

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to acting as a mentor to at-risk youth, volunteers and interns will have the opportunity to learn other aspects of the Juvenile Department depending on interest. These include learn the role of a juvenile counselor/probation officer, observe court and learn how the juvenile justice system works, observe an intake and assessment, work shifts at Harkins House, learn about the house arrest/electronic monitoring program, assist with a transport, attend a work crew, and learn about victim services and other specialized areas such as gang involved youth, substance abuse, and youth who sexually offend.

BUILDING HOPE

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

ONE STEP AT A TIME

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MENTORING PROGRAM

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Mentor A Youth

WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JUVENILE DEPARTMENT MENTORING PROGRAM. THE MENTORING PROGRAM IS A COMPONENT OF THE SUPERVISION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS (STEP) AND PROVIDES AN IMPORTANT SERVICE TO THE YOUTH OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. THE GOAL OF THE MENTORING PROGRAM IS TO BUILD ON A YOUTH'S MOTIVATION, INSPIRE HOPE, AND TREAT ALL YOUTH AND FAMILIES WITH DIGNITY, RESPECT, AND AN AWARENESS OF THE IMPACT OF TRAUMA ON THEIR LIVES. A MENTOR IS A PERSON ASSIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO A YOUTH TO ASSIST THEM IN REACHING PERSONAL GOALS, SUCH AS ACADEMIC SUCCESS, OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT, AND DEVELOPING SOCIAL SKILLS.

ACTIVITIES WITH YOUTH

Mentors will be provided a list of volunteer sites as well as a list of potential free and low-cost activities. Mentors are not limited to the use of these lists and are strongly encouraged to identify activities jointly with your mentee that best fit the needs of your mentee. Mentors are encouraged to have regular contact with the mentee's parents/guardians as well as their Juvenile Counselor.



ONGOING TRAINING

The Washington County Juvenile Department takes pride in providing an excellent opportunity for interns and volunteers who are looking to gain experience in working with at-risk youth. College level interns are provided with competent and skilled supervision in compliance with the requirements of each academic program. Volunteers are provided with ongoing support as needed. Following a mandatory orientation, additional trainings will be provided on a regular basis in areas including best practices in mentoring, trauma informed care, and working with at-risk youth.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Be at least 20 years of age (exceptions may be made)
- Be willing to adhere to all Mentoring Program policies and procedures
- Agree to a six month commitment to the program, or to the duration of the required internship, whichever is longer
- Commit to spending a minimum of eight hours a month with the mentee
- Be willing to communicate with the mentee weekly
- Complete the screening procedure
- Agree to attend mentor trainings as required
- Have access to an vehicle or reliable transportation
- Have a current driver's license, auto insurance, and good driving record
- Clear a criminal background check

VISION STATEMENT

The Washington County Juvenile Department Mentoring Program supports the success of at-risk youth by providing them with positive one on one relationships with a caring adult.