



# A Family For Every Child Mentor Program



*"A Mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself"*

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**"We make a living by what we get,  
but we make a life by what we  
give." - Winston Churchill**

## Seeking Mentors



\*Alex is an approachable and outgoing seventeen year old interested in becoming a hair stylist and lives in Eugene. Her colorful hair and colorful personality are an enjoyable combination to be around. Alex is the second oldest in a family of five other sisters and is viewed as a leader in and outside the home.

She has tremendous potential

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## A Message from the AFFEC Mentor Program Director

I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer and trying to stay as cool as much as possible! In case the information was not relayed to you, Caitlin is no longer with AFFEC or the Mentor Program. She has moved on to the next chapter in her life. We are happy for her!

I have extended my position and will be covering the Mentor Program in Lane County and the Portland area from here on forth. This is an exciting new venture for me, with many things in the works!

The Mentor Program has been

and does well in school. She has a witty sense of humor and is seeking out a non-judgmental, open minded mentor. Alex would do best with someone who is able to express appreciation for her, communicates well and is consistent with her.



\*Craig is an intelligent artistic individual who lives in the Eugene area. He enjoys listening to rap and R&B. Craig enjoys writing music and taking long car rides to the coast. He also has a love for school, his favorite subject is art. Craig enjoys activities such as working out, taking walks, and welding.

Craig's favorite sports team is the Chicago Bulls! Craig would benefit the most with a mentor that understands art and music and overall understanding of what teens go through and help through that process.

Overall, Craig is a fantastic young man who needs a mentor to help him stay on a

expanding with branch programs to ensure that the kiddos in our program grow to be successful individuals. I would love to hear what your thoughts are on the Mentor Program. We are always looking to improve it to best serve our mentors, families and children. This program would not exist if it weren't for dedicated community volunteers who step up and want to make a difference in a child's life.

I admire each and every mentor, family and mentee in our program. The time and energy put into this is always noted and appreciated. You all are fantastic and if you may be interested and or curious about this program, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am passionate about this program and only want to see this program grow to its fullest capabilities.

Warmest Regards,

Mavis Sanchez  
Mentor Director

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## Mentor Testimonial



positive path. A mentor who is willing to share good advice, communicate effectively, and motivate Craig as he moves to the next level.

\*Names changed for privacy

View more children on our [waiting list](#).

Interested in mentoring these children? For more information contact: [mentor@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:mentor@afamilyforeverychild.org)

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## Mentor Assisted Life Skills



This program is a resource to mentor matches in order for mentee's to learn basic life skills. Most of us learn basic life skills as we grew up from our parents or guardians.

Children in care often don't

I went to an event for A Family For Every Child and saw some pictures of children who wanted mentors. There was a young girl who lived in my neighborhood with her foster family. I signed up right away.

When I met Shelley, she was twelve years old and living in a foster home with three other girls. The four of them all shared a room. Shelley wanted to learn to ride a bike. I found out there were so many things she had never done. She had never made her own bed or prepared her own meals. She had rarely shopped to pick out her own clothes or eaten at a nice restaurant. School was hard for Shelley. In fact, both social and academic skills were hard for Shelley. A lacked confidence often led to her sabotaging relationships with her peers.

Shelley's reading and writing skills were significantly below grade level. In addition to her difficulties with school, Shelley was dealing with the trauma she suffered while in the care of her mother. She felt angry and betrayed. Many years of counseling have helped

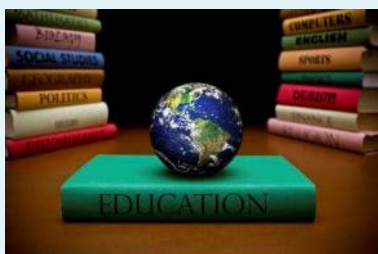
receive these opportunities. It is our mission to educate the kids in our program and create independence so they may feel secure to lead independent lives.

With this program we have presenters from various organization present on how to dress for an interview, how to open a savings account, how to cook and so much more. This is for current mentor matches in Lane County and is held every 3rd Thursday of the month.

If you have any thoughts on what topics you would like covered or questions about how to become involved in this program please contact [mentor@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:mentor@afamilyforeverychild.org) or call 541-343-2856.

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## Education Outreach



This program is a resource to kids in our program that would like or need educational assistance in Lane County. This is also a program that allows for mentors to receive basic information about their mentees academic stand point by receiving report cards, updated on missed classes and

Shelley express her feelings and deal with her sad and scary memories. My time with Shelley has been fun. We eat many meals together. Some we prepare together and some we eat out. Shelley has spent some holidays with me. We shop and go to movies.

When she was 13, I took her to swimming lessons because I think every child should learn to swim. We also rode horses, walked on the beach and played miniature golf. When she graduated from 8th grade, I was the only adult at that graduation for Shelley. This June was one of the happiest days in her life- and mine. Shelley graduated from high school. She passed all state benchmark tests and almost exceeded the benchmark in reading.

At the graduation, she had her boyfriend and his family, her biological sister and her biological father. Now Shelley is planning to get her CNA and go to Lane Community College in the fall. Being a mentor has been very rewarding and lots of fun. Shelley often thanks me and lately she told me that she would not have graduated if I was not in her life.

*Are you interested in making a difference in a child life? Would you like to know more about this fantastic program and learn how you can become a mentor? We have our next Mentor Orientation on July 26th from 1pm to 4 pm here at our*

if they are doing poorly in a certain subject.

The mentor can also be of a resource to the mentee's family and have the mentor attend IEP meeting and other important meeting that would be beneficial. The mission of this program is to see all our kids in our program succeed in their academics and go on to obtain a higher education.

For more information or to speak to our Educational Outreach Director please contact:

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## Mentor/Mentee Back to School BBQ



We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a back to school BBQ at Mary Bromley's house in August. This is a great opportunity for mentor and mentee's to come end the summer on a splendid note, eat delicious food and ask questions you may have, interact with other matches and receive some information regarding our branch programs.

We wouldn't be here if it weren't for our matches and we would like to honor them with a dinner and lovely evening. Stay tuned for more updates regarding this event.

If you would like more information or would like to help us out anyway you can please contact:

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