## Resource List

# The Link

#### Mission Statement

- The Link was founded in 1991 by two local Black leaders and former Minnesota Vikings Players, Jim Marshall and Oscar Reed to help youth on the Northside of Minneapolis who were struggling with poverty, homelessness, getting victimized by crime or recruited into criminal activity. The two leaders started the organization in a very community grounded way with a philosophy of doing "whatever it took" to help young people on the Northside.

#### Resource Services

- Housing and Services: The Link has thirteen housing programs. Three of the programs are culturally specific with one for African American youth, one for LGBTQ youth and one for young families.
- Youth Advocacy: We operate six programs that provide community based service for youth involved in the juvenile justice system due to past and/or current trauma, economic inequalities, racism and other forms of oppression.
- Safe Harbor: The Link's Safe Harbor Programs are in partnership with the state of Minnesota Safe Harbor/No Wrong Door Response. All are grounded in the best practices for working with sexually exploited youth, including trauma informed care, harm reduction, positive youth

development, victim-survivor-leader model and culturally inclusive services.

### Access

Eligibility Guidelines: none

Appointment Necessary: n/a

Fee: free

Insurance: n/a

**Notes:** 

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