



A Family For Every Child

Mentor Program

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What is A Family For Every Child's Mentor Program?

Established in 2007, A Family For Every Child's Mentor program connects youth with caring and enthusiastic adults who can act as role models in their lives.



No two mentor matches look the same. Some of our mentors focus more on academics, some on sports, others on life skills, and others will focus on other activities like arts and crafts or music. The beauty of our mentor program is that we match youth and mentors based upon their interests and strength. What you'll get will be a great mentor match with a youth that you'll love to hang out with and who'll love to hang out with you!



What Does A Mentor Do?

A mentor acts as a role model for a youth, leading by example. Mentors and their youth do fun activities together like play sports, go hiking, camping, and going out to eat. Mentors can teach their youth life skills like applying for a job, applying to college, interview skills, outdoor skills... the list is pretty much endless.

We ask our mentors for an 18 month commitment and 10 hours per month. We understand that sometimes life gets busy, for both mentors and youth, so the 10 hours per month is more of a guideline than a hard rule. Also, 18 months is just what we ask for -- mentoring has no expiration date!

Every mentor and youth are interviewed at the beginning of the program. The interview helps to give us insight into the needs and personality of the youth as well as the strengths and personality of the mentor. We match youth and mentors based up their interests, personalities and location.

The Mentor Process

Becoming a mentor couldn't be easier! With the following steps, you can be matched with you mentee in 4-5 weeks:

In-Home Interview: The mentor program director will come to meet you at you home to interview you. Why in-home? Because, unlike other mentor programs, our youth are allowed to go to their mentors' homes. For the safety of our youth, we must go their first. During the interview, we ask you questions about yourself so we can make the best determination in making a match.

References Check: To become a mentor in our program you must furnish us with three references. These do no have to be professional references -- just people who know you well and have known you at least a year

Background Check: Every mentor in our program must be fingerprinted to be a part of our program. These can be scheduled to work with your schedule.

Orientation: All new mentors attend a 2 hour orientation where they get to learn about what to expect from being a mentor and to get any remaining questions they have answered.

Youth Bio: After orientation, we'll send you the bio of a youth we think you'll be a good match with. You'll let us know if you think they would be a good match!

Match Meeting: The best part! The match meeting is where you meet your youth and their caregivers. We find lay out ground rules, discuss schedules and what activities you will enjoy with your youth. Lastly, we'll schedule your first outing!



**“As a mentor,
I have learned
the great things
that can happen
when a young
person has
someone to
look up to.”**



SPORTS AND OUTDOOR MENTORING

The **Sports and Outdoor Mentor Program** was founded specifically for male youth and mentors. Because our male youth tend to wait longer than their female counterparts, AFFEC has established a shorter-term mentoring program centered around Sports and Outdoor activities to engage our male youth while we continue to search for their long-term mentors. With a broader scope in terms of eligibility, the Sports and Outdoor Mentor Program opens the door to those men for whom the traditional program may not work.

Sports and Outdoor Mentor Volunteer Requirements:

- Male, 19 years of age and older
- Willing to meet with mentee 2-3 hours per week for sports/outdoor mentoring
- Able to commit to 6 months of mentoring
- Able to pass a background check
- Able to provide three character references
- Able to get mentor a youth in the Eugene or Springfield area



SUPPORT FROM AFFEC

We understand that the prospect of figuring out what to do with your mentee can be daunting. Luckily, we're always here to help you and your mentee have the best time while hanging out! You can expect AFFEC to offer you support by:

A monthly email with free and low-cost activity ideas for you and your mentee

Invitations for shows and events

Fun outings and life skills courses

Individual donation requests for you and your mentee

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