

Mentoring Center Partner Agencies

Asian American Community Services

Mentor/Tutor Asian youth ages 5-18 in math and English. This program also provides social and life skills for struggling students to deal with conflicts, prevent family violence and drug use. Summer program involves physical activities and art education.

Bethany Community Development

Mature adult female mentors are needed for the Just Between Us intergenerational faith-based mentor program. Mentors provide social, educational, and recreational support for girls ages 10-18 on the near east side of Columbus.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio

The fifth-largest metropolitan Big Brothers Big Sisters in the nation has several volunteer options available including programs for children with an incarcerated parent, a Hispanic program, and traditional one-to-one mentoring. The agency also leads school-based in all 27 Columbus City middle schools and 20 high schools. The program seeks to achieve a 90% graduation rate by 2012.

Capital Kids Columbus

Volunteer with children in grades K-5 in a group setting at one of four Columbus recreation centers. Program focuses on enrichment activities, academic assistance, prevention, recreation and socialization, and family involvement.

Central Community House

Mentor/tutor youth ages 6-18 one-on-one or in a group setting. Programs focus on group discussions, homework assistance, computer training, college/career development, and health workshops. Teens participate in CAPCITY performing arts activities.

City of Refuge Point of Impact

Mentoring/tutoring programs for middle and high school youth. The Ginikanwa After-School program helps with homework, computer skills, leadership & communication skills, and prevention education. In-school leadership program and summer academic and cultural programs are also available. The Buckle Up program needs mentors to encourage car safety for teenagers. The CEASE Tobacco Project provides LifeSkills training to prevent smoking for faith-based African-Americans in Franklin County.

City Year Columbus Engages mentor/tutors ages 17-24 in 10 months of full-time community service, civic engagement, and leadership development. City Year members mentor in after-school programs, run the Young Heroes program for 100 middle-school students for 15 Saturdays from January to May, and Camp City Year, an annual spring-break day camp, which serves 300 students.

Columbus After-School All Stars

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger founded this national program. Mentors can develop a relationship with youth by playing basketball, teach self-discipline and respect through martial arts, and help a child develop confidence through the chess club. A Young Artist program is also available focusing on dance, poetry, song, and acting.

Columbus Black Nurses Association

Mentors are needed to work with high school students aspiring to become nurses. Mentors will provide minority youth with job shadowing experiences, take youth to visit health facilities, and assist young people in the process of becoming a nurse.

Columbus City Schools

Tutor elementary students one-on-one with reading materials that are aligned with Ohio Proficiency Standards. Volunteers can select from several high priority schools or other school sites. Mentor youth grades 6-9 through Project Mentor to increase the graduation rate of CCS students.

Columbus State Community College

CSCC students, staff, and faculty provide peer guidance and mentoring to CSCC students to support educational goals. The Upward Bound program provides high school student with insights to college and career opportunities.

Columbus Urban League

Tutor youth ages 6-17 in a group setting. Assist students with reading, science, math, computer training, proficiency preparation, and leadership training.

Communities In Schools

The nation's leading community-based drop-out prevention organization helps kids stay in school and prepare for life. Mentors and tutors are needed for students in Columbus City Schools and Whitehall City Schools.

Community for New Direction

Mentor/tutor youth ages 5-18 one-on-one or in a group setting. Programs include in-school, after-school, summer camps and college tours.

COSI

Mentors are need for high school students from Southeast Career Center. Program focuses on career development in construction oriented projects and leadership skills. Scotts Miracle-Gro Scholars program provides youth with mentors at COSI. Students that complete the program are provided college scholarships.

Directions For Youth & Families

Mentor/tutor children and teens at the Short Stop or Ohio Avenue Center. Volunteers help with homework and promote self-esteem, goal setting, problem solving, arts, recreation, leadership, and development.

Educational Council

Adults and high school students needed to tutor/mentor middle school students in Canal Winchester, Hamilton, & Whitehall schools. Programs focus on service learning projects, social skill development, and life skills. Summer programs and technology camps are also available.

Firstlink Foster Grandparent Program seeks eligible senior citizens to mentor/tutor and/or support children with special needs. Foster Grandparents receive a small stipend, paid holidays, travel reimbursement and monthly training.

Franklin County Children Services Matches dependent, abused, or neglected children with volunteers one-on-one in the Friendship Program or through Simba and Malaika programs that provide guidance and Africentric activities and events. Mentors are also needed to provide support for young people entering college through the College-Bound program.

Girls Inc. of Central Ohio Encourages girls to discover their own identity, develop their potential and grow in their sense of responsibility to self, family and community. The organization provides national research-based programs that empower girls to take charge of their lives and inspires them to be *strong, smart and boldSM*.

