A COLLABORATIVE MOVEMENT

Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ) is a growing collaborative movement to change the trajectory of North Minneapolis.

We exist to permanently close the opportunity gap in education and end multigenerational poverty.

OUR APPROACH

3,579 NORTHSIDERS

Northsiders are leading themselves out of poverty. We partner with parents and scholars to overcome the racial and income gaps in housing, employment, healthcare, early childhood, and K-12 education.

40+ PARTNERS

Aligned to support the same group of parents and children.

We are a collaborative of 33 Northside community-based organizations and 8 schools providing a critical component of family support, and making measurable change.

CUSTOMIZED SUPPORTS

Families are surrounded by a team.

Trained coaches, many from the Northside, provide connections each family needs to reach their goals.

2 GENERATIONS

Two generations succeeding.

- Children building academic goals and supported in and out of school.
- Parents advocating for children, starting at birth.

1 DATABASE

Sharing a single source of info.

We constantly measure and share outcomes to ensure we’re building the most effective systems of support.

THE NAZ MODEL

NAZ IS WORKING

This was the first year we were able to track scholars in NAZ strategies for 3+ years. The results show that scholars are three times more proficient in math and reading in year three than in year one.

1163 FAMILIES 2416 CHILDREN

PROFICIENCY RATES RISE WITH LENGTH OF PARTICIPATION

Scholars in academic strategies are more likely to be proficient with longer participation.

MULTIPLE LAYER ARE YIELDING RESULTS

NAZ scholars in academic strategies one school year or more are significantly outperforming other comparable Northside students on MCA math — third through eighth grade.

2X PROFICIENT

NAZ scholars are twice as likely to be proficient in math with two layers of support, compared to none.
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- Stabilized housing with support from NAZ partner Urban HomeWorks
- Washburn Center for Children therapist provides family counseling
- Enrolled in her grandchildren in Ascension Catholic School, a NAZ anchor, where scholars meet with their coach up to three times per week
- Accessed high-quality, out-of-school time learning opportunities through NAZ partner Reading Partners, and NAZ-run after-school programs at her scholar’s anchor school Ascencion Catholic School
- Connected with a NAZ Career and Finance Specialist at NAZ Partner, EMERGE Community Development, to achieve financial stability

Rhonda’s NAZ team created a network across our partners to address every challenge she’s faced. Rhonda adopted three of her grandchildren and has worked with eight anchor partners to create a thriving home that emphasizes academics. All three of her grandchildren are working hard at school with help from OST programs and NAZ Family Achievement Coach support. With the support she’s received now Rhonda and her grandchildren have the space to dream big.

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INVESTING IN THE NORTHSIDE
There is a $6 return for every $1 invested in NAZ, according to a recent Wilder Research study. Economic benefits include:

- Increased lifetime earnings
- Better health
- Higher tax revenues
- Savings to the welfare system

An investment in NAZ represents a net-cost savings to taxpayers.