Mentor Requirements

Participate in 60 minute "mentor" orientation.

Interact with mentee on a weekly basis to provide support, encouragement and advice in a safe, supportive environment.

Provide opportunities for mentee to gain new skills, interests and expand their experience beyond their families, schools and neighborhoods.

Document mentee/mentor interactions and hours in a monthly log, and submit documentation to Mentor Coach for review.

Mentor Qualifications

Must be 21 years old with a drivers license and proof of insurance.

Must meet all screening requirements, including reference checks, and a thorough background check.

Experience serving as a mentor or in other youth development capacity preferred, but not required.

Strong interpersonal/communication skills.

Creativity and flexibility are essential in assuming the role of Adult Mentor

Experience working with socio-economically diverse urban communities preferred.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Children of prisoners are six times more likely to go to jail; therefore, there are 14, 000 Maryland youth who will probably go to jail.

Give the gift of <u>time</u> &

make a difference in someone's life.

Become A Mentor Today!

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INSTITUTE FOR INTERACTIVE INSTRUCTION

Planting seeds of knowledge one child, one family & one community at a time.

Mission: to create a fundamental change in the community of organizations, programs, professionals and community members that care for our children, youth and families.

Mentoring Matters
Mentoring Children of Prisoners

is seeking mentors who want to make a difference in the lives of youth, desire to help young people succeed in life and want to give young people the confidence, resources and skills they need to reach their full potential.

Mentoring Matters

Exists to bring a twinkle into the lives of each young person by providing:

1. Mentoring opportunities for youth ages four to 18, living in Prince George's County, Maryland with incarcerated parents.

2. Opportunities for mentees to gain new skills, interest and expand their experiences beyond their families, schools and neighborhoods.

3. Trained and screened mentors to develop one-on-one (one mentor/one youth), friendship-oriented mentoring relationship.

4. Support, encouragement and advice in a safe and supportive environment

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What's in it for Mentors:

♦ Experience the satisfaction of being a part of positively changing the direction of a youth

♦ Being a role model

♦ Knowing you have influence a youth to

♦ Expose a youth to other productive options

♦ Experience the joy of developing a quality, enduring mentoring relationship that can be a promising intervention for children of prisoners

It's all about reaching out and giving a lending hand to a youngster that needs you in this time of his life . . . we all know YOU can make a difference.

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Benefits of Mentoring:

Mentoring, when used as a strategy, works in helping young people succeed in life. It also helps give young people the confidence, resources and skills they need to reach their potential. A quality, enduring mentoring relationship with a caring adult can be a promising intervention for children of prisoners (mentees).

A 1995 study of Big Brothers/Big Sisters showed that after 18 months, mentored youth were less likely than non-mentored youth to begin using drugs and alcohol and to initiate violence. Mentored youth were also more likely to have improved their school attendance and performance, their attitudes toward completing schoolwork and their peer and family relationships.

Relevant Statistics

- Prince George's County, Maryland has an estimated population of 846,123; 26.7% (225,915) of which are below the age of 18

- Prince George's County may potentially have over 5,000 children that are affected by a parent being incarcerated. The overall racial demographics are:

  - White: 28.1%
  - African American: 65.7%
  - Latino: 9.7%