Godman Guild Mentors are needed for programs in the OSU area. The A.C.E.S and Kidz Klub programs work with reading and basic academics for children living in the Weinland Park area.

House of Refuge Volunteers are needed for Youth Education for Tomorrow (YET). The program provides group discussions, creative reading and writing games, and coaches independent reading.

Mills Mentoring Honoring a former teacher, the George Earl Mills Mentor program seeks mentor at Linden McKinley High School. Students meet once a week during school hours. Mentors share their life experiences and provide social and academic support to prepare students for graduation and college.

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church The STAR Mentoring Ministry program seeks female mentors for girls ages 8-17 for one-on-one mentoring. Program is open to Mt. Olivet women to provide support and spiritual guidance to young church members.

National Black MBA The Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) program needs mentors for high school students to expand the cadre of African-American students who enter college. Mentors meet with mentees at monthly workshops focused on career and college preparation. The program works with students who demonstrate leadership potential to learn about the business community at a national conference.

New Birth Christian Ministry

The Men of Honor program seeks positive male role models to mentor/tutor young males in handling social pressures through positive influences based upon Christ-centered principles. Build a spiritual relationship and share resources to lead youth in developing their own vision for their lives.

New Covenant Believers' Church

The H.O.N. O.R. Youth Mentoring program is an activity-based mentoring program designed to help minority and at-risk youth. The program focuses on Seven Guiding Principles of self-respect, work determination, personal excellence, destiny, community, creativity and endurance.

New Salem Mentor Pathways: Mentor Pathways strives to promote the development of Central Ohio's children and youth ages 5-18 by fostering mentoring relationships. Mentor Pathways accepts mentors and mentees from the community and has had great success partnering with other social service organizations including fraternities, sororities and other churches to match waiting mentees.

Nisonger Center, Ohio State University: The Way-to-Work E-Mentoring Program matches high

school students with disabilities with a mentor via a group e-mail listserv or a one-to-one match. E-mentoring encourages students to discover and consider how they align their individual interests, abilities and skills with possible college or career goals.

Northwest Counseling The Mentor Northwest program seeks mentors for children living in Hilliard, Grandview, Upper Arlington and northwest Columbus. The program focuses on positive outcomes for youth including avoidance of drugs and alcohol

OSU Extension University District

The 4H Youth Development program seeks volunteers to work with youth, ages 5-18. The program cultivates skills that promote success in life. Club members participate in community service, recreation, public speaking and hands-on experiential learning activities that allow learning by doing.

The Path Mentoring

Mentor girls ages 12-17 in Madison County (London, OH). Mentors engage in activities such as going to the park, art projects, cooking, or just hanging out together. Mentors also have an opportunity to meet other mentors and mentees at group events.

Prevention Council of Central Ohio

The Columbus Mentoring Initiative program provides school-based mentoring services for students residing on the south and west sides of Columbus and the OSU campus area. The mentoring program focuses on building social skills, alcohol/drug prevention, and character building.

Project Prosperity and Faith, Inc.

The Guidance, Education and Leadership (GEL) program works with youth and also young adults 18-21 that have "aged out" of foster care but are still in need of additional life skills and support. The Youth Center for Entrepreneurship program provides financial literacy education, life skills education and hands on entrepreneurship experience. Tutors and mentors, including senior citizens, are also needed to work with students after-school.

Tri Village Mentor League

TriVillage is an independently funded partner of Big Brothers Big Sisters serving the Upper Arlington, Grandview Heights, and Marble Cliff communities by engaging adult and teen volunteer mentors. The program also provides college, camp, and enrichment scholarships and provides camping

experiences as a partner with the Tim Horton Children's Foundation.

United Methodist Children's Home

Mentors are needed for on-site and off-site mentoring for children ages 10-18. The program provides youth with character building, life skills, peer relations, and social skills.

YMCA of Central Ohio

Mentor youth one-on-one in the Future of America Program. Program offers weekend retreats, outdoor activities, or mentors may invite mentees to their workplace for a day of learning.

Young Adult Community Development

Mentor former foster care youth ages 16-22 that are aging out of foster or kinship care. Mentors provide guidance with careers, housing, college tours, basic life and asset building skills. The agency also offers Supplemental Education tutoring services and Individual Development Accounts a matched savings program.

YouthBuild Columbus

Mentor/tutors needed to offer guidance and encourage college exploration for vocational high school students ages 17-21. The school is chartered by the Ohio Department of Education. In addition to earning a high school diploma, students learn construction skills and complete a house building project.

Youth For A Positive Image

Mentor/tutor children ages 6-18 toward academic success. Youth participate in a book club and academic survival workshops. The program focuses on leadership, sportsmanship, citizenship, and teamwork through athletic and educational programs. Mentors can also help with a basketball league that meets in south Columbus.