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**It Takes A Community...**

**CHISHOLM  
KIDS PLUS**

To Whom It May Concern:

Chisholm KIDS PLUS has been a recipient of the Youth Intervention Program grant since 2016. The Youth Intervention Program grant funding is crucial to our organization and allows us to offer substance abuse prevention programming to at-risk youth in Chisholm. Our organization has been working with youth and their families in Chisholm since 1998. Our YIP program funds comprehensive prevention education to all of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as well as supports our Youth Leadership initiative that brings prevention efforts to the school and community. Our community is very rural with high rates of youth substance abuse according to survey data. Resources in our community are very limited and the Youth Intervention Program grant has allowed us to fill a gap in the needs of our community. Without the YIP funding we would not have the adequate resources to support these youth and their families by offering education, intervention, and pro-social support. Our programs have been shown to delay the age of onset, decrease truancy, increase attendance, and lower the risk of 30 day substance use among participants. These services that YIP funding has provided to our organization is making a huge difference in the lives of young people in Chisholm.

Sincerely,

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