



programs education and enrichment alternative senior high school

is an accredited, comprehensive diploma program emphasizing the acquisition of strong basic and academic skills as well as development of artistic, cultural and recreational strengths and interests. GAP offers at-risk adolescents a safe, structured environment in which to learn and grow. Students take six classes daily and participate in enrichment activities after school and during the summer months. Transportation to and from school is provided as is breakfast, lunch and snack.

adult and bilingual education program

is targeted for Spanish-speaking youth and adults; however all language groups are welcome. Five levels of English as a Second Language, GED preparation in Spanish, literary classes in Spanish and bilingual education in all economic areas are offered year-round. Social support services are offered as well as referral for citizenship and immigration services. Technology classes increase the employability of our students. Childcare is provided.

mental health and student support services

provides comprehensive counseling and support services for all of GAP'S students. A Mental Health in Schools project also provides these services for students attending charter schools and area learning centers in St. Paul. These services are designed to remove barriers to school success and to help students reach their full potential. GAP'S Youth and Family Services is led by a culturally competent staff of degreed and licensed mental health professionals and practitioners as well as street-savvy youth-work specialists.

A Cultural and Community Supports project provides social and cultural supports for GAP students and their families as well as for the wider community. Activities such as an annual pow-wow, use of sweat lodge and other ceremonies, Midé Family Nights, observance of Dias de los Muertos and celebration of Cinco de Mayo are a few of the connections made to culture and community.

employment and training

GAP students/trainees are provided a continuum of developmentally appropriate activities focused on developing job and career awareness and readiness. Seventh and eighth grade students explore career and interest areas. Ninth and tenth grade students take career and job interest assessments and have opportunities to job shadow. Eleventh and twelfth grade students are provided intensive services designed to transition them to post-secondary education/training or full-time employment upon graduation. Young adults, ages 19-24 are provided intensive training program to help them prepare for their GED or High School diploma and they will develop work experience and can earn industry recognized certification in both construction and information technology.

youthbuild: As a national partner affiliate of YouthBuild USA and a member of the Minnesota YouthBuild Coalition, GAP's YouthBuild program provides young people ages 17-24 with opportunities to develop occupational skills in the areas of carpentry/construction and information technology. Additionally, YouthBuild/AmeriCorp Education Awards provide selected participants with resources to assist in paying for post-secondary education and training.

y.a.l.e.: (youth adults learning and earning) program is an intensive training program designed to help young adults ages 19-24 obtain a High School diploma or GED, industry recognized certificates and job placement support involving 4 phases:

Phase 1: Basic Skills Education & Training— resulting in a high school diploma or GED, National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) training, Life Skills, Job Readiness training and WorkKeys assessment which may result in a Career Readiness Certification

Phase 2: Hands on training— in Green Construction Practice, Carpentry and C-Tech Low Voltage Installer

Phase 3: Job Search and Placement— Meet one-on-one with Counselor, group meetings with a Career Pathways Developer and support for job interviews and placement

Phase 4: Job Keeping Support— Ongoing monthly job keeping support for 6-months following job placement

Participants may also receive support services: daily breakfast/lunch, counseling, literacy assistance and special education.

In addition, some participants who complete several hours of service and training will earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award toward post-secondary education.

To be considered for Y.A.L.E. you MUST:

- Be 19-24 years of age and have NOT graduated from high school
- Live in St. Paul or Minneapolis, MN
- Have completed a Y.A.L.E. assessment
- Offenders welcome (with exception of sexual offenses)

Call **651-222-0757** to set-up an interview. Applicants will be accepted twice a year.