



CONNECT TO MENTORING

IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Join the Indiana Mentoring Partnership in promoting and supporting quality mentoring to foster positive youth development and academic success.

Visit www.abetterhour.org to get connected in your community.

The Partnership serves:

- Mentoring Programs
- Schools
- Faith-based organizations
- Businesses
- Civic groups
- Community leaders
- Dedicated volunteers



Become a Mentor. Learn more at www.abetterhour.org
Our Vision is that no youth shall be denied the inspiration of a caring and involved mentor.

MAKE IT A BETTER HOUR. BECOME A MENTOR.

"I knew I was making a difference for the child I was mentoring, but it also made me feel like I was really giving something back. I loved that feeling."

~ Steve Hamilton, Mentor, Indianapolis



WHAT IS A MENTOR?

The most important resource you have is time, and quality time with a caring adult can make a real difference in a child's life. When you become a mentor, you will help a child or teenager get the support and encouragement he or she needs to succeed in life. By mentoring a young person just one hour each week, you can:

- Improve a student's academic and study skills
- Help a child discover new talents and ambitions
- Improve a child's self-esteem
- Change a child's life for the better

WHO MAKES A GOOD MENTOR?

Mentoring relationships are most successful when they are consistent and enduring. An effective mentor discovers mutual interest and develops trust. Most importantly, when you mentor, be yourself!

MENTORING NEEDED IN INDIANA!

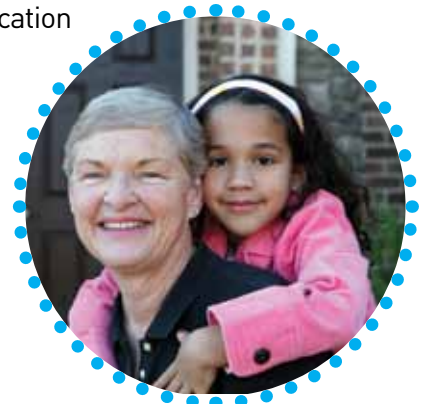
Evidence has revealed that quality youth mentoring can result in:

- More kids graduating from high school and going on to post-secondary education
- Less drug and alcohol use by our youth
- Fewer youth bullying, fighting and getting involved in crime
- More kids feeling confident and positive about their futures

YOU CAN HELP!

- Become a mentor! Locate a mentoring opportunity within your community by visiting www.abetterhour.org
- Host a mentor recruitment event in your workplace, place of worship, neighborhood, or organization
- Provide time off for employees who volunteer to mentor
- Raise funds or donate products and services to mentoring programs
- Develop a community collaboration for youth mentoring

To learn more about making a lasting difference in a child's life, visit www.abetterhour.org



**Make it a Better Hour for a Child in Need.
Become a Mentor Today.**

GET CONNECTED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

AS A COMMUNITY PARTNER

Do you see an opportunity to connect schools and mentoring agencies with businesses, religious congregations, civic organizations and local governments who have the potential to help?

Your leadership and investment are needed resources. Are you willing to participate in a Local Mentoring Collaborative to connect community partners with local youth through structured mentoring programs?

START bringing the community together TODAY!

The Partnership is ready to assist you:

- Business
- Faith-based congregation
- Civic group
- Local government or
- Local partnership

We will help you identify the steps you can take to maximize the impact of youth mentoring in your community.



Do you work to connect children in need with caring adults, but need resources, training, evaluation tools and assistance connecting with your community?

The Indiana Mentoring Partnership assists programs with mentor recruitment, best practice trainings, research and other resources.

AS A MENTORING PROGRAM

SIGN UP!

Make sure your mentoring program is registered and available to potential mentors at www.abetterhour.org

HELPING YOU LEAD!

Custom training can be available in your community and more is available at the Kids Count in Indiana Conference at the end of each year in Indianapolis.

AS A MENTOR

Are you personally committed to creating "a better hour" for a child in need? Your time and commitment will make a big difference to a child in need.

SIGN UP!

Mentoring opportunities in your community are easy to find at: www.abetterhour.org





BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN YOUTH MENTORING

"We need to make this a major activity in our state. Let's make Indiana the national model for youth mentoring."

~ Gov. Mitch Daniels

The mission of the **Indiana Mentoring Partnership** is to promote and support quality mentoring that fosters positive youth development and academic success. It is our vision that no youth shall be denied the inspiration of a caring and involved mentor.

The Partnership seeks to accomplish this by employing three key strategies.



Increase public awareness of the need and benefits of youth mentoring.

There are thousands of Indiana children on waiting lists, hoping for a mentor. The Partnership promotes the value of mentoring year-round through various media channels and provides leadership for activities in January – National Mentoring Month.

Plus, we work to recruit new volunteers at the local level with an easy-to-use database of opportunities. Potential mentors, businesses, youth, parents, guardians, educators, faith leaders and others can find information at www.abetterhour.org



Expand community collaborations and investments in mentoring.

The Partnership convenes mentoring professionals for quality training, networking, and collaboration with each other. Participants are learning how businesses, schools, civic organizations and other sectors can work together to support mentoring with active collaboration.



Provide technical assistance and trainings.

The Partnership is providing customized training and technical assistance to communities and youth mentoring programs. We help assess local communities, catalyze an effective local partnership, and measure for results.

We are here to help with the following services:

- Community Assessments
- Program Trainings
- Evaluation Tools
- Community Trainings
- Technical Assistance
- Mentor Recruitment Support

To learn more about how the Partnership can serve your specific community, contact us by calling 1-800-343-7060 or by e-mailing mentoring@iyi.org. Visit us online at www.abetterhour.org

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