

*Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.*

— James Baldwin



# Mentor

A mentor is ...  
a person from the community who would like to make a difference in another person's life.

A mentor acts as ...  
a role model  
an advocate  
a friend  
a link to the community  
a life guide

A mentor is someone who ...  
is sensitive to others  
is encouraging  
is a good communicator  
is able to build healthy relationships

## Am I capable of being a Mentor?

A mentor can be any member of the community who has a genuine interest in helping young people. Mentoring provides the opportunity to be a positive role model and trusted friend to a young person.

All you need is to:

- \*Be at least 21 years of age
- \*Commit to the program for one year
- \*Be open to a unique learning experience

## How do I become a Mentor?

1. Request and fill out an application and submit to a staff member.
2. We will then conduct the following screening procedures:
  - \* Verify three references
  - \* Do all required background checks
  - \* Conduct a personal interview

We want to be sure the mentor/youth relationship will be a lasting one. Matches are based on personalities and common interests and preferences. Once the match is identified, the volunteer is ready to meet the youth and his/her parent or guardian. Mentor program staff are always available to support the mentor in developing a meaningful relationship with their match.



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# Program Mission

Chaffee County Mentors is committed to providing youth guidance, support and friendship through positive mentoring relationships



## Top 5 Reasons to Mentor

1. Have fun
2. Gain personal fulfillment
3. Expose a child to opportunities they might not have
4. Help a child make better life choices
5. Form a meaningful relationship



## What students are involved?

Chaffee County Mentors welcomes area youth ages 7 to 15 facing challenges academically, economically, and socially. Students are referred to the program through school counselors, teachers, social services, and juvenile diversion efforts. Research has proven that a mentoring relationship with a positive adult can help a young person overcome certain pressures and learn skills that will prove valuable in their growth.

*A Mentor can make the difference in helping youth discover their self-worth, talents and dreams.*

## What do mentors & students do?

Plant a garden  
Go hiking  
Attend monthly program activities  
Bake cookies  
See a play or concert  
Picnic in the park  
Go skiing or snowboarding  
Ride bikes  
Watch a movie  
Go rafting  
Paint, sculpt, draw

Anything you can imagine, you can do as a mentor!



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