

## Mentor...

- Mentors instill values
- Mentors teach young people how to relate well with other people and help them strengthen communication skills.
- Mentors help keep students in school
- Mentors introduce youth to new ideas and experiences
- Mentors influence our society's future, which rests in the hands of our youth
- Mentors enhance the value of volunteerism and service in our community
- Mentors provide adults with an opportunity to share life's lessons while providing youth with the wisdom and guidance of experience

### Research shows the following benefits of mentoring:

- Improved attitude about school
- Lower high school dropout rates
- Healthier relationships and lifestyle choices
- Enhanced self-esteem and self-confidence
- Improved behavior with parents, teachers, & peers
- Decreased likelihood of drug and alcohol use.

\* (MENTOR, 2009; Cavell, DuBois, Karcher, Keller, & Rhodes, 2009)  
Shttp://youth.gov/youth-topics/mentoring/  
benefits-mentoring-young-people#sthash.yalf12IE.dpuf

"The power of mentorship holds great promise to help us better connect our communities with our schools, and lift up our educators and our kids. We can show them why learning matters, we can teach them about workplace culture and professional etiquette. We can help them appreciate how important good character is to success in life as well as values like hard work, discipline and personal responsibility—all of which can help motivate and inspire them to find their purpose and to reach for the stars."  
— Gov. John R. Kasich

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# Become a Mentor

Transform the life  
of a student today.

# What is a mentor?

A caring, unrelated adult or older youth who builds a relationship of trust and commitment with a younger, less experienced person. The relationship is designed to enhance the young person's attitudes, skills, and behaviors.

A mentor in its true sense is an advocate, who through guidance, patience, and caring can help a child build a meaningful and productive life.

## A mentor may help a young person:

- Plan a project for school
- Set career goals and start taking steps to realize them
- Make healthy choices about day-to-day life, from food to exercise and beyond
- Think through a problem at home or school



SHARE



HELP  
OTHERS



MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE

## Typical Activities:

- Talking about school, friends and life.
- Planning a project and doing it together.
- Crafts, playing computer games, passing a football, shooting hoops, hiking.
- Helping with homework.
- Attending a festival or sporting event.
- Baking cookies or sharing pizza together.
- Giving advice and inspiration.

*"My Mentor helps me with my schoolwork when I ask. I talk to her about my life. She gives me advice, which I appreciate." - Beka*



## How do you become a mentor?

Contact Gateway Youth Programs  
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Thank you for your interest in becoming a mentor! Being a mentor is one of the most important things you can do for a child. One hour a week can make a big difference in a young person's life!

