



A former client entered our Community Services and Interpreting program because she was unemployed, unsure about her ability to complete classes, and uncertain of enrolling her children in childcare.

During our program, she applied for and received Child Care Assistance from the county, received gas cards to get to and from the training, support from tutors and volunteers to complete classwork, networked with employers to learn about the field, and participated in paid work experiences and site observations.

After training, she began working as an interpreter with a few agencies and enrolled in college courses to become a social worker. A year later, she has successfully finished her first year of college and is continuing to work as an interpreter.

**In our employment  
training programs, the  
average starting wage at  
enrollment was  
\$9.23 per hour, which  
increased to an average  
wage at placement of  
\$26.08 per hour.**

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The students in KOM's AMR  
(Apprenticeship & Manufacturing Ready)  
program visited the Millwrights & Pile  
Driver Training Institute in St Paul.



In May 2024, our mental health wellbeing  
workshop invited Ms. Yoonju Park from  
Korean Adoptees Ministry Center to come and  
educate our group on flower arrangements as  
a therapeutic activity.

**KOM Youth Case  
Managers are currently  
working with 76 youth  
and young adults in the  
community in navigating  
the challenges of  
recovery from  
substance use.**

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appointments and support him. He's been doing great ever  
since he got his buprenorphine injection, a once-monthly  
medication-assisted treatment option for opioid use  
disorder. He said he feels like he's getting better and can  
work on improving his life. He's been in the program for  
almost three months as of November, 2024. ”

–Ku Htoo,  
KOM Youth Case Manager

“ Last year, I worked with a client who faced numerous  
challenges in his life. One major issue was his inability to  
attend his children's appointments because he worked  
midnight shifts. Additionally, he struggled with mental  
health issues.

Fortunately, we were able to secure him a daytime security  
job, which significantly improved his situation. He is now  
in good health, attends all his appointments on time, and  
hasn't missed any.

Moreover, his English skills have also improved. ”

–Abedullah Babakarkhail,  
KOM Employment Counselor

**Amharic, Burmese, Dari,  
English, Karen, Oromo,  
Pashto, Russian, Spanish,  
and Urdu**

Languages spoken by KOM staff  
working with newly arrived  
individuals, youth, and families,  
current as of December, 2024.



KOM Caregivers support group having a  
cross-stitch class in the Spring of 2024.



KOM's student council at their first  
meeting in February, 2024.

**111 youth**  
enrolled in Knya'Ni Club, KOM's after-  
school program, renamed by the youth.

**64 youth**  
enrolled in What's Next, KOM's college  
and career readiness program.

**14 students**  
were KOM Summer Youth Leadership  
Fellows.

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“ I believe every single one of my students experienced  
significant growth in their ability to speak up and express  
themselves. Karen students are typically very reserved and  
quiet, especially around authority figures. However, I  
observed them evolving in a way that suited them  
individually.

They began speaking to me more often, coming to me with  
their issues, asking for help with homework, and even  
complaining more. They felt safe expressing their  
emotions, which is the environment I wanted them to  
thrive in. ”

–KOM Youth Development Coordinator