



A Family For Every Child Mentor Program



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

**Empowering Youth.
Making a Difference.
Transforming Lives.**

A Note From The Director~

Hello All!

It's been a wonderful time of year within the Mentor Program. We have been placing a lot of effort in expanding our Education Program, Mentor Program as well as our Life Skills Program. We have also focused our efforts in empowering the youth we serve about their rights!



The Oregon Foster Children's Bill of Rights has been going

around full circle here in the Lane County area and we are very pleased to see it soar! Our goal is to help more youth become aware of their rights while in foster care and ask for support if their are not receiving it. The youth's voices in our program matter! We are even more thrilled to announce that we have helped serve more youth in the community that have no outlet to turn to due to the many other mentoring programs that have closed their doors.

We feel proud to have these youth within our program and we hope to serve more youth that that are at risk in our community. We believe that every child has the right to obtain a mentor to help with their personal success and achievements. At times, mentoring may not be the best fit for everyone's schedule , but there are many ways that you could help support our program! We always need in kind donations for our various programs as well as professionals out in the community who would like to teach the youth in our program a certain trade or peak there interest into a profession. Some may not be able to donate their time, but everyone can help a child in need.

Warmest Regards,
Mavis Sanchez

Education Outreach Program

Our Education Outreach Program is blooming more than every! With over 20 youth enrolled into our Education Program, we are actively assisting youth in their academic success. We have also partnered with AmeriCorps to obtain high quality "mentor educators" to tutor really high needs youth, one on one that are on the brink of dropping out of school or have poor attendance that hurts their academic performance. We are in the very beginning of this new phase within this program, but we are looking forward to the results that come with this new effort!



Mentor Assisted Life Skills Class

Our last Life Skills class was hosted by Darin Mancuso, the first foster care ombudsman in Oregon! It was a pleasure to have him speak to the youth, mentors, staff and board member about the rights that youth in foster care have. We are thrilled to have had the opportunity to spread this great effort to the youth in our program!



TO HAVE WHAT EVERY CHILD NEEDS:

- * A permanent family
- * A home where I am part of the family and am treated as such
- * Nutritious food that meets my dietary needs
- * Clean and appropriate clothes that fit me and correspond to a gender identity of my choice
- * Safe housing
- * Free access to soap, shampoo, toothpaste and other hygiene needs that are necessary for my gender, age, individual health and ethnic needs
- * A safe and appropriate sleeping arrangement and adequate space for my personal belongings
- * To keep my belongings, including things I buy and gifts I receive, if I have to move
- * Access to a working telephone

TO HAVE MY RIGHTS PROTECTED:

- * To have an attorney if I want one, and to request the judge appoint a CASA advocate to my case
- * To talk to my attorney and/or CASA advocate in private
- * To be notified of court hearings, reviews by the Citizen Review Board, and what is being decided about me and my family in an age appropriate manner.
- * To be invited to attend court and talk to the judge in court about what I want and need
- * To decide whether or not I want my attorney and/or CASA advocate to speak for me
- * To call the Foster Care Ombudsman Office (free from retaliation from my foster parents or anyone else) if my rights are violated or my needs are not being met

TO BE IN A PLACE THAT MEETS MY NEEDS:

- * To be in a foster care placement close to my family so that I can visit and

[Click here](#) to learn more about Oregon Foster Children Bill of Rights

Becoming a mentor is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Fill out our volunteer application [here!](#)

2. Call our office at 541-343-2856 and speak to the Mentor Director!

3. Send an email to mentor@afamilyforeverychild.org to learn more about our program!



*We have youth on our wait list that need your support!
[Click here](#) to see "Kids needing Mentors!"*

*Please don't hesitate to inquire about our program!
We need great community members like you
to help guide and support the youth we serve!*

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