

LAKE COUNTY YOUTH MENTOR PROGRAM

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Top 10 Reasons For Becoming A Mentor:

10. Finally, an opportunity to wear your tights and cape!
9. You will have a youth who thinks you are totally cool.
8. A chance to be a kid again and have FUN.
7. You will learn something new.
6. Seeing the world through younger eyes can change YOUR outlook.
5. Successful youth = successful communities.
4. It's a powerful way to change the world—one youth at a time.
3. You can help a youth recognize his or her potential.
2. Being a "Hero" is awesome!

and the #1 reason...

**You can make a difference
in the life of a youth!**

Get Involved TODAY!

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"Be a Hero"

(Tights and Cape Not Required)



Who Are We?

The Lake County Youth Mentor Program's mission is to connect youth, grades K-12, with caring adult mentors to enhance both academic and personal achievement.

- We recruit and train adult mentors to work with youth in one-on-one and team mentoring relationships.
- Mentors complete an application that includes employment information and at least four (4) references who are contacted for background information.
- Mentors are fingerprinted at program expense at the Lake County Jail.
- We check driving records and sex offender registries.

One-on-one mentoring: the mentor listens, offers encouragement, and provides support and friendship through shared activities.

In team mentoring, mentors interact with students in small group settings where they participate in fun, hands-on activities, that help develop life skills.



Our Success

- 40 students served via one-on-one mentoring relationships in Lakeview
- 90+ students have participated in team mentoring activities throughout Lake County
- 20% improvement in grades
- 38% decrease in absenteeism rates
- 17% improvement in school behavior
- 48% improvement in behavior at home

According to the Lake County School District #7 Behavioral Specialist, "The students in the mentoring program have shown great strides in a variety of capacities including attendance, self-esteem, academics, behavior, interpersonal relationships, school involvement, communication, and conflict management and resolution skills."

What Is Mentoring?

Mentoring is simple, yet powerful. It's about friendship, learning, and connections.

Consistency + respect = **friendship**. You do what you already do—just with a youth.

Sharing what you know + trying new adventures = **learning** from one another.

Youth + **connections** = educational, family, and community success.

What Is The Commitment?

One-on-one mentoring: **Minimum** of one hour a week for one year. Can you do more than one hour? **Absolutely!**

Team Mentoring: Two evening hours a month for nine months.

What Skills Do You Need?

- Desire to help youth
- Desire to have fun
- A big heart
- Patience
- Perseverance
- An open mind
- Willingness to listen
- A cheery smile

What's In It For You?

- You get to be a "hero"—at least to one youth and you don't need super powers, tights or a cape!
- You make a new friend—you can never have too many friends.
- You will help improve your world, your community, and your life—one youth at a time.

Become a "HERO" Today!