

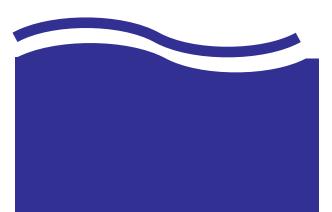
# Community Collaborative

In order for wRight Choice to be successful, a community collaborative has been established between Wright County Court Services and the following participating school districts:

- Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose
- Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted
- Maple Lake
- Monticello
- St. Michael-Albertville
- Big Lake (Sherburne County)

Other wRight Choice partners include:

- Wright County Commissioners
- Wright County Human Services
- Wright County Public Health
- Buffalo Police Department
- Wright County Sheriff Department
- Central Minnesota Mental Health Services



wRight Choice Contacts

www.bhmschools.org/wright-choice

Nate Hanson, wRight Choice Teacher nhanson@bhmschools.org Office: 763-684-2395 Cell: 763-688-4012

### Raquel Groetken, wRight Choice ESP 763-684-2395 rgroetken@bhmschools.org

Buffalo High School 763-682-8100

#### Wright County Court Services Juvenile Division 763-682-7308

Wright County Truancy Officer 763-682-8925

Wright County Justice Center 3700 Braddock Ave. NE, Buffalo, MN 55313 www.co.wright.mn.us





An alternative to suspension for students in grades 6-12 throughout Wright County.

### Sponsored by:





**u***Right Choice* is an alternative to out-ofschool suspension for Wright County students in grades 6-12. The pilot program began in 2011 as a collaborative between Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools and Wright County Court Services. wRight Choice has expanded to include six area school districts and provides academic and behavioral support for students who display inappropriate behavior at school.

The wRight Choice program is located at the Wright County Justice Center. The program is staffed with a licensed teacher and auxiliary services from the county. The program services a maximum of 10 students per day to ensure proper academic support. Typically, a school administrator refers a student to wRight Choice for a period of one to five days. However, depending on the offense, students may be placed in wRight Choice for a term up to 45 days when agreed upon between school and county officials.

Students who attend wRight Choice will focus on academic work, restorative measures, intervention and reinstatement back to school.

wRight Choice provides students immediate consequences for their actions while creating opportunities to learn alternative ways to conduct themselves when presented with other difficult situations.

# wRight Choice Goals

- Prevent students from falling behind academically.
- Teach students the skills needed to be successful, such as decision-making, anger management, conflict resolution and problem solving.
- Provide restorative justice opportunities through community service, mediations, community conferences and other strategies.
- Maintain a safe learning environment at school.
- Connect students and their families with community resources.
- Minimize repeat offenses.
- Provide valuable information through small groups on topics such as chemical health, bullying and harassment prevention and emotional self-control.

## Restorative Practices

Restorative practices are those actions taken to restore, whenever possible, the conditions that were in place prior to an incident occurring. As part of the student's day at wRight Choice, they will meet with the instructional leader to discuss how their behavior affected not only the student and the victim, but also others as well. Students may realize the impact their behavior has on the school, their family, and the community; an opportunity for guided reflection optimizes individual growth.

The student may be involved in a restorative justice conference or mediation with the other party, providing both an opportunity to describe the impact of the student's actions. The process can often repair and restore the relationships that have been affected by the incident.

A Day at wRight Choice

8:05 a.m. - Noon Academic Support/ Restorative Conferences

Noon Lunch (Bring your own)

12:30 - 3 p.m. Academic Support/ Connected for Life Speaker