



Youth Mentoring Programs Navigation Services



Need more information? Contact our Navigation Services Team at 303-432-5130 or navigation@jcmh.org

If you notice any changes or inconsistencies with our resources, please inform Navigation to help us stay current.

Youth Mentorship Programs

Save Our Youth

303-455-1126

3443 W 23rd Ave, Denver, CO 80211

<https://saveouryouth.org/home>

- One on one mentorship for young people (ages 10-17) as a pathway to help them overcome adverse experiences and learn to embrace hope: the belief that they can have something better than they have now and that they have a role to play in making it better.
- To get started, we ask that a parent or guardian complete the application below. After submitting the application, you'll have a quick phone call with our team and talk with your youth about the opportunity. Youth need to want a mentor. (<https://form.jotform.com/SOYFormsCentral/general-mentee-application>)
- Please note: Due to demand, it may take two weeks before you hear back from our team.
- Mentors agree to meet with their mentee on average once a week for a year. Our average official match length is 4+ years!
- Mentors are recruited primarily from local churches. We are a Christian-based mentoring organization, however there are no requirements for our youth or families to have a faith affiliation.
- Our mentors are volunteers and are not experts in child and adolescent development, so we cannot accept youth who are:
 - Actively involved in high-risk peer associations (e.g., violence, drugs, theft, illegal activity)
 - Struggling with drugs or alcohol that require professional addictions counseling
 - Experiencing severe mental or behavioral health issues
 - Are unable to meet with a mentor regularly due to homelessness or running away

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado

303-433-6002

750 W Hampden Ave Suite 450, Englewood, CO 80110

www.biglittlecolorado.org

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado offers long-term, one-to-one mentoring relationships for youth. Our programs connect young people, ages 9-14, with trained, screened adult mentors who provide consistent encouragement, guidance, and positive support over time.
 - Programs include: Community based mentorship programs, site based, school based and Big Futures program (for career exploration and workforce readiness)
- MENTORING MAY NEED TO WAIT IF:
 - The youth has had a suicide attempt, or a mental health crisis within the past six months
 - The family is experiencing unstable housing that makes regular participation difficult
 - Parents or legal guardians do not agree on enrolling the child
 - Youth is under age 9 or 15+
 - Family is seeking immediate crisis intervention

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Friends for Youth

303-756-9285

Littleton, CO

<https://friendsforyouth.com/>

Friends for Youth serves at-risk youth, including youth in the highest levels of the risk continuum, older teens, and those who are the most difficult to access in the child welfare, foster care and juvenile justice systems. We support Positive Youth Development of at-risk youth in the Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare systems by providing caring adult mentors, life-enriching experiences and enhanced community connections resulting in successful life transitions.

Mentoring programs:

- One-to-One Community Mentoring Program: provides youth with an engaged and supportive relationship with a caring adult mentor. Friends for Youth follows best practices of mentoring through quality volunteer training, matching, close supervision and personalized case management. The commitment is for matches to meet a min. of 2X per month, for a min. of 4 hours per month, for one year.
- Success Journey Program: serves youth who are currently incarcerated through the Colorado Division of Youth Corrections by providing a pro-social intervention and caring adult role model to support the youths transition back to community.
- Family Advocates and Mentoring Program: (FAM) is designed to provide youth and families with life skills services, youth mentoring, community resources, parenting skills training, advocacy, and a variety of other services. The goal of the FAM program is to keep families together by giving them the tools and support they need to be self-sufficient and positively attached. Services are provided by trained and caring adults from the same communities as the families being served. Services are tailored to fit the needs of each family and may be provided in a home or community setting.
- Group Mentoring Activities: one-to-one matches and group mentoring participants an opportunity to participate in structured pro-social events including cultural, adventure and athletic opportunities.

ACE Mentor Program

847-858-3904

<https://www.acementor.org/affiliates/denver-co/>

- Serves high school students who want to explore careers in architecture, construction and engineering. Group meets two hours per week for 17 weeks introduces participants to building industry professions by having them plan and design mock projects on real sites and work with professionals in the design and build industries.
- Please register and complete the paperwork. Once we confirm your registration, we will be in touch with you by email.
- Parents need to sign forms authorizing the students to participate.
- Please note that the program is a high school educational program for students interested in Architecture, Construction, Engineering and the related design professions. ACE also offers college scholarships, but these are based on an application and available funds. There is no guarantee that a student participant will receive a scholarship.
- There is no charge for students to participate in the program.
- Apply online at <https://app.acementor.org/registration/student>

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Girls Inc of Metro Denver

303-893-4363

1499 Julian Street, Denver, CO 80204

<https://www.girlsincdenver.org/>

- Through the Girls Inc. Experience, our professionally trained staff and volunteers provide mentorship, supportive spaces, and programming that address the unique challenges girls face and are proven to help girls succeed.
- We cultivate environments where girls are encouraged to take risks, learn from experiences, and grow.
- We have family resources, Elementary & Middle school, After School, Summer programs, Internships, and Collegiate and College Prep programs.

