

MENTORING MATTERS

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Mentoring Matters is a community wide mentoring initiative of United Way of Greater Greensboro committed to providing youth with positive, quality experiences with caring adults.

Because mentoring programs have been shown to improve outcomes for children and youth, United Way of Greater Greensboro's Mentoring Matters initiative seeks to increase opportunities for young people to be engaged in high quality mentoring relationships.

There are currently hundreds of children in Greater Greensboro, on waiting lists, in need of a mentor. The need is great and the time to be involved is now.

Make a difference. Be a Mentor.

The Mentoring Matters Hub for Excellence is a centralized capacity building system that will work with mentoring service providers to increase the quality and quantity of their services. Mentoring Matters works to support, strengthen and sustain mentoring programs that collectively support the young people in our community by:

- convening providers to encourage collaboration and collective impact.
- providing professional development, best practices and common measures.
- increasing the identification, recruitment and retention of mentors.
- providing training for cultural sensitivity and diversity competency.
- providing financial support to United Way initiatives and direct services, both for the general population and special target populations.
- introducing innovative mentoring strategies and support by increasing public awareness of the value of mentoring.



Mentors improve a young person's self-esteem.

Youth who meet regularly with their mentors are 46% less likely than their peers to start using illegal drugs and 27% less likely to start drinking.



Mentors help keep students in school.

Students who meet regularly with their mentors are 52% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and 37% less likely to skip class.



Mentors help young people set career goals and take steps to realize them.

Mentors introduce young people to professional resources and organizations they may not know; and they can help their mentees learn how to seek and keep jobs.



With a caring heart and a little time, you can be a mentor.

Volunteering as a mentor is simple and can change the life of a child.

Learn more and get started at www.UnitedWayGSO.org/mentor or call us at 336-378-6600.