

For more information about

MENTOR CONNECTION

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“Mentoring
doesn’t require
extravagant outings.

**It just requires
being together.”**

“I implore others
to try mentoring.
You’ll give a great gift,
but with a bit of luck,
**you’ll get
much more.”**

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is a unique program that matches volunteer adult mentors with Oakland County youth (ages 7-17) who can benefit from a supportive relationship.

Mentors play a critical role in helping mentees with confidence, academic achievement and social skills.

Just a minimum commitment of 4 hours each month can make a significant impact in the life of a child or teen.

Research shows that mentoring increases self-esteem and motivation, while decreasing rates of depression.

+ Since 2005, Mentor Connection has impacted the lives of over **500 youth** in need of adult support.

+ Since 2005, Mentor Connection has engaged over **400 volunteers**

You'll enrich the life of a young person and help them develop critical skills, just by participating in activities you both enjoy.

Whether it's playing video games, going out to lunch, or talking about career aspirations, your one-year commitment will make an impact that lasts a lifetime.

MENTEES ARE

- Youth ages 7-17 years old
- Residents of Oakland County
- Excited to be matched with a mentor

MENTORS ARE

- Adults at least 18 years old
- In possession of reliable transportation
- Required to complete and pass all background checks
- Compassionate volunteers who provide a mentee with a consistent, caring match

MENTORS AND MENTEES

- Are the same gender
- Live a reasonable distance from each other
- Share common interests and hobbies

(Religious and cultural preferences are respected upon request)

MENTOR SUPPORT INCLUDES

- Interactive training prior to being matched with mentee
- Educational trainings
- Ongoing communication with JFS staff
- Informal "coffee hour" support sessions
- JFS sponsored activities