



SUCCESS MENTORING PROGRAM

MENTOR APPLICATION

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Thank you for your interest in the Success Mentoring Program. Success is the mentoring program of Youth Eastside Services (a not-for-profit social service agency for Eastside youth and their families), supporting school-aged youth during difficult and challenging times. Students benefit from the Success Mentoring Program by being matched with a trained adult volunteer who can provide the additional support, encouragement, and care many students need to stay in school and increase self-esteem. Success' current efforts are focused on students enrolled in Bellevue and Lake Washington District schools. They reflect the diversity of their communities and bring valuable individual differences into the mentoring relationship. Our philosophy is based on the old, but true adage, that *'it takes a village to raise a child'* and so, our most concerted efforts for supporting youth are on those who tend to be more at risk academically, socially, and emotionally than others.

The Success Mentoring Program began in 1987 as a collaborative effort between Bellevue Schools, the local Law Enforcement, and members of the business community to address the growing issue of how to keep struggling students in school. They decided the best approach was to pair each student with an adult mentor who could respond to the individual needs of each student such as assistance with school work/tutoring, development of social skills through participation in outings, and structured social events, and/or by providing emotional support in time of need. Over the years, the common thread for all students referred to Success is their need for an adult in their lives to provide friendship, encouragement, role modeling and a listening ear. Our goal is to help keep kids in school and to assist them in building the positive assets necessary for successful transitions throughout their school years and into adulthood.

Success has matched over 3000 school-aged youth with adult volunteers over the 33 years of serving eastside youth and their families. Mentors make a year-long commitment to students, and spend 2-4 hours per week after school or on the weekends engaging in various activities. Mentor and student events hosted by Success and periodic activities that include the families of the students involved give youth a chance to meet other students who, like themselves, are becoming more successful in school and their communities.

The Success Program is always looking for caring people who wish to find the satisfaction that comes from helping a young person steer a successful course to adulthood. You may contact the Success Program at Youth Eastside Services by calling the number listed below.

Kind Regards,

Julie Dubravetz

Success Mentoring Program Coordinator

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Date _____

Name _____ Social Security no. ____-____-____

Home address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Driver's license no. _____ City _____ State ____

Employer _____ Title _____

Length of employment _____ Supervisor's name _____

Have you ever been convicted of any crimes? _____ If yes, please explain _____

Do you agree to YES checking your driving record? _____

Can you meet the time commitment our program requires? (2-4 hrs/wk for 1 year) _____

Why do you want to be a mentor? _____

List any hobbies or special skills you have: _____

What experiences (present and/or past) have you had working with youth? _____

Would you prefer to be matched with a child from a specific grade level, ethnicity, or gender? If "Yes," list them.

Grade level? ____ Ethnicity? _____ Gender? _____

Would you be willing to work with a child who has disabilities? _____

Do you speak any other languages? If "Yes," please list them. _____

Please list the name, address, and phone number of three people you would like to use as character references (*Please list only people you have known for at least a year*).

1. Name _____ Email: _____
Phone: _____ Relationship _____

2. Name _____ Email: _____
Phone: _____ Relationships _____

3. Name _____ Email: _____
Phone: _____ Relationships _____

Please read carefully before signing: Our program appreciates your interest in becoming a mentor to a child. By signing below, you attest to the truthfulness of all information listed on this application. You agree to let our program confirm all information listed and to conduct a federal and state criminal records check. I have read and understand the program's rules, regulations, and responsibilities for becoming a mentor.

If selected, I will follow the rules of the program and be a dedicated mentor. I agree to the time commitment of 2- 4 hours/week for 1 year.

Signature _____ Date _____