



SHIELD Mentor Program

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO MENTOR A CHILD...**MENTOR YOUTH!**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of SHIELD Mentor Program, I'd like to share an exciting opportunity with you. SHIELD Mentor Program is now accepting applications for enrollment in our mentoring programs.

Your son/daughter has been referred to participate in the SHIELD Mentor Program that operates two core programs: a group mentoring program (S.H.I.E.L.D.) and a community-based online mentoring program (iMentor), the unprecedented online mentoring service in Guilford County. Youth are matched with a community role model who is trained to focus on positive reinforcement, trust-building, and the achievement of goals, by engaging youth in mentoring in the community. SHIELD specializes in the integration of online mentoring, group mentoring and peer mentoring, which enables youth to receive greater positive influences from more than one individual.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the SHIELD Mentor Program, please complete the enclosed Contact Information Sheet and return it to us. Then, visit us online at <http://shieldyouth.com/calendar.aspx> to register for New Mentee Training.

We hope you will take advantage of this unique opportunity and will approve your child's participation in our program. SHIELD will offer support and guidance for both the youth and mentors and will do our best to ensure the success of the relationship.

To return the completed forms, please schedule an appointment or mail them to:

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PO Box 13266
Greensboro, NC 27415

If you have questions about SHIELD or would like more information, please call me at 336-337-2771 or email me at mckoy@shieldyouth.com or visit us on the web at www.shieldyouth.com. In addition, you may contact us about our policies and procedures.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Information Sheet

Introduction

SHIELD Mentor Program's mission is to promote a mentoring spirit while matching youth with community role models. Youth live in a world full of wonderful opportunities; the goal is to give them proper guidance to obtain them. SHIELD offers the following programs:

- iMentor

iMentor is a matching service for mentors and mentees to get connected. Mentors become equipped to build relationships with middle school and high school youth through intensive training teaching them the challenges their mentees face and how to make a difference in the lives of their mentees. Mentees are matched with a community role model that they can depend on a day-to-day basis. Each mentee directs the process of selecting their Mentor, identifying their goals with the Mentor's help, and tracking progress.

- S.H.I.E.L.D. (Strengthen, Help, Inspire & Encourage Leadership Development)

S.H.I.E.L.D. (Strengthen, Help, Inspire, and Encourage Leadership Development) provides group mentoring workshops that focus on character building, leadership development, social skills, conflict resolution and decision-making skills to prevent youth from making poor life decisions and engage them into constructive activities and to enhance a positive future through an environment that is exciting, inspirational, engaging and educational. This program offers youth structured activities with Leadership Advisors. Workshops are held monthly on Saturdays throughout the school year at community recreation centers. Each session is 120 minutes long.

- Telling My Story

Telling My Story is an opportunity for youth to hear real life stories from adults who are willing to share their life stories to change the lives of youth. SHIELD Mentor Program invites guest speakers to reach out to the youth by sharing their story about how they may have changed their life around from failures or destructive behaviors such as gang activity, drugs, abuse, depression, and etc. It is also an opportunity for youth to hear real life stories about successes from entrepreneurs, college graduates and professionals to talk about how they have obtained their life goals and aspirations. These workshops give youth practical life stories from adults willing to share their life experiences.



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Online Mentoring

The SHIELD Mentor Program has been set up to help support the personal goals of youth and to establish a positive, trusting relationship between online adult participants and the mentees. Our iMentor program uses technology for mentors and mentees to communicate effectively online at their convenience. It's safe and secure and creates a fun environment for youths to create personal life goals. Conversations will center around topics of leadership development, such as:

Making Ethical Decisions
Setting Life-Long Goals
Building Character
Showing Respect
Responsibility & Accountability

Making Fair Decisions
A Caring Attitude
Citizenship in the Community
Becoming a Leader

To help support the online mentoring relationship in many of the areas listed above, SHIELD MENTOR PROGRAM provides writing prompts posted.

- Mentees will visit online each week to check their e-mail through shield.imentorinteractive.org, to answer mentors e-mails or to start new conversations with mentors on their own.
- Each participant is asked to complete one writing prompt a month, which takes a minimum of 30 minutes.
- At minimum, we hope that each mentor and student will write each other at least once a week. These exchanges are the core of the relationship, and are the priority of this program.
- In addition to these minimum requirements, and as the child's schedule and interests allow, we encourage mentees to e-mail their mentor or mentee even more often than once a week.
- We suggest mentees plan for 1 hour a week for participating in this program. This can be at anytime, day or night, that the mentees chooses! At the very least, it will mean reading their mentor or mentees e-mail and writing e-mail.

Would you like to participate, but don't have a computer at home? No problem. You can use the computer at your local library or at your school to quickly respond to your emails.

On-going Training and Support

SHIELD takes pride in its support and training of our mentors and mentees. We provide comprehensive initial training as well as monthly gatherings to support the mentoring relationship.

SHIELD's online mentoring is made possible through the iMentor Interactive (iMi) platform, providing a safe and secure online social network specifically designed for mentoring and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant Award.



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Contact Information

Name of Child

Name of Parent/Guardian

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Daytime Phone Number

Evening Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

Parent Email Address

Child Email Address

In case we cannot reach you in an emergency, please provide us with another emergency contact:

Name

Relationship to Child

Address/City/State/Zip Code

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