



PCSAO Peer Mentoring Program

MENTEE Information Sheet

The goal of this program is to strengthen relationships and increase support for current foster youth and young adult mentors. Helping foster youth to develop healthy connections with their mentor, with other youth and young adults involved in the program will help stabilize and strengthen the life of a young person in foster care, as well as develop leadership skills in the young adult mentor.

Mentees:

- Must be 10 -13 years of age
- Currently in foster care (Franklin County Children Services)
- Willing to commit to a one year mentoring relationship with a peer mentor.
- Attend group activities with mentor twice a month

Mentors:

- Must be 18 - 25 years of age
- Have experienced foster care as a child
- Highly motivated to be a positive role model for a foster youth.
- Complete screening procedure, background check and training.
- Willing to commit to be a mentor for one year
- Attend group activities with mentee twice a month
- Have weekly contact with mentee by phone or e-mail

Initial training for mentees. Mentees will participate in a 2 hour training to learn about the peer mentoring program and their responsibilities as a mentee.

Group activities twice a month. These will include numerous fun activities and events. These activities will allow for group interaction as well as individual time for the mentors and their mentees. All activities will be free. Caregivers will receive a \$15 gift card each month to assist in transportation costs for the mentees.

Ongoing training and support for mentors and mentees:. Two additional training sessions will be offered to the mentors to help them with their mentoring skills. Staff will contact the mentors on a regular basis and offer assistance when needed. Caregivers and mentees will be contacted once a month to get their feedback on the mentoring relationship.

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