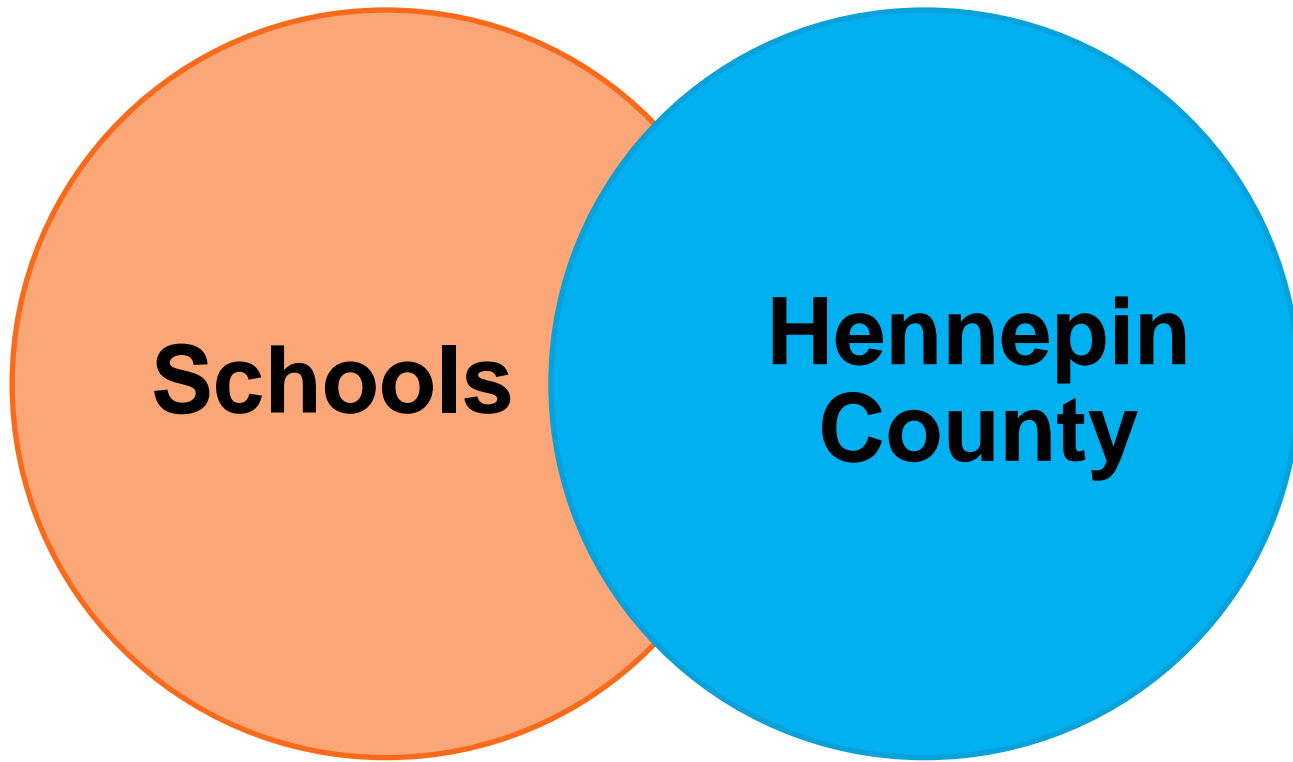




**COUNTY/SCHOOLS
SHARED SOCIAL WORK
PROJECT**

WHO ARE WE?



OUR PROJECT CHAMPIONS ARE...

- **Hennepin County Board of Commissioners**
- **Superintendents of 17 school districts that are within Hennepin County**

OUR PROJECT SPONSORS ARE...

- **Intermediate District 287**
- **Human Service and Public Health Department (HSPHD)**

OTHER SIGNIFICANT PARTNERSHIPS

- **Hennepin County Attorney's Office**
- **Hennepin County Department of Juvenile Corrections**

HISTORY

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HISTORY

2006
Hennepin
Co. ID'd
drop out
rate



2009 A-
GRAD
adopted



2010
Hennepin
Co. &
schools
ID'd joint
effort



2011
reached
resolution



July
18,
2011
project
began!



WHAT IS A-GRAD?

A-GRAD is Accelerating Graduation by Reducing Achievement Disparities.

A-GRAD is Hennepin County's commitment to setting policy and making an investment to ensure youth graduate from high school.

WHY DID THIS START?

- **To avoid duplication**
- **To close gaps**

WHO ARE YOU?

- How many of you have worked in the county system?
- How many of you have worked in a school system?
- How many of you have had to work with the other system?
- Can any of you give us a one word summation of how that worked?

WHY?

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SOME OF THE PROBLEMS...

- **Each school district is set up differently.**
- **Who to contact is confusing.**
-counselor, secretary, social worker, assistant principal, nurse
- **Answers in the county could vary by who answers the phone.**

SOME OF THE PROBLEMS...

- **School social workers have called the county to be told they are not located in Hennepin County... when they in fact are.**
- **Some school social workers are unclear about their role in the Child Protection process.**

SOME OF THE PROBLEMS...

- **County workers may not be invited to school meetings in a timely manner, yet expected to do something as a result of a meeting they couldn't attend.**

SOME OF THE PROBLEMS...

- **County workers and school social workers both may feel put on the spot to come up with resources that no longer exist in the other system.**

WHAT DO WE DO?

- **Provide case consultation**
- **Remove barriers in multiple systems**
- **Cross-train**
- **Assist with connecting school / county systems**

WHAT WE DON'T DO

- **Case management**
- **Assign social workers to one area, unit or school**

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE:

- **Listening to you**
- **Gathering your valuable input**
- **Designing the project around your needs**
- **Using your feedback to drive change**

HOW?

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THE PLAN

Overall project goals :

- 1)increase collaboration between systems**
- 2)increase attendance, achievement, and graduation among Hennepin County youth**

Objectives to meet the overall goals:

- 1) improve access to education and social service supports and programs**
- 2)build capacity among system users**
- 3) make systems change recommendations**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

Give us:

- your ideas
- your contributions

Look at the FAQs: See what we're up to! What kinds of questions/issues are we getting and what answers are we finding?

Visit the links. We will be adding information as we find it!

www.district287.org/sharedsocialworkproject

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