



# Becoming a Community Based Mentor

## Mentor's Role

A Mentor is a trusted role model and supportive friend for youth ages 7–17, building strong relationships through trust, consistency, positive example – and, most importantly, by having fun together.

*"One of the biggest gifts we can give each other is our time. Spending time with my mentee and inspiring him to make the world better feels like winning the lotto."*

## Here's What to Expect

1. **Apply:** Fill out an application [here](#) or our interest form on the [website](#).
2. **References:** We ask for 4 references — you'll include their info in your application.
3. **Orientation & Interview:** We'll set up a time to meet, get to know each other, and go over what mentoring with us looks like.
4. **Background Check:** An online background check keeps things safe and secure for everyone involved.
5. **Fingerprinting:** Done right at the Partners office — simple and convenient.
6. **Home Visit:** A Case Manager will schedule a time to visit your home to ensure it's a safe and appropriate environment for a child.
7. **Mentor Training:** You'll attend a 2-hour in-person training at the Partners office to get set up for success.

## Commitment Guidelines

**Time Together:** Spend about 3 hours a week with your Mentee for one year.

**Stick to Your Commitment:** Your Mentee is counting on you!

**Group & Program Activities:** Join 2 fun Group Activities, 1 Life Skills Activity, participate in 1 Community Service Project, and attend 1 Mentor Only Workshop (focused discussions and support) annually.

**Stay Connected with Program Staff:** Return your Case Manager's calls, weekly for the first 3 months, every 2 weeks for the next 9, and monthly after a year.

Visit our website [www.partnersyouth.org](http://www.partnersyouth.org) or Apply [here](#)!