

WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO BECOMING A MENTOR?

1. Contact Michelle Lappas at the Youth Services Bureau by telephone @ (203) 977-0830 or by email at mlappas@ci.stamford.ct.us to begin the process.
2. Complete a written application.
3. Meet with a member of the Youth Services Bureau staff for a personal interview.
4. Complete the screening process which includes checks of criminal background, employment history, places of residency, and personal references.
5. Complete second interview with one of the agencies providing mentee matches.
6. Attend both training and orientation workshops.
7. Meet your mentee and begin your mentoring experience!

The Youth Services Bureau and the partner agency make the final decision regarding acceptance into the program.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead



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Stamford Mentoring Partnership

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*Do you want to make a difference in
the life of a child?*

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“I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know; the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.”

Albert Schweitzer

WHAT IS MENTORING?

Mentoring is a relationship that brings young people together with caring individuals who offer guidance, support and encouragement aimed at developing the competence and character of the mentee.

Most of us can remember the many important individuals in our lives who cared about us and helped us to become who we are today. Research indicates that all of us can benefit from being surrounded by multiple mentors. Many young people today have the skills to find mentors on their own. For others, STAMP assists in matching youth with one-on-one positive role models from the community that give them direction and opportunity.

The good news is that mentoring is two directional. While helping a young person, the mentor benefits as much, if not more, from this wonderful experience.

VISION OF STAMP

The vision of STAMP is to provide a mentor to every young person in Stamford who wants one.

WHO AND WHAT IS STAMP?

STAMP, the Stamford Mentoring Partnership was established in the fall of 2005. It is a collaborative of many community based organizations under the direction of the Mayor’s Youth Services Bureau.

- ◆ Boys & Girls Club of Stamford
- ◆ Chester Addison Community Center
- ◆ ROSCCO
- ◆ Stamford Public Schools

Our partners have worked collaboratively to create a mentoring program to benefit all the youth served within these organizations. The youth range in age from 5 – 18.

WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT?

Mentors are asked to make a one year commitment. This includes meeting with your mentee one hour each week at one of our mentoring sites. Mentors who have connected with their mentee in a relationship based on trust and confidence will be encouraged to continue mentoring as long as possible.

WHO IS A MENTOR?

The most important reason to become a mentor is because you love children and would like to make a difference in their life. Characteristics of successful mentors:

- ◆ Listener
- ◆ Communicator
- ◆ Shows up on time
- ◆ Committed
- ◆ Non-Judgmental
- ◆ Positive
- ◆ Reliable
- ◆ Sense of humor
- ◆ Patient
- ◆ Discreet

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