



Superintendent Update September 23, 2024

Enrollment Projections

Grade Level	Resident	Open Enroll	Placements	09-20-2024	School
12	111	31	(20)	133	High School 614
11	151	31		176	
10	113	22		131	
9	150	25		174	
8	123	33	0	156	Middle School 482
7	137	31		168	
6	131	27		158	
5	123	29	(2)	151	Bear Cave Intermediate 436
4	120	31		151	
3	101	34		134	
2	118	32	0	150	Bonner Elementary 412
1	105	25		130	
Kindergarten	98	34		132	
Total	1581	385	(22)	1944	

BRIDGE Collaborative

The Minnesota Legislature established Children's Mental Health Collaboratives and Family Services Collaborative in 1993 as an innovative approach to address the needs of children and youth who face complex problems involving them and their families with multiple service systems.

- The Olmsted County BRIDGE (Building Resilience in Development, Growth, and Education) Collaborative is one of 90 Children's Mental Health and Family Services Collaboratives currently in Minnesota.
- Each Collaborative is made up of at least 6 partner agencies including a Public Health entity, School Districts, Corrections, Head Start Agency, Mental Health Agency, a Community Action Program and Social Services.
- Collaboratives are beneficial in improving communication and coordination between providers county-wide, providing the ability to generate funding through the Local Collaborative Time Study (LCTS), and providing the ability to fund additional programming for children and families in Olmsted County.

The mission of the Olmsted County BRIDGE Collaborative is to foster communication, cooperation and long-term vision building and planning among stakeholders to better serve the needs of children and families in Olmsted County, Minnesota.

Goals

- Promote Mental Health & Well-Being of Children, Youth and Young Adults
- Support Healthy Growth and Emotional Development of Children, Youth and Young Adults
- Strengthen Resilience and Protective Factors of Families, Schools and Communities

Accessing Funding

The Olmsted County BRIDGE Collaborative considers requests for funding projects designed to meet the needs of children and families in Olmsted County. Funding is requested through an online application process and is accepted anytime during the year.

Collaborative grants are meant to provide funding for new, unique or one-time programs or services. Funds are not accessible when other monies are available to fund a project or when the activity is something the requesting agency would normally be expected to do.

It is our goal to meet the needs of children and families in as flexible a manner as possible. However, given the current limitation of LCTS funds, grants will be considered within the following guidelines:

- The project must be focused on a clearly defined target population of children, youth, and/or family members who are at risk, impacted by mental health issues, or underprivileged.
- Food costs will be considered only for activities where a meal or snack is essential to the implementation of the program.
- Requests for funding capital expenses will not be considered.

Recent Projects Funded for Stewartville

- The Tiger Charge for The Tiger DEN Project
 - \$26,000 was awarded to the Tiger DEN project to provide immediate, short-term financial support to the increasing number of Stewartville families experiencing homelessness.
 - The funding will offer stability during a time of crisis, preventing families from falling deeper into poverty, experiencing prolonged homelessness, or facing unsafe living conditions. This support ensures that families can focus on long-term solutions like securing employment, education, and permanent housing, without the stress of being completely without resources during the interim.
- Tiger Time for After School Transportation
 - \$10,150 was awarded to increase capacity and access to after school care for children attending Bear Cave Intermediate School.
 - The funds will be used to provide transportation for children from Bear Cave Intermediate to Bonner Elementary, which will allow access to childcare for children in grades 3 through 5 to continue throughout the school year.