Lake Street Teen Center
Minneapolis, Minnesota

How can design impact a place susceptible to delinquent behavior?
MAIN ENTRANCE
REFLECTION POND
ART ENTRANCE
SKATEPARK AND SEATING
WATER
CORRUGATED PLASTIC
GLASS
CONCRETE
Two art classrooms provide a place to be creative, learn and practice new skills. A painting and drawing room is to the north. A storage room links to the ceramics room to the south. The Ceramics room has space for eight throwing wheels, a working table and a kiln room.

The multi-use area is a flexible space that accommodates multiple types of activities. A bleacher is sunken into the ground toward the back of the room and provides flexible performance space. Behind the bleacher a glass wall serves as a barrier for a study area. Bookcases...

When using the main entrance guests are greeted by a receptionist. The open space has a computer cluster, a soundproof area to play video games and ample seating. Doors toward the back of the room allow access to outdoor seating and the skatepark.

A sunken Rock climbing wall can be accessed by descending down the stairs to the right of the main entrance. The southern facade is a curtain wall to allow ample sunlight into the space. Behind the rock climbing wall are rest rooms.
Located in Minneapolis, Minnesota within the Corcoran neighborhood. Recently school buses have stopped serving South High School and students must rely on public transportation. Since this change the site is affected by delinquent behavior as students cross-cut the property on the way to the light-rail and bus stops. If there is a place where adolescents can retreat to after school hours, negative behaviors could decrease. Lake Street Teen Center is a possible solution to reducing negative behaviors on and around the site. This is achieved through a developed program and building placement on the site. Research conducted on today's teenager's and built environments have informed how to create "adolescent friendly" design. Teens can participate in a variety of activities such as drawing, painting, ceramics, video gaming, rock climbing and skateboarding. There are also plenty of indoor and outdoor spaces for studying, reading, sitting and chatting with friends.