Denver County Specific Mentoring Programs

Office of Community Violence Solutions

Email: grid@denvergov.org

<https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Mayors-Office/Programs-and-Initiatives/Social-Equity-and-Innovation/Office-of-Neighborhood-Safety/Office-of-Community-Violence-Solutions>

- OCVS works to develop and support a network of partner agencies and programs to provide effective and efficient prevention strategies that collectively strengthen families and communities, provide effective and efficient case management intervention strategies to high-risk gang members and their families, and ensure effective enforcement of violent gang crimes.
- Referral from agency/case worker is required

Metro Denver Partners

303-777-7000

1625 E 35th St, Denver, CO 80205

www.metrodenverpartners.org

- Provides mentoring programs to youth ages 8-17 years.
- full-time case management services to all mentors and mentees in order to build a strong foundation for a life long friendship through regular check-ins, training opportunities, and resource navigation.
- Monthly Partnership Activities
- Each month Partners provides a free group activity for our partnerships they can interact in a positive environment, improve social skills, and bond with one another. Activities vary monthly, and may include: camping trips, skating, picnics, holiday parties, bowling, and art projects.
- Community Service Activities: volunteering with mentors past, putting together food baskets during the holidays, decorating ceramic bowls to be auctioned at the annual gala, and volunteering at the Food Bank of the Rockies.

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Hope Ignites

720-524-2061

3090 S. Jamaica Ct. #212 Aurora, CO 80014

www.bhghcolorado.org

- Provides Academic growth, whole-person development, and college preparedness are the focus of the Hope Ignites Colorado Academy program. Based at Aurora Central High School and Regis Jesuit High School, Academy scholars are provided in-depth academic support by Hope Ignites Colorado staff and volunteers. Scholars are matched with tutors who help them reach their academic potential and mentors who share their life experience; they are enrolled in extracurricular activities designed to help them discover themselves and the world around them; and they engage in community service projects that teach them the value of living a life committed to serving others.

Partners Mentoring Youth (Northern Colorado)

970-484-7123 (Fort Collins/Loveland) | 970-577-9348 (Estes Park) | 970-378-6501 (Greeley)

530 S. College Ave, Unit 1, Fort Collins, CO 80524

<https://poweredbypartners.org/>

- Provides community-based and school based mentoring programs to build confidence and resilience in youth across several northern regions
- Must be referred from a professional in the community (counselor, agency, therapist, probation officer).

Mountain Mentors (Summit County)

970-668-4122

360 Peak One Drive Ste 210 Frisco, CO 80443

https://www.summitcountycogov/services/health_human_services/youth_family/mountain_mentors/index.php

- Serves local children by matching them with caring adults who make a one-year commitment to spend positive recreational hours together.
- A free, year-round group mentoring program is offered to facilitate the relationship-building process between mentors and mentees.
- Mountain Mentors hosts an average of three group activities per month for mentors, youth, and families. These activities include art and performing arts classes, hiking, snow sports, bowling, community events, and service activities such as volunteering at the Elks Lodge community dinner.

Pueblo Mentoring Collaborative

719-564-0055

<https://mentoringpueblo.com/>

- Coordinates multiple localized student paths, including the "Be Great: Graduate!" program through the Boys & Girls Clubs of Pueblo County.

Foster Alumni Mentors (Mesa County)

970-234-3519

750 Main Street, Suite 105, Grand Junction, CO 81501

<https://fosteralummentors.org/>

- Foster Alumni Mentors (FAM) serves any individual (16 years old and up) who has experienced foster care—particularly those who have “aged out” of the foster care system, those who are currently struggling to meet their basic needs, and/or those who are seeking opportunities to stabilize and improve their lives.

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- Our services are of no cost to participants and are designed to support, prepare and build confidence for foster alumni (Members) as they transition into adulthood and beyond.

Adult Peer & Professional Mentorship Programs

NAMI High Country Colorado (Peer Mentoring)

303-321-3104

1-800-950-6264 (National Support Line)

Crisis Text Line: Text "NAMI" to 741741

<https://namihighcountryco.org/support-and-education/mental-health-education/peer-mentoring/>

- Facilitates structured peer-to-peer mental health support and guidance from trained adults who share similar lived experiences.

Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains (LFSRM Mentoring)

303-980-5400 (Denver) | 719-227-8899 (Colorado Springs) | 970-353-5267 (Greeley)

1035 Osage St, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80204 | 1515 North Cascade Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80907 | 815

9th St, Suite B, Greeley, CO 80631

<https://www.lfsrm.org/All-Programs-Services>

- Coordinates localized family advocates, refugee resettlement resources, and adult transition mentorship programs.

Angels of Colorado

720-747-8228

<https://angelsofcolorado.org/services/>

- Angels of Colorado has provided short-term and long-term respite care to families of children and adults with physical and cognitive disabilities. We offer a wide variety of different services and programs to fit your needs
- The mentorship program helps promote self-advocacy. Methods can include instructing, giving experiences, modeling and advising.