

## What is Mentoring?

- \*Spending time with youth and creating a positive relationship
- \*Sharing your time, patience and support with youth in the community
- \*Mentors can work one-on-one with youth or small group of mentors with a group of youth.
- \*The simple act of reaching out in friendship to youth in the community can make an impact on both the mentor and youth.
- \*Youth in quality mentoring partnerships have a more positive relationship with their community and are more likely to take care of it.
- \* Youth with mentors are:
  - 46% less likely to take drugs
  - 27% less likely to use alcohol
  - 52% less likely to skip school
  - More likely to graduate from high school
  - More likely to enroll in college

## Who Needs Mentoring?

We all need mentoring and we are all acting as mentors to someone in our lives. We learn from one another. No one has gotten themselves to where they are today without the help of other people. Our mentoring program is matching youth (ages 5-17) who may need a helping hand with adults in the community who have time to give.

### Do I have time to become a Mentor?

This is a very important question to ask yourself before committing to the mentoring program. There are a variety of opportunities to meet with the youth. You may meet with them on weekends, after school, evenings, or maybe even for breakfast. You also may meet the youth at many places. You can meet youth at your house, a public place, in a workshop, or garden. Youth can be very helpful in planning the activity or outing. The possibilities are endless. Making time for youth in your life can be very rewarding. Throughout the time of your commitment, mentor training and support is an ongoing part of our program.

## Interest Response Form

YES! I am interested in receiving more information about the Chippewa County Community Mentoring Program!

- Yes** My business would like more information about becoming a partner in your project.
- Yes** I *would like* information on becoming a mentor.

### Comments:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Mentoring Matters

The youth in our community need a healthy and caring connection with adults. Reach out and offer a hand in friendship to our youth. By offering youth new opportunities and experiences and getting them involved in community activities may strengthen the bond between youth and community. Many of the youth will pass on what they learn from their mentor to someone else. Consider being a mentor. It is worth it.

### Community Partnerships

We are also interested in creating partnerships with area businesses and organizations who may have need or an idea for youth to share with their mentors. Examples of this include; a career exploration day, an offer to loan canoes or fishing equipment, community service projects, guest speakers, special training opportunities, classes, etc. Perhaps you would like to encourage your employees to consider becoming mentors with an incentive or recognition program. Please use the contact info form on this brochure to indicate your interests in becoming one of our community partners.

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