Girls in Action (GIA) was founded in 2005 by Dr. Verna Cornelia Price to address a rise in the violent, destructive, and delinquent behavior of female students at North High School in Minneapolis.

GIA began with 100 girls, and has reached over 3000 girls across the Twin Cities, Detroit, Chicago, Guatemala and Kenya, Africa.

The program empowers and educates girls in grades 6-12 to find their power and change their lives, community and world.

**What We Do**

- Weekly Mentoring
- College Preparation
- Career Development
- Leadership Development
- Service Learning

**We Motivate**

We coach girls to find their personal power and make positive changes

**We Empower**

We equip girls with powerful affirmations to empower them

**We Engage**

We engage girls in hands-on-learning that positively impacts their future

**We Educate**

Girls set the educational thermometer. When girls thrive, schools thrive.

**We Impact**

- 95% graduation rate compared to 81% for MN and 65% for MPS
- 75% attend college
- Average GPA increases by 67%
- 75% decrease in suspensions
- 75% are first-generation college students
- 90% get free or reduced lunch
Testimony

Aja was the 2017 Girls in Action, Girl of the Year recipient. She participated in GIA for 2 years at Washington Technology Magnet High School. She graduated in 2017 and is attending Virginia State University where she plans on majoring in Political Science. Aja’s dream job is to become the President of the United States.

“GIA helped me find my personal power and use it to become a better young woman. It was an honor to learn from the powerful women leaders, and realize that no matter what odds are stacked against you, you can do anything you set your mind to.”

—Aja Burnside  GIA Alumni

Get Involved

Do you want to get involved with our GIA program? Visit our website or give us a call today! Here are some of the areas you can get involved in.

- Be a mentor
- Become a career coach
- Be a part of our leadership speaker series
- Donate and support our girls

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