



ALEXANDRIA MENTORING PARTNERSHIP



WHY MENTOR?

Ninety-nine percent of mentors recommend mentoring to others. It is a proven national best-practice that decreases the risk of crime, teen pregnancy, gang involvement, drug abuse and poor school performance. Students are more likely to graduate from high school, make healthier lifestyle choices, build stronger relationships with parents, teachers and peers and demonstrate improved social and emotional skills. Other benefits include :

COMMUNITY

Mentoring is a great way to become more involved in the community. By spending time with a child, an investment is made not only in his or her growth and development, but also in that of the surrounding community. Each empowered, educated child has the potential to give to others the same support and care they have received.

INSPIRING YOUTH

Mentors guide bright young minds to develop the skills they will need to be the leaders of the future. The mentored child will look to their mentor for the guidance and wisdom that, provided during his or her most impressionable years, will undoubtedly shape the adult he or she will become.

GRATIFICATION

The time spent with a mentee not only adds value and motivation to his or her life, but also to the mentor's. No form of flattery is greater than the adoration of a child.

BONDING

Mentors have the privilege of experiencing a child's inquisitive mind and fresh honesty, although a few bad moods or broody days will likely be thrown in the mix. Though the path may be bumpy and the road may be long, mentors enjoy the great moments witnessing their mentee develop a new skill or experience something for the first time.

MEETING LIKE-MINDED ADULTS

Becoming a mentor brings together service-oriented members of the community. At information sessions, trainings, and events, mentors have the opportunity to meet adults who share their passion and commitment to helping others.

WHAT IS AMP?

The Alexandria Mentoring Partnership was founded in 2006, following a series of community meetings centered on the need of more positive adult role models for the city's youth. Today, AMP represents over 10 different programs, each with its own structure, mission, and capacity. Around 400 mentees are supported each year through the work of AMP. Partners include the Virginia Mentoring Partnership, the City of Alexandria, local businesses, community leaders, and others.

AMP works to expand the scope of mentoring in Alexandria by assisting with program development, capacity building, community partnerships, and program support through mentor recruitment, screening, and training.

Our mission is to provide a quality mentor to every child in Alexandria who needs one.

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YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAMS

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AMP represents a wide variety of programs. Mentors work in groups or one-on-one, doing tutoring or activities, with mentees from elementary to middle school to high school. Each program has different missions, schedules, and time commitments. Contact AMP to discuss more about which program is the right fit for you!

BRYCE PROJECT

Bright Resilient Youth Committed to Enrichment

Develops bright, resilient youth committed to enrichment by bridging cultural gaps, encouraging healthy peer relationships, fostering post high school development, and improving the community through group mentoring. Serves high-school girls on Mondays after school at Charles Barnet Rec Center.

[Learn more](#)

CASA CHIRILAGUA

Focuses on using the power of relational bridge building to holistically transform communities. A Christian non-profit based in the Latino neighborhood of Chirilagua/Arlandria which boosts confidence in academic skills and improves students' well-being. Serves 1st to 8th graders in the community for at least one hour per week.

[Learn more](#)

COMMUNITY LODGINGS

Offers group mentoring in a safe, supportive, creative, and fun environment where students learn life skills, conflict resolution, and boundary-setting. Serves 7th to 12th graders on Monday evenings in Chirilagua.

[Learn more](#)

HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT

Implements a rigorous year-round learning environment, caring role models, and a culture of high expectations through group mentoring/teaching, resulting in college-bound scholars with the character, confidence, and skills to succeed. Serves 5th to 8th graders at Hammond Middle School on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday evenings.

[Learn more](#)

Ratcliff Thomas Foundation:

UNITED VILLAGE MENTORING PROGRAM

Advocates one-on-one mentors as big brother figures and advisors, who will participate with students in engaging Community Based Educational Instruction (CBEI) and field trips. Serves 10 to 17 year olds.

[Learn more](#)

SOHO—SPACE OF HER OWN

Helps girls avoid delinquency, live healthfully, progress academically, and give back through one-on-one mentoring in a group setting. With visual arts, carpentry, and life skills classes, youth transform their bedrooms and build bright futures. Serves 5th grade girls on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings.

[Learn more](#)

THE UNTOUCHABLES

Directs attention on developing male youth into successful men who live healthy and productive lives by encouraging members to strive for excellence and make a positive impact on those around them. Serves 2nd to 12th graders on Thursday evenings at the Charles Houston Rec Center.

[Learn more](#)

WRIGHT TO READ

Provides volunteer-based one-on-one sustained literacy tutoring & mentoring relationships, and collaborates with families, schools and community partners to create a comprehensive support network that guides each child to success. Serves 1st to 5th graders at local libraries for at least 1 hour per week.

[Learn more](#)

AFFILIATE YOUTH PROGRAMS

RARE: *Reach And Rise for Excellence*

Targets “at promise” children by seeking to increase student achievement levels. Group mentoring promotes mathematics and technology tools and incorporates areas not part of the standard school curriculum. Serves 6th graders at Hammond Middle School on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday after school.

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