

NAZ Partner Overview



NAZ Direct Service Partner Designations

The Northside Achievement Zone collaboration includes two distinct types of partners directly serving kids and families who are enrolled in NAZ:

Anchor Partners are part of the Action Team learning communities and will:

- Actively use the NAZ Connect tool to enroll families and work collaboratively on Achievement Plans, using best-practice strategies identified through the “NAZ-Tested Seal of Effectiveness” process.
- Provide resource matches toward the Promise Neighborhood funding totaling over \$7 million. These matches represent services focused on the NAZ Continuum that are delivered to families in the Zone who will become NAZ-enrolled families.
- Have NAZ Connectors and Navigators assigned to or located onsite to ensure coordination and access.

As gaps in the Continuum are uncovered, additional partners bringing a commitment to proven practices may be identified to serve as Anchor Partners.

Referral Partners are part of the Action Team learning community and will:

- Utilize the NAZ Proven Practices to improve their own services generally in the Zone.
- Keep their opportunity information up to date in the NAZ Connect tool and prioritize enrolling NAZ families that are referred to them.

Referral Partners will *not* use NAZ Connect as a shared data and Achievement Planning tool with NAZ-enrolled families.

Note: NAZ has additional partners that do not directly serve families, but bring capacity to NAZ overall or to specific Action Areas. They are included at the end of this document and involved in areas such as evaluation, technical support, and bringing best-practice thinking in Action Areas.

Anchor Partners: Education Pipeline

All Education Pipeline Anchor partners have agreed to use academic support strategies identified through the NAZ-tested Seal of Effectiveness process and to coordinate services around family and student Achievement Plans through the NAZ Connect system.

Anchor Schools

Anchor Schools include “Target Schools” identified in the Promise Neighborhood proposal that have been participating in the NAZ Principal Learning Community since 2010 (with the exception of one that joined in early 2012).

- Ascension Catholic School
- Elizabeth Hall International Elementary School
- Seed Academy and Harvest Preparatory School
- Nellie Stone Johnson Elementary School
- North High School
- Patrick Henry High School
- PYC Arts & Technology High School
- Sojourner Truth Academy Elementary School
- W.I.S.E. Charter School

Early Childhood Anchors

The Early Childhood Anchors include high-quality early learning centers and early childhood support service partners who commit to the shared goal of ensuring all children enter kindergarten ready to learn.

- Bright Water Montessori School
- LaCreche Early Childhood Centers, Inc.
- Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery
- Minneapolis Public Schools Early Childhood Education
- Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency
- Northside Child Development Center
- The Family Partnership
- Think Small
- Way to Grow

Out-of-School Time (OST) and Mentoring

The OST Anchors focus on academic and college-readiness support for youth in after school and summer hours, including an arts-focused anchor. Mentoring Anchors implement best-practice community-based mentoring for NAZ-enrolled youth.

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities
- Bolder Options
- Juxtaposition Arts
- Kinship of Greater Minneapolis
- Patchwork Quilt
- Plymouth Christian Youth Center (PCYC)
- YMCA Nellie Stone Johnson Beacon

Anchor Partners: Whole-Family Wrap-Around Support

Whole-Family Wrap-Around support partners have agreed to work with the Engagement Team to identify needs, prioritize supporting stability with NAZ-enrolled families so that NAZ children can show up ready to learn; and to coordinate services in Achievement Plans by using the shared NAZ Connect data and planning system.

Behavioral Health

Behavioral Health Anchors have agreed to train and support the NAZ Engagement Team in their identification of family behavioral health needs; and to facilitate connecting families to key services.

- The Family Partnership
- NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center
- Washburn Center for Children

Housing

Housing Anchors have demonstrated commitments without new resources to stabilize housing highly-mobile NAZ pilot families. They are currently leading a process to create an integrated system for scaling-up this support in the Zone.

- Minneapolis Public Housing Authority
- Project for Pride in Living (PPL)
- Urban Homeworks

Career & Finance

Career and Financial Pathways Anchors are coordinating career support for parents within the context of the overall family Achievement Plan in the NAZ Connect tool.

- Emerge Community Development
- Twin Cities RISE!

Referral Partners: Education Pipeline & Whole-Family Wrap-Around Support

Referral partners are participants in the Education Pipeline and Whole-Family Action Team learning communities; they have completed an organizational resource profile in NAZ Connect; and they have expressed a willingness to learn from the family engagement process and the NAZ-Tested Seal of Effectiveness findings.

Early Childhood

- New Horizon Academy
- PICA HeadStart
- Phyllis Wheatley Community Center

Out-of-School Time referral partners include a youth-enrichment focus beyond our academic-focused Anchor Partners. A common factor across all anchor and referral partners is a commitment to support college-readiness skills and beliefs in youth in the Zone.

Out-of-School Time

- Athletes Committed to Educating Students (ACES)
- Beyond Walls
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities
- Bright Water Montessori
- Girl Scouts of Minnesota & Wisconsin River Valleys
- Hospitality House
- Minneapolis Beacons Network
- Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board
- North Community YMCA
- Phyllis Wheatley Community Center
- Pillsbury United Communities—Oak Park Center
- Project for Pride in Living (PPL)
- Sojourner Truth Academy Elementary School
- YWCA of Minneapolis

Housing

- Alliance Housing Inc. (AHI)
- City of Lakes Community Land Trust
- CommonBond
- Families Moving Forward
- Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis
- Northside Home Fund
- Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS)
- PRG
- Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

Career & Finance

- Minneapolis Adult Education
- Build Wealth MN, Inc.
- Cookie Cart
- Minnesota Literacy Council

Health

- Broadway Family Medicine Clinic
- Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency (MVNA)
- Neighborhood Health Source - Fremont Clinic
- NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center

Additional Partners (not providing direct service)

Internal Evaluation, External Evaluation, Data Systems

- Internal Evaluation: University of Minnesota Center for Early Education Department
- External Evaluation: Wilder Research
- Data System: Community Collaborations Inc.

Organizations on Action Teams or in partnership with NAZ to provide capacity or other support

- Greater Twin Cities United Way
- Children's Defense Fund
- City of Minneapolis
- Hennepin County
- Hennepin County Libraries—North Regional Library
- HousingLink
- Jewish Community Action
- Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota
- Minneapolis Public Schools (Community Education & ALC/CBO)
- Minneapolis Urban League
- Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board
- Minnesota Department of Education
- Minnesota Reading Corps
- Oasis of Love, Inc.
- Parents as Teachers
- Shiloh Temple
- University of Minnesota Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC)
- Youth Community Connections

Arts & Humanities Partners (implementing art programs)

- Camden Music School
- Capri Theater
- Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts
- FLOW
- Minnesota Children's Museum
- Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA)