

YouthBuild mentors provide students with encouragement, guidance, and increased connections to the community.

In return, mentors learn about themselves and their community, and engage in fun, new activities.

Get involved today and help build something special. Help lay the foundation for a young person's future.

About the National Mentoring Alliance

Your local YouthBuild mentoring program is part of the National Mentoring Alliance, a coalition of over 75 innovative sites dedicated to building mentoring into the YouthBuild experience. With funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, we are providing caring mentors for thousands of youth across America.

"A mentor is someone who allows you to see the higher part of yourself when sometimes it becomes hidden to your own view ... I don't think anybody makes it in the world without some form of mentorship. Nobody makes it alone. Nobody has made it alone. And we are all mentors to people even when we don't know it."

—Oprah Winfrey



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What is YouthBuild Mentoring?

YouthBuild mentoring connects adults from the community with YouthBuild students who are working on their diplomas or GEDs while also training for a career and developing leadership and life skills.

YouthBuild mentors provide both general encouragement and specific support in helping our students achieve their dreams and plan for the future.

Our mentors:

- Commit to a 15-month match with a student
- Receive a wealth of support and training from our staff
- Participate in service projects and other fun group activities
- Have a lot of fun

What can YouthBuild Mentoring achieve?

- Mentored students get more out of their YouthBuild experience—they do better in the classroom and plan more effectively for their career
- Having a mentor means that program impacts last longer once the student graduates—the mentor helps them transition to the next phases of their life
- Youth learn how to accept the help of a mentor and how to ask others to mentor them over their lifetime
- Student by student, YouthBuild mentoring builds a stronger community by supporting our future leaders and citizens

How do I get involved?

You can learn more about becoming a YouthBuild mentor, and download an application form, on our website, westjacksoncdc.net

If you have question about becoming a mentor, call Mentoring Coordinator, Tracy Thomas 601-352-6994.

