The Village Family Service Center

The Explorer's program will serve the diverse elementary school population in Fargo, which is made up of refugees from Somalia, Sudan, Bosnia, Liberia and other countries. Many of these children have seen family members die, been ripped from their homes, been orphaned and witnessed other unimaginable atrocities. With a narrative therapy approach, The Village Family Service Center and its collaborating partners will help refugee children explore their past and re-write how their lives will unfold, helping them deal with the past and embrace the future. The Explorer's program will provide group and individual narrative therapy to students at Kennedy Elementary. Additional components include: individual mental health screenings for the children, education groups in social skills and anger management, playground "coaching", an after-school support program for children and families at CHARISM neighborhood center and referral to community mental health services as warranted.