



Increase Mentoring Throughout the State

Resources and Technical Assistance for Implementation

Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota* <http://www.mpmn.org/>

The Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota (MPM) formed in 1994 as a community initiative to promote mentoring for Minnesota youth. For over 20 years, MPM has been a consistent presence for mentoring organizations throughout the state and leads the mentoring movement to ensure youth and mentors have access to high-quality mentoring experiences. The website provides e-newsletters, online and printed resources, Quality Mentoring Assessment Path (QMAP) certification, training opportunities and webinars, news about the Minnesota Mentoring Conference, networking opportunities, and more. The website also includes a database of information about different mentoring programs throughout Minnesota.

Check & Connect* <http://checkandconnect.umn.edu/>

Check & Connect is an evidence-based, comprehensive intervention designed to enhance student engagement at school and with learning for marginalized, disengaged students in grades K-12, through relationship building, problem solving and capacity building, and persistence. A goal of *Check & Connect* is to foster school completion with academic and social competence. The main office for Check & Connect is at the Institute on Community Integration on the Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota. This website includes supporting research, training and implementation information, resources, a description of the model and more.

Kinship, Inc.* <http://www.kinshipinc.org/>

Kinship, Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization which believes in and promotes the concept of youth mentoring. The National Kinship office exists to serve as a resource for established and emerging local Kinship affiliates. Currently, the Kinship Affiliate Network is made up of 36 affiliates located in the upper Midwest, having established mentoring relationships for nearly 1,800 of today's youth.

Minnesota Alliance with Youth – AmeriCorps Promise Fellow Program*

<https://mnyouth.net/work/ameriacorps-opportunities/promise-fellows/>

Using an array of research-based approaches, AmeriCorps Promise Fellows develop innovative ways to deliver the fundamental resources that young people need to be successful. Serving at least of 30 youth in grades 6-10, Promise Fellows help young people overcome challenges with attendance, behavior and core academics (the ABCs).

Students First* (Beltrami) http://www.beltrami.org/students_first.aspx

Students First is a community effort to help youth reach their full potential by pursuing their goals with support from caring adults. During the school year, youth participants meet with Students First Strengths Educators to participate in activities that focus on each individual's strengths. The students create Success Plans that will evolve as they move from 7th to 12th grade. These plans can include personal, academic, post-secondary, and career goals. Each student is paired with a volunteer Success Coach from the community to support them in reaching these goals.

National Mentoring Resource Center <http://www.nationalmentoringresourcecenter.org/>

The National Mentoring Resource Center serves as a comprehensive and reliable resource for mentoring tools, program and training materials, and information. In addition to accessing online resources, mentoring programs can apply for no-cost training and technical assistance to support them in more deeply incorporating evidence-based practices, ultimately leading to greater positive outcomes for youth.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), US Department of Justice

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/programs/mentoring.html>

OJJDP provides access to free resources for mentors, families, and communities to support high-quality mentoring for all youth. This comprehensive online resource provides mentoring tools and information, program and training materials, and technical assistance to help local programs and practitioners improve the quality and effectiveness of their mentoring efforts.

MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership <http://www.mentoring.org/>

MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership (MENTOR) is the unifying champion for expanding quality youth mentoring relationships in the United States. For nearly 25 years, MENTOR has served the mentoring field by providing a public voice, developing and delivering resources to mentoring programs nationwide and promoting quality for mentoring through standards, cutting-edge research and state of the art tools, including the [National Quality Mentoring System](#).

AARP Foundation Experience Corps <http://www.aarp.org/experience-corps/>

AARP Foundation Experience Corps, a national leader in engaging older adult tutors to improve K-3 student literacy in disadvantaged schools, has joined forces with AARP, the nation's largest organization for Americans who are 50 years of age and older. As part of AARP Foundation, Experience Corps has the opportunity to vastly increase its potential to tap into the experience and passion of older Americans to ensure that every child has a chance to succeed in school and in life.

Education Northwest: Institute for Youth Success

<http://educationnorthwest.org/institute-for-youth-success>

For nonprofits and community-based organizations serving youth, Institute for Youth Success provides professional development and a wide range of capacity-building support through the Institute for Youth Success at Education Northwest. Services include training and technical assistance, research, and consultation for mentoring, tutoring, and out-of-school time programs. Also remember to check out their [Youth Mentoring Program Planning and Design Resources](#).

Friends for Youth <http://friendsforyouth.org/>

After more than 30 years, Friends for Youth represents the gold standard in the mentoring field. Mentoring programs throughout the country have requested technical assistance in setting up and enhancing their own mentoring programs. Friends for Youth's Mentoring Institute was created to address that need and share information on Recommended Best Practices through products, trainings, and an Annual Conference.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America <http://www.bbbs.org/>

For more than 100 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. As the nation's largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country. We develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people.

Evaluating Your Program: A Beginners' Self Evaluation Workbook for Mentoring Programs

(Information Technology International and Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation)

<http://www.partnersinmentoring.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/JUMPEvaluating-your-program.pdf>

This free resource, developed by ITI, is one of the best guides to conducting a mentoring program evaluation. The guide covers all aspects of determining the measurable outcomes, collecting and analyzing the data and using the results in a program's marketing efforts.

Delivering Quality Mentoring Services in Rural and Tribal Settings: A case Study of the North Dakota Tribal Rural Mentoring Partnership (U.S. Department of Education Mentoring Resource Center)

http://educationnorthwest.org/sites/default/files/resources/rural_tribal_study.pdf

The North Dakota Tribal-Rural Mentoring Partnership (NDTRMP) offers an excellent example of best practices in action. Since its inception in 1999, the NDTRMP has carefully crafted its services to meet rural and tribal challenges and implement high-quality mentoring programs in a variety of communities throughout the state.

Positive Support: Mentoring and Depression Among High Risk Youth (Shawn Bauldry, 2006)

http://www.vamentoring.org/images/uploads/resources/OJJDP_Mentoring_and_Depression_in_High_Risk_Youth_2004.pdf

This report reviews National Faith Based Initiative mentoring programs that were designed for high-risk youth (substance abuse, depression, delinquency). The chapters focus on describing the mentoring programs; youth outcomes; and challenges of implementing mentoring programs with high-risk youth.

Effective strategies for providing quality youth mentoring in schools and communities series by the Hamilton Fish Institute on School and Community Violence & the National Mentoring Center at Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory (2007).

[Foundations of Successful Youth Mentoring](#)

This title offers a comprehensive overview of the characteristics of successful youth mentoring programs. Originally designed for a community-based model, its advice and planning tools can be adapted for use in other settings.

[Generic Mentoring Program Policy and Procedure Manual](#)

Much of the success of a mentoring program is dependent on the structure and consistency of service delivery, and this guide provides advice and a customizable template for creating an operations manual for a local mentoring program.

[Training New Mentors](#)

All mentors need thorough training if they are to possess the skills, attitudes, and activity ideas needed to effectively mentor a young person. This guide provides ready-to-use training modules for your program.

[The ABCs of School-Based Mentoring](#)

This guide explores the nuances of building a program in a school setting.

[Building Relationships: A Guide for New Mentors](#)

This resource is written directly for mentors, providing them with 10 simple rules for being a successful mentor and quotes from actual volunteers and youth on what they have learned from the mentoring experience.

[Sustainability Planning and Resource Development for Youth Mentoring Programs](#)

—Mentoring programs must plan effectively for their sustainability if they are to provide services for the long run in their community. This guide explores key planning and fundraising strategies specifically for youth mentoring programs.

***Minnesota based**

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