Who we are, what we do...

- **Backbone intermediary** organization supporting youth efforts in Northfield & Faribault
- Lead collective impact **cradle-to-career efforts**
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- Identify needs & pull partners together to address them through a **systems approach**
- Stakeholder convening, data tracking, evaluation, grant writing, coordination, etc.
- **Align efforts**
Our Approach...

Pledge:

100% CONNECTED
Hub for internet access & online support – one-stop shop

Bundle resources (technology & financial)
  - Hotspots from school districts & community partners + Charter access (early childhood → college)
  - Computers & Chromebooks for those outside K-12 (early childhood, Adult Basic Education, college students now studying virtually)
  - COVID-related funding (City, School & County), local donations, ConnectedMN, grants for staffing
Bilingual (English & Spanish or Somali) outreach staff

Unlimited data options
Numbers Served...

Internet access to 514 students (approx. 84% in K – 12)

76 devices to early childhood, Adult Basic Education & postsecondary students
Modified Model Moving Forward

- HCI maintains the hub and data systems – part-time coordinator manages
- Trained key program advocates to work with families
- School district resources to help with tech
- K-12 internet funded through the FCC’s Emergency Connectivity Fund

Moving forward