

## MENTORING WORKS

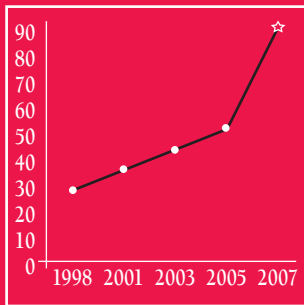
As the lead state resource, expert and advocate of quality mentoring, The Maryland Mentoring Partnership knows for a fact that mentoring works! You do the math.

- 78% of youth who meet with their mentors regularly show improvement in self-confidence.
- 68% of students who have mentors improve their ability to relate to adults.

### MENTORING IS A WISE INVESTMENT.

- Maryland taxpayers spend up to \$80,000 per year to house one youth in a correctional or rehabilitation facility.
- The cost to mentor a youth is less than \$1,000 per year.

### WE NEED TO BE HERE.

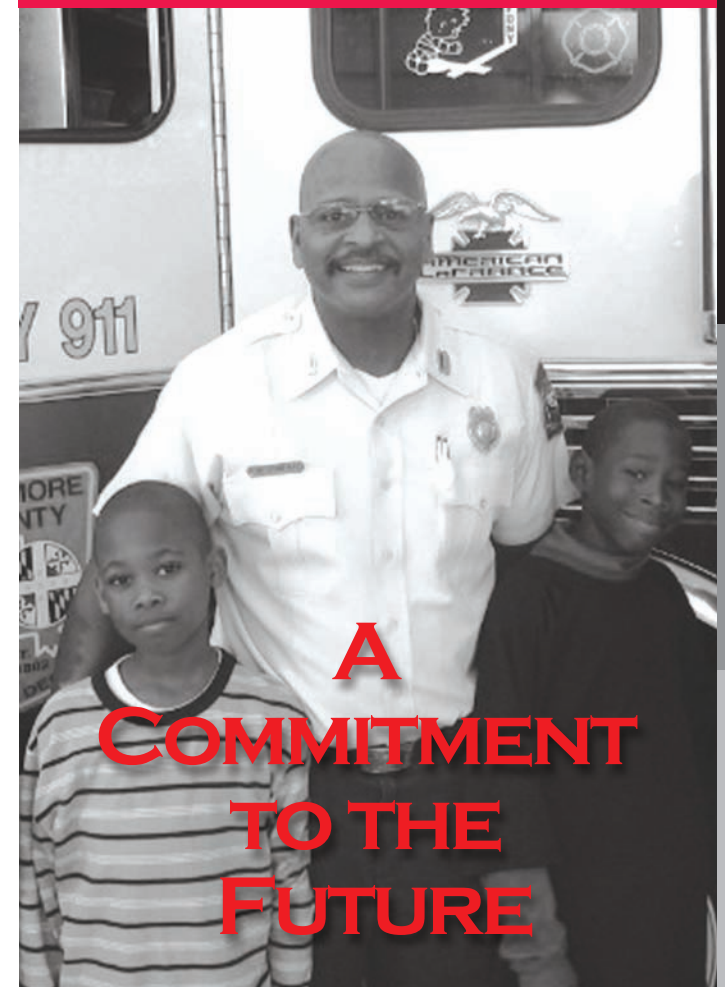


GROWTH OF MENTORED YOUTH TOWARDS GOAL OF 84,000

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*Men•tor (men' tōr') n. A wise and trusted friend and guide.*

## THE CASE FOR MENTORING

Today, as numerous research studies indicate, mentoring has assumed a critical role in helping youth reach responsible adulthood. The presence of adult role models who provide nurturing relationships has the power to transform lives. Mentored adolescents are more likely to attend school regularly, graduate from high school, enroll in college, become involved in community service, stay away from drugs and be hopeful about their futures. By committing their time, energy and talents today, mentors are making an invaluable investment in the future.

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## MMP'S ROLE

For close to two decades, MMP has served as an expert resource, clearinghouse, and advocate to link youth in need with caring adult mentors. MMP recruits individuals and partnering institutions; offers customized training for building effective programs; and provides technical assistance to maintain enduring relationships. MMP is linked through MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership with a network of 38 state and local mentoring partnerships which bolsters our work with access to national research, advocacy and replicable models. Whether you're interested in starting a program, establishing a mentoring relationship, hosting special youth activities, or serving on a committee, MMP has the staffing and information to guide and assist you.

friendship

## CORE PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- State Mentoring Resource Center
- Program Coordinator Certification
- Workplace Mentoring
- Church Mentoring Initiative
- Mentoring Day In Annapolis
- National Mentoring Month
- MentorZing

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## YOUR ROLE

Mentoring opportunities in Maryland are abundant and there are numerous ways to become involved. First you must take stock—consider your own interests, skills and availability before you get involved. Your own life experiences in learning and working with others are the sole qualifications required, but the best mentors are those who are caring and consistent, who inspire, encourage and build on the positive. Remember that mentoring is a two-way street; you have just as much to gain as the young person you'll be helping.

To request information on what to expect from a mentoring relationship, how to run a mentoring program and what to do to bring mentoring to your workplace, place of worship or community organization, contact us.

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## WHAT IS A MENTOR?

Mentors are trusted guides, teachers and friends who share a compassion and concern for young people. Mentors trade their time, skills and experiences for an opportunity to contribute to the children of their communities. Qualities consistent in all successful mentors include personal commitment, persistence, respect for others, compassion, flexibility, openness and a sensitivity to differences. Most important, good mentors are patient, recognizing that relationships take time to develop. With both parties willing to participate in the process, the rewards of mentoring can last a lifetime.