

Statistics:

- * Mentored youth have a 60% greater chance of graduating high school.
- * One high school drop out turning to crime and drugs can cost the nation over 2 million dollars.
- * The cost to incarcerate one youth in Virginia for one year is \$100,000.
- * It costs an adult 1-2 hours a week to mentor a child to prevent criminal behavior.
- * At least 300 youths in the City of Alexandria will need a mentor this year.
- * 99% of mentors would recommend mentoring to someone else.
- * Mentoring can fit most any schedule; evenings, daytime and weekend opportunities are available.



Our History:

In 2006, a series of community meetings were assembled in an attempt to gain feedback from residents on how to enhance resources for youth. A theme surfaced: more mentors – relationships with positive adult influences - were needed for our City's youth.

At that time mentoring programs were scattered throughout the City with each one operating independently and with little coordination among programs. In an effort to support the work of the several mentoring programs already in existence, a number of community members, City and Schools' staff and members of the non-profit community initiated a collaborative partnership of citywide mentoring programs appropriately titled, "The Alexandria Mentoring Partnership (AMP)." The AMP Coordinator collaborates with the AMP programs ensuring that all the boys and girls are adequately served.

Get Involved:

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MENTOR

Mentor a Child Change Two Lives

Learn a new hobby...

Finish homework...

Talk about life...

Go to a movie...

Play catch...

Read together...

Shoot hoops...

Give advice...

Impact the next generation...

Impact your generation...



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Alexandria's Mentoring Partnership has been developed to offer our City's youth the support they need to thrive. Our collaboration will work to support member organizations in maximizing mentor recruitment, screening, and training and to ensure that quality mentoring programs reach all of Alexandria's youth in need.

* Training sessions available to develop skills in mentoring

* Socials to meet other mentors in the City of Alexandria

* E-Newsletter to let you know of upcoming community

All young people have the potential to succeed, but not all of them get the support they need to do so.



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Programs:



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers and Big Sisters volunteers assist with schoolwork, volunteer in their community, or just hanging out. Boys and girls, ages 8 – 15, targeted to single-parent households.

Higher Achievement is a school based program. Boys and girls in middle school are served in this program.



iMovie Mentor is a community based program in the City of Alexandria. Preteen boys from the Old Town and Del Ray neighborhoods in Alexandria participate in this program.

Northern Virginia Family Services IPE Mentor Program. This program is community based. The youth have been identified as at-risk for gang involvement but want to make a change. Members are between the ages of 12 and 17.



a space of her own

A Space of Her Own is a program running the length of the academic year, culminating in a art gala and video, and extends into the summer with service projects.

Girls from the 5th and 6th grade participate in this program.

The Untouchables is a community based project that monthly field trips and community service projects. Young men of color (ages 8-17) are involved with this program.

Wright to Read's volunteers tutor in a local library branch in the evening or on the weekend. Children in grades 1-5 participate in this program.

Wright to Read



To give the gift of literacy.