

**Juvenile Justice Reentry Education Program:
Opening Doors to College and Careers through Career and Technical Education**

Project Abstract

**ISD #625, Saint Paul Public Schools
Saint Paul, Minnesota**

ISD #625, Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) will implement the Saint Paul Juvenile Justice Reentry Program (SPJJRP) to serve youth residing in two youth residential facilities, Boys Totem Town and the Juvenile Detention Center. The project aims to align multiple agencies to create and support a career pathway specific to the needs of justice-involved youth in Ramsey County, Minnesota. SPPS intends to serve an estimated 500 students over a three-year period.

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) program to be offered at Boys Totem Town focuses on Construction Trades and includes certifications in OSHA 10, PRO 10, and a Work Readiness Credential. Post-release, Saint Paul College will offer an introduction to various trades through a Saturday Trades Program. Participants also will be provided opportunities for further career exploration, work experiences, and job placement through Ramsey County Workforce Solutions, the local workforce development agency.

Support services include guidance and career counseling in both facilities in person and using the Naviance software platform used by SPPS to provide students with college planning and career assessment tools, as well as one-to-one mentoring and transition support provided by two dedicated career “navigators” post-release. The project also intends to create an Alternative Learning Center Academy with dual enrollment options to enable reentering students to get back on track towards graduation and achievement of their career goals.

Project partners include:

- Saint Paul Public Schools;
- Ramsey County Community Corrections-Juvenile Division;
- Ramsey County Workforce Solutions; and
- Saint Paul College.