



Mentorship Program

Helping Children Achieve their Dreams

The Mentorship Program provides youth, who are in foster care, with the chance to develop a relationship with an adult, other than an authority figure, who then becomes a friend, role model and advocate. This caring, consistent relationship leads to increased self-esteem, improved social skills, additional opportunities for success in life, and an improved outlook on the future.

“I used to wonder what I had to offer as a mentor, and now I know that mentoring through Childhelp has not only impacted the lives of those that I have mentored, but it has impacted my life in unbelievable ways.” -Childhelp Mentor

Requirements to Become a Mentor

- Be at least 20 years of age
- Make a one-year commitment
- Spend 2-4 sessions a month with your mentee
- Have reliable transportation, a valid driver's license, current car insurance and a driving record check completed
- Provide names and contact information for three references
- Have local and state criminal clearance, FBI fingerprinting check, a sex offender registry check and a child protective service history check
- Attend an interview, orientation and new mentor training (5 hours)

Childhelp Michigan's mentor program provides youth, ages 7 - 23, who are involved in the child welfare and/or juvenile justice system, the opportunity to positively interact with an adult mentor.

Childhelp Michigan's mentorship program is community-based, where mentor and mentee plan activities encompassing education, career exploration, life skills development, game playing and attendance at sporting, entertainment or cultural events.

Requirements to Become a Mentee

- Ages 7-23
- Reside in a foster placement (home, relatives)
- Live in Oakland, Macomb, or Wayne County
- Free of attempts or serious threats of suicide within past year
- Cannot have any criminal charges pending
- Agree to stay substance/alcohol free during year long commitment

But most importantly, the youth has to want a mentor!



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