

How Do I Begin?

- o Contact the school district to express your interest.
- o Complete required background check.
- o Attend required training session.
- o Attend MENTOR support meetings.



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How Can I
Make A
Difference?

Turn Your Thought Into An Action and Become a Mentor!

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life
by what we give."

_Winston Churchill



Qualities That Make A Good Mentor

- Supportive
Mentors support & encourage young people as they struggle to overcome obstacles & solve problems.
- Active Listener
Mentors listen first and speak last. They always listen.
- Push...Just Enough
Youth really like to have high expectations set for them – both academically & personally.
- Have Authentic Interest in Youth as Individuals
Value young people's ideas & honor their changing feelings & moods.
- Foster Self Decision-Making
Do not judge or impose your own beliefs, but remind youth who they are and help them believe they have the insights to make good choices.
- Lend Perspective
Provide perspective from your life experiences. Help youth to see both sides of a situation and put challenges into perspective.

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