



Northwest Family Resource Collaborative

2021 Community Impact Report

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello colleagues and friends,

Our organization will celebrate 25 years of providing resources to families in 2022. Looking back over the past year, the second year of the COVID pandemic, staff and families are enduring the **new normal**. When crises occur, demand for our services increase.

To meet increasing demands for services, programming in 2021 focused on **strengthening relationships** with families, staff, and schools. Our teams looked outward as we built **partnerships** with Hennepin County government, YMCA of the North, and Maple Grove Hospital/North Memorial Health Hospital foundation.

- ⇒ In May 2021, staff connected with Hennepin **County Commissioners Lunde** and **Anderson** to brief them on the current and growing needs in the Northwest Family Resource Collaborative service region.
- ⇒ In June, we completed Year 1 of the Lunch N Learn speaker series after hosting five terrific **speakers**, 60+ participants, and much public health idea sharing.
- ⇒ In July, we connected with Hennepin **County Commissioner Fernando** and expressed the need for **expanding immunization clinic hours** at the Northwest Immunization Clinic. She offered to work on our behalf and we are grateful.
- ⇒ In August, we **partnered** with a hospital foundation to sponsor back to school Family Advocate services for housing stability, family basic needs, and family chemical dependency resources.
- ⇒ In September, we received the 2021 Hennepin County CHIP **competitive grant for evaluation services** for our *100 Cups of Coffee* interviews with community stakeholders.
- ⇒ Beginning in November, the **Community Resiliency Task Force** began talking with community members about values, challenges, community connections, and well-being opportunities. The results of the interviews were [presented](#) in early 2022.
- ⇒ In December, we held our first annual **staff appreciation** holiday party with pizza and a dice game gift exchange. Fun was had by all. Plus, staff learn about each department's work.

VISION

We believe children, youth, and families have the right to flourish in school, home, and community.



MISSION

Grounded in equity, our mission is to strengthen collaboration that leads children, youth, and families in living full, healthy lives.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Equity
Well-being
Collaboration

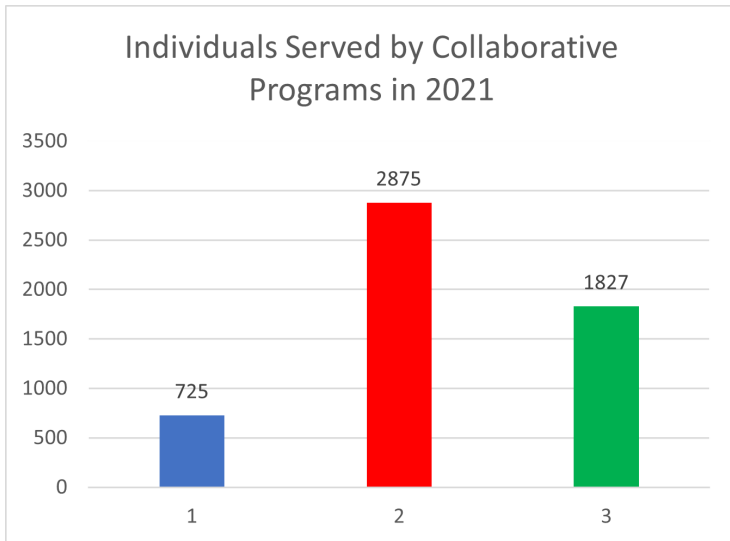


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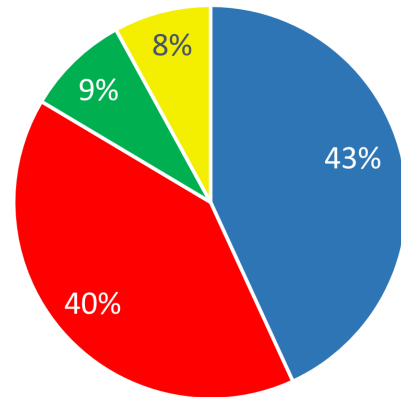


On this page, you see the outcomes of **financial investments** in Northwest Family Resource Collaborative's family stability services. Staff logged over **5,400 visits** from children, youth, and families in 2021, an increase of 800 visits. Please join me in extending gratitude to our staff and direct service providers.

Rachel Harris, MA, Executive Director



2021 NWFRC Spending Categories



Minnesota State Family Service Collaborative Priorities

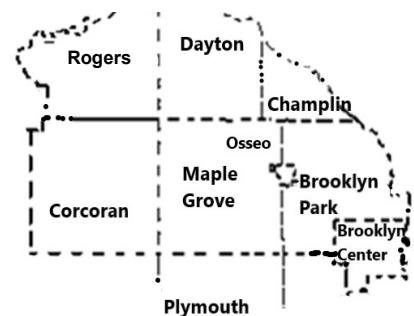
- Priority 1 - Promote mental health & well-being of children, youth & young adults*
- Priority 2 - Support healthy growth & social emotional development of children, youth & young adults
- Priority 3 - Strengthen resilience & protective factors of families, schools & communities

*Measured by individual visits

- Family School Coordinator middle school mental health
- Northwest Immunization Clinic, Brooklyn Center Community Schools health resource center
- Regional family advocate
- Community resiliency, education series, and system change, plus administration (10%)

NWFRC staff are ready to serve community members living in these cities by offering:

- Free or reduced-cost immunizations
- Free family advocate services
- Free middle school mental health visits
- Free or reduced cost Brooklyn Center health resource center services



Please visit www.nwhfsc.org to learn how to access these services.