



# Project C<sup>3</sup>

## Connecting Youth to Communities and Careers

### **PROJECT C3 IS CONNECTING Minnesota YOUTH TO COMMUNITIES AND CAREERS**

Through Project C3: Connecting Youth to Communities and Careers, Minnesota youth are participating in a resource mapping internship program to build a statewide online resource database of Minnesota organizations that provide services to youth, including those with disabilities.

Resource mapping is a process of collecting and saving information from community services to an online database where the public can search for resources in employment, transportation, housing, education, health, and recreation assistance. This information is available at [www.c3online.org](http://www.c3online.org). Click on "C3 MN" to access the resource map featuring Minnesota youth services.

Project C3 is a partnership among several Minnesota state agencies and PACER Center, a nonprofit agency serving Minnesota families of children and youth with disabilities. Partners include the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, and the Minnesota Department of Education. These organizations have partnered with various agencies, such as Workforce Centers and several high schools in Minnesota to provide internships to help local youth learn, earn, and participate in community activities.

The goal of Project C3 is to help young adults with and without disabilities prepare for employment or to continue their education after high school. Interns are currently contacting organizations in Minnesota to gather information about their services and programs serving young adults. Participating organizations will benefit through free publicity and increased public visibility, making it easier for the youth, families and professionals seeking their services to find them. Organizations interested in having their program featured as an area resource are encouraged to visit at [www.c3online.org](http://www.c3online.org). Click on "C3 MN" to access the "Resource Map" featuring Minnesota youth programs and apply to become a part of this important initiative. Organizations can also call PACER at (800)-537-2237 and ask for Andrea Moore.