to coordinate collective impact toward this vision. Each institutional partner (the City of Saint Paul, Ramsey County, the Saint Paul Public Schools and Community Action Partnership of Ramsey & Washington Counties) is signing a statement of support that is unique to the programs and services each provides to children and families in Saint Paul. Each institutional partner will also jointly sign the same compact. The National League of Cities recommends these jointly executed documents as part of the Youth Master Planning process as they send a strong message about our collective commitment.

The City of Saint Paul is one of the founding partners of the Saint Paul Children's Collaborative that was established in 2004. Prior to 2004, the City of Saint Paul was involved with the predecessor organization, the Children's Initiative.

We sign this statement of support today because we understand that our children's success is dependent, in part, on the city's efforts. The City of Saint Paul works to enhance our quality of life and knows that the health and well-being of children and families are paramount to this mission.

The City of Saint Paul agrees to continue to be an active collaborative partner on the Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Board and to support the work of the Saint Paul Youth Master Plan.

The City of Saint Paul is committed to working together to build strong communities and to emphasize prevention and outcomes.

The City of Saint Paul currently:

- **Supports lifelong learning** through its libraries, which provide reading, home work support, programs for learners of all ages from pre-school through adults, provide digital access and learning and promote the love of reading and learning.
- **Supports health and recreation** through its parks and recreation centers which offer sports, programs, picnic areas, exercise, free No School Day programs and more for all ages from pre-school to adult.
- **Promotes the extended learning day** by supporting the Sprockets out-of-school-time network that works to increase access to high quality after-school and summer learning for all youth and to improve the quality of youth programs.

- **Engages whole communities in change** by supporting the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood initiative, a cradle-to-career collaboration to improve the outcomes of all children in a 250-block area of Frogtown and Summit University neighborhoods that will provide strategies for scale up across the city.
- **Provides youth jobs** and pre-college/career readiness skills through our Youth Job Corps program.
- **Collaborates with the Saint Paul Public Schools, Ramsey County and community organizations** on many other educational initiatives including but not limited to the Summer Countdown summer learning initiative, Parent Academy and the Think Early College Fair.

Compact for Saint Paul Children and Youth

In keeping with the Collaborative Agreement entered into by the City of Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Saint Paul Public Schools and the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties in 2004, as well as the Statements of Support signed in 2012, we, the jurisdictional partners of the Saint Paul Youth Coordinating Board, are entering into the compact to:

1. Remain a committed and active partner in Saint Paul's Youth Master Plan. We support the common agenda and vision that Saint Paul is a city where children can learn, grow and thrive.
2. Use the shared indicators to collect data and measure progress toward our collective goals:
 - a. Children are ready for Kindergarten
 - b. Children are reading by third grade
 - c. Children have health care coverage
 - d. Children are connected to caring adults
 - e. Children are safe and free from child abuse and neglect
 - f. Children graduate from high school.
3. Use the Youth Master Plan and the shared indicators to support evidence-based decision-making, identify strategic interventions, coordinate legislative agendas and commit to joint advocacy.

Signed on _____, 2012 by:

For the City of Saint Paul

For Ramsey County

For the Saint Paul Public Schools

For the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey & Washington Counties