



**Minnesota Women of Today**  
**2024-2025 Winter State CIP**  
 Priority-Area State Program Manager  
 "REACHing out Hand to Hand"

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**Hello!**

Thank you to all the members that have been REACHing out to schools and working with the teachers and students. Be sure to follow the FB Programming page to see what's happening around the state, Priority-Area posts are on Thursdays. Thank you to those who have attended the monthly ZOOM reach meetings. It has been inspiring listening to the teachers and MNWT members ask questions and share ideas to grow together. Congrats to the attendee gift card winners Mary Mennenga and Connie Fink! This is the first priority area year for the REACH program. We are REACHING out hand to hand with this amazing program for our youth. Please keep sharing with me the names, emails, phone #'s of the REACH school contacts you reach out to. I will add this information to an ongoing contact list. Also, thank you to the chapters who have sent in donations. Please share photos of your members when connecting with REACH and any fundraising events you are doing. My contact email is [priority-area@mnwt.org](mailto:priority-area@mnwt.org). I may not be able to answer or respond immediately but will reply as soon as possible. It's a great year together REACHing out hand to hand!

**February is the Priority-Area emphasis month. In February, I'm offering a special incentive to each individual or chapter that emails a photo(s) of your involvement with REACH in 2024/25. Ideas include a photo of your chapter assembling a RAK, a project or volunteering for REACH.**

**Email directly to me at:**  
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**I look forward to seeing all your photos!**

**MNWT Calendar**

**February**

Priority Area Emphasis month

**May**

- 2 - Outstanding Program Manager nominations due to PVP
- 2 - Project of Trimester nominations due to SPM
- 2 -3rd Trimester Programming reports due to PVP
- 16-18 - Annual Convention

Please consult the MNWT official calendar at [www.mnwt.org](http://www.mnwt.org), under "Events" to ensure that other key dates are not missed.

**Monthly ZOOM meetings** are being held monthly to learn about REACH and how to get involved. This is a a time to meet and share information to help each other. MNWT members and Reach teachers from around the state are invited. An incentive gift card drawing is held each meeting for the attendees. Meeting links will be sent to chapter emails.

**Save the dates:**

**January 28 - 7 pm**

**February 18 - 7 pm**

**March 25 - 7 pm**

**April 22 - 7 pm**

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See the MNWT President Chapter Information Packet (CIP) for this trimester's Bonus SUCCESS point information.

**What is priority area programming?** The priority area began in 2003 and changes every 3 years. The current 2024-2027 area is the Reach Program. The priority area encourages members to come together and support a statewide organization in need. The idea is to raise awareness, supplies, and funds for our chosen organization. Together we can do more! The past priority organizations have been: Girl Scouts 2003-2006, Jacob Wetterling Foundation 2006- 2009, Can Do Canines 2009-2012, Isaac's Journey Foundation 2012-2015, Breaking Free 2015-2018, Wishes and More 2018-2021 and Crescent Cove 2021-2024.

## **What is the REACH Program?**

The REACH Program is a voluntary, in school program designed to assist our students who may need support academically, socially, and /or emotionally.

**The Goal:** Help students experience success by learning new life skills to overcome barriers and/or challenges present in their lives.

Class groups (Teams) ideally consist of 10 to 15 students, with direct instruction from two instructors (Team Leaders), working closely with the team of Administration, Social Worker, Guidance Counselors, and students' Families.

The REACH Program not only supports these students academically, but helps the students to build skills necessary to become successful adults after graduation.

## **The REACH Philosophy**

Believing in the ability of every student to overcome academic and personal obstacles to achieve success. To treat each student with dignity and respect, while being sensitive to individual needs.

## **What does REACH stand for?**

**R**elationships – A safe place for students to belong, connect and be supported.

**E**ducation – Create positive learning opportunities through academic support and individual assignment modification.

**A**ccountability – A support network with staff committed to help students succeed that nurtures student accountability with parent support.

**C**haracter – Skill building activities that encourage positive academic and personal growth.

**H**ard Work – Students that rise to the level of expectations.

**The REACH Objective:** To Pay Forward what has been given to us.