

Mentoring Works



The Mentoring Center
of Central Ohio

Training Mentors...Transforming Lives

Winter 2010

By the Numbers

16,000

Number of mentors trained by the Mentoring Center since 2000

7,000

Number of vulnerable central Ohio children aided annually by the Mentoring Center partnership

2500

Number of mentors trained for Project Mentor programs in virtually all middle and high schools

43

Central Ohio mentoring programs enjoying free background checks and training from the Mentoring Center



Joyce Beatty
Keynote Speaker



Bob Nunnally
Emcee

Mentoring Month Honors ALL Mentors

The community heroes known as mentors will be honored at this year's Mentoring Celebration at the Ohio Statehouse, January 21, with mentors from 43 partner agencies invited to attend. Keynoter Joyce Beatty, Senior Vice President for Outreach and Engagement at The Ohio State University, will share thoughts on "The Magic of a Mentor: Our Children, Our Future" reflecting both her current focus and past role as Minority Leader in the Ohio House of Representatives. NBC4 Meteorologist Bob Nunnally will serve as emcee and First Lady Strickland will also speak.

For the ninth year, The Mentoring Center will honor Outstanding Mentors and Mentees. Those receiving the Outstanding Mentor award include Robert Cozzarelli, mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters; Cornell Lewis of Expanding Visions Foundation and Pete Wilkinson from Mentoring Northwest, Northwest Counseling.

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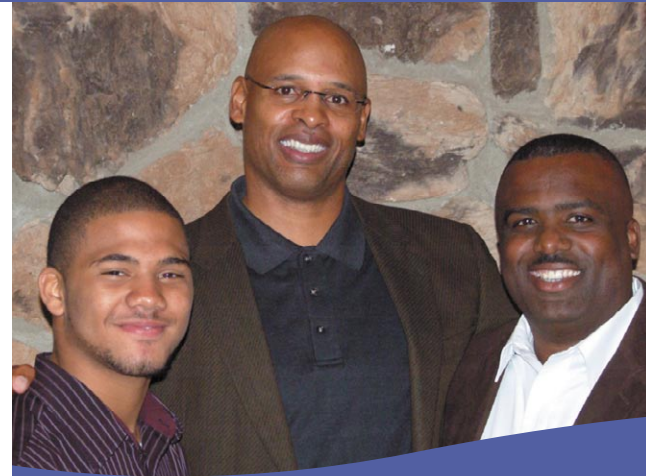
Mentoring Programs Consider Statewide Network

How might a statewide mentoring network increase the number of Ohio children served with well-prepared mentors? Or increase resources to help mentoring programs thrive?

Thirty-five leaders of mentoring programs across Ohio came together November 20 at the Columbus Downtown Library to discuss ways that a statewide network might increase awareness of mentoring and create opportunities for greater collaboration. Topics also included ways to promote best practices and increase training for mentoring professionals.

Organizers of the event included Cincinnati Youth Collaborative, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio and the Mentoring Center of Central Ohio. The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, which currently provides web-based connection to mentoring programs by county, and Ohio After School Network also partnered in the effort.

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Clark Kellogg Boosts Mentoring at Breakfast

Clark Kellogg, Lead Analyst for CBS Basketball and March Madness and Big Ten MVP in 1982, keynoted the Mentoring Center's annual fundraising breakfast with over 110 participants. He is pictured here with showcased mentor Cornell Lewis (right) of Expanding Visions, one of the Mentoring Center's newer partner agencies and mentee Mynikka.

Evidence-based Guidelines Promote Impact

Ever wondered what difference "best practices" make in a field like mentoring? About a triple impact!

Marc Freedman showed in *The Kindness of Strangers* that mentoring programs started with enthusiasm but without needed infrastructure, typically floundered. Programs that had clear standards for screening, training and monitoring of matches were found to be three times more likely to succeed!

Now, MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership has issued its third edition of *Elements of Effective Practice*, with each of six benchmarked practices built around researched outcomes.



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Lisa Courtice, Ph.D.
VP - The Columbus Foundation

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Dates to Remember

FunDay

Saturday, Jan. 16

Open to partner agencies

Mentoring Celebration

Thursday, Jan. 21

Reception 5:00-6:00pm

Program 6:00-7:15pm

Thank Your Mentor Day

Online registration at:

www.mentoringcenterco.org

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What's UP in Mentoring?

The City of Refuge Point of Impact Ginikanwa Afterschool Program

In Swahili, ginikanwa poses the rhetorical question "What's more important than a child"? The program assists youth 10-14 with homework, provides a snack and prevention programs including research-based prevention and education modalities including a Life Skills curriculum.

Columbus After School All Stars has received a grant for Global Youth Service Day in April which seeks to involve 10 agencies and 600 youth in an outdoor learning project. Currently, ASAS is serving students at Mifflin and Beery Middle Schools.

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church—Girls in the STARS program distributed fruit baskets, visited a homeless shelter, and do mission work in April. The boys program is helping senior citizens with yard work. The youth group raised \$1,000 for the MLK Washington D.C. Memorial and was rewarded with a banquet at Dave and Buster's.

Franklin County Children Services provided gifts for nearly 4400 children through donations from the community. The Simba program is focusing on serving others by once again holding a holiday fish fry for the homeless

I'm Home Now Mentoring—This new program has successfully recruited 21 mentors to work with teen moms and hopes to expand to residential houses.

Evidence-based Guidelines Promote Impact (cont'd)

Practices validated in practice, but not yet researched, are listed under "enhancements," so that mentoring professionals, grantors and others can differentiate between proven practices and those not yet fully researched.

Says Lisa Courtice, Ph.D., Vice President of The Columbus Foundation, "Having clear standards of this kind can help donors differentiate between programs adhering to well-researched guidelines and those that have not yet reached that level." "With the Mentoring Center pointing the way, coaching local programs in these quality practices, Central Ohio has a quality opportunity to gain maximum impact from its mentoring initiatives."

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The Mentoring Center is the Ohio representative to MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership, named by *Worth magazine* as one of the 100 Best Charities in America. Those accessing MENTOR's website at mentoring.org can find program guidance and training for mentors, mentees and professionals through 25 state and local mentoring partnerships.

A steering committee of interested organizations will be convened in early 2010 to follow up on recommendations made at the initial meeting.

Additional organizations interested in participating should contact Marilyn Pritchett, Mentoring Center Director, at 614.839.2447 x163 or email mpritchett@mentoringcenterco.org.

Mentoring Month Honors ALL Mentors (cont'd)

Outstanding Mentees are Brianna nominated by Big Brothers Big Sisters and Carla, nominated by Franklin County Children Services. Seven Commended Mentors will also be honored.

The Celebration is part of National Mentoring Month, started in 2002 by MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership, the Harvard School of Public Health and the Corporation for National Service. General Colin Powell is this year's national spokesperson. Nationally, MENTOR serves as the umbrella for 25 state and local Mentoring

Partnerships (MP's), including the Mentoring Center which provides free training and best practices services to partner agencies.

The Mentoring Center also sponsors Mentor-Mentee FunDay for partner agencies' matches—this year on Saturday, January 16 at Ohio State University's Recreation Center (RPAC). Says one of the mentees, "I enjoy all the fun of the day—playing basketball and breakdancing. My mentor and I have been coming for four years." The annual event includes sports, games, crafts, karaoke, snacks—plus workshops on breakdancing and various sports.



Donations & Celebration Registration:
Go to www.mentoringcenterco.org
(Register for event by January 15th)