

About Jacqueline White



Jacqueline White founded the Minnesota Host Home Network (Mnhosthome.net) to champion lasting relationships with the caring adults already in the lives of youth facing homelessness. The Network develops strategies to fortify these life-giving connections and coaches organizations in the transformational change needed to embrace them. A Yale graduate, Jacqueline is the former editor of *Assets*, the magazine of Search Institute, the international research pioneers in youth resiliency.

In 1998, Jacqueline and her former partner became the first hosts in the Twin Cities GLBT Host Home program, in which young people in need of housing choose to live with trained community volunteers who provide a room in their home and a caring presence. Jacqueline later adopted Amy, the young woman they had hosted. Amy and her wife are now foster care parents through Hennepin County, making Jacqueline a proud foster grandma!

Who Can I Count On?

Unpacking Our Collective Efforts to Facilitate Caring Adult Connections for Vulnerable Youth

You are cordially invited!

The Center of Innovation and Excellence and Health & Human Services are excited to host Jacqueline White, Director of the Minnesota Host Home Network to speak on the Network's efforts to catalyze system change for youth facing homelessness by championing lasting relationships with the caring adults already in their lives who are not their service providers.

While facilitating "permanent connections" for youth facing homelessness is one of four federal outcomes for ending youth homelessness, recent focus groups with Minnesota social service providers led by the network found they struggle to do so. Taking time to look more closely at the barriers will help us identify strategies to reinforce these vital "natural supports."

Jacqueline will present on ground breaking original research and will also lead us in an interactive session aimed at raising our collective conscious around this issue.



Date: Tuesday, September 4th

Time: 10:00am-11:30am

Location: South Minneapolis Human Service Center (Room 330 & 331)

Address: 2215 East Lake Street, Mpls, 55407