

Mission

To establish and support quality one-on-one mentoring relationships between adult role models and youth facing challenges in Washburn County.

Why mentoring?

Youth with mentors are more likely to:

- * Have a better attitude toward school
- * Have fewer absences from school
- * Decrease their risk of drug and alcohol use
- * Have healthier relationships with friends and family

Mentors who form bonds make an impact through:

- Helping a child discover and develop their strengths
- Sharing relevant experiences from their own life
- Establishing trust and friendship by observing confidentiality
- Listening to and standing by a child through joys and frustrations

Get Involved!

Don't be shy! Here are some ways you can partner with us to make a difference in the young lives of Washburn County.

- ⇒ Become a mentor!
- ⇒ Connect us with youth that may benefit from a mentor
- ⇒ Participate in Lakeland sponsored events
- ⇒ Join us for fundraising events as a volunteer or participant



Lakeland Mentoring

Contact Us!

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Our Story

Lakeland mentoring was originally established in 2013 as an affiliate of The Kinship Network. In 2025, this program was brought under the services of Lakeland Family Resource Center.

We believe that mentoring relationships can be the basis for healthy development in many areas of a young person's life. For this reason, we collaborate with many organizations that are already actively working with children and families in the Washburn County area.

Aligning with National Standards

Our mentoring program follows the format and process established by the National Mentorship Partnership. This six stage process reflects the latest in quality mentoring research, policies, and practices.

1. Recruitment
2. Screening
3. Training
4. Matching
5. Monitoring & Support
6. Closure

For more information visit: www.mentoring.org

How it works

Youth come to the mentoring program via referral from their school, a social worker, or other trusted adult. We work with youth ages 5-14. Both the youth and their parent/guardian fill out an application and go through our screening process. Once they have been approved for the program, they are put on a waiting list until a suitable mentor match is found.

Volunteer Mentors come to us through a variety of ways—churches, friends, family, and through Lakeland's other programs and events. Volunteer mentors complete an application and screening process. Once approved, they are put on a wait list, provided training opportunities, and work with Lakeland staff to find a suitable youth match.

What Mentors do:

- ♦ **Commit** to spending 2 hours (minimum) per month together, for one year.
- ♦ **Listen** to youth and offer non-judgmental support.
- ♦ **Share** relevant experiences from their own life.
- ♦ **Introduce** youth to new experiences
- ♦ **Continue** to stay connected with Lakeland staff as a mentor.

Keeping it local

Lakeland mentoring reaches out to all corners of Washburn County. Washburn County is home to just under 16,000 people and is located in beautiful Northwest WI.

mentor: noun /men-
.tôr/
someone who
teaches or gives help
and advice to a less
experienced and often
younger person.

youth: noun |'yüth|
the time when
something is new and
not yet established

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