



**ALIGNMENT**  
ROCKFORD

# THE FUTURE STARTS **NOW!**

A healing-centered approach to education

## DEAR FRIENDS,

The wellbeing of a community is reflected in its children's development. Their talents and skills contribute to the community's overall quality of life, economy, safety, and health.

As members of the community, we all have a role in this important matter. For a better community, education must be effective. We need leaders, thinkers, innovators, and skilled workers.

A child's success depends on the support they receive from family, school, and community. By focusing on these areas and putting students first, our children can achieve more and fully use their educational opportunities. Our investment in them will shape the future.

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Emily Klonicki

Alignment Rockford  
Executive Director



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# READY TO LEARN

Success starts at birth. The most important time in human brain development happens between birth and age five. It is critical that children enter school equipped with the right tools to be successful in learning.

Parents and caregivers are the first teachers and the Ready to Learn parent support initiative recognizes the important role that adults play in the lives of young children.

**LOOKING FORWARD** - Ready to Learn provides over 3,500 newborn support kits to mothers each year through the neonatal units of UW Health and OSF Saint Anthony. Our kits emphasize attachment building, literacy and play. We know that strong attachment creates a foundation for all other learning, that reading opens doors to the world and that play creates a vital connection between child and caregiver and helps children personalize learning. In the year to come, look for the installation of Read, Play, Learn family play areas springing up throughout our community. These areas will offer access to books, toys, information and resources and promote bonding, literacy, and play.

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READY TO LEARN,  
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# HEALING-CENTERED STUDENT SUPPORT

Post-COVID, a heightened understanding of trauma's significant influence on students' ability to learn and succeed in school has led to Alignment Rockford's new movement of Healing-Centered Student Support. Our school and community-based approach tackles trauma from a systemic perspective, underlining the interplay of a student's home, school, and community using asset-focused application that places students at the center of their own growth and success.



**LOOKING FORWARD** - This work will shape the future of our community. The community momentum for the initiative is strong as we move to begin a pilot, supporting eight local schools and their respective neighborhoods with aligned, holistic community support. It will take the whole community to make change.

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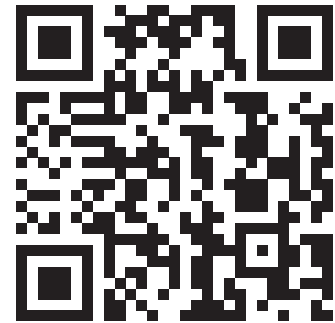
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By donating, you become a vital part of creating a brighter future for our community. Let's work together to ensure every student thrives.

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