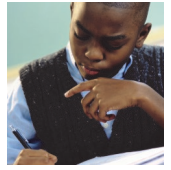




- MENTORING PROGRAMS**
- ▶ GENERAL MENTOR
  - ▶ 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE
  - ▶ GIRLFRIENDS
  - ▶ TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN
  - ▶ BORN EAGLES



- Meet WITH THE STUDENT:**
- ▶ ONE HOUR A WEEK
  - ▶ DURING THE SCHOOL DAY
  - ▶ OR AT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT



- A MENTOR IS:**
- ▶ A FRIEND
  - ▶ A ROLE MODEL
  - ▶ A GOOD LISTENER

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# Mentoring *Students*

**A ONE-HOUR INVESTMENT EQUALS A LIFE TIME OF RETURNS...FOR YOU AND OUR STUDENTS.**

## A MENTOR'S TESTIMONIAL

Sylvia Camburn, a mentor, wrote about her experience:

*I can't tell you what it's like to be a mentor without telling you a little bit about who I am. I'm a grandmother – but I'm not Tiffany's grandmother. Tiffany tells me things she would never tell her grandmother.*

*I'm a mother – but I'm not Tiffany's mom. Tiffany tells me things she probably doesn't tell her mom. We have learned to really listen to each other, to respect each other's point of view and really become friends.*

*I am a volunteer – but I had no idea what great rewards the time Tiffany and I spend together would give, as I watch her learn and grow. I've shared Tiffany's joys and disappointments - because she lets me into her life to share these things. She knows life happens to all of us, whether we are rich and successful or poor and struggling.*

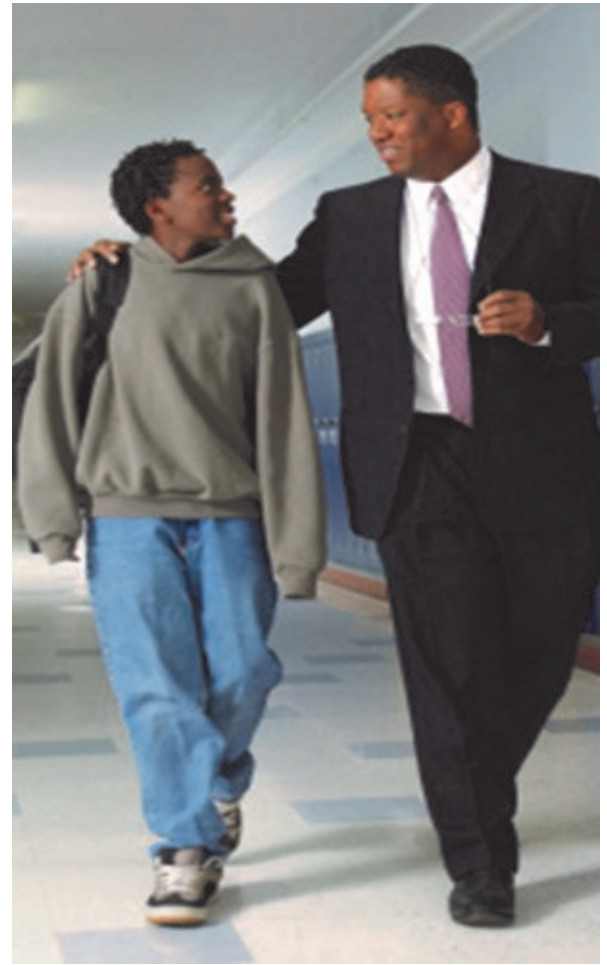
*She knows I am in her corner, no matter what. I don't judge, I don't disapprove. I mostly listen and don't tell. Our talks are truly private, and Tiffany*

*has learned to trust in that privacy. She just likes to know I'm there, just in case she ever does need me. And I am.*

It doesn't take much time to make a big difference in a child's life. Lending a hand... listening... offering encouragement and a smile... can help shape a child's future.

Pinellas County Schools is looking for dedicated and caring individuals willing to be engaged as mentors, tutors, and school volunteers. Please join us in helping our kids discover their endless potential for the future.

**"My mentor has helped me stay on track with my grades and not get distracted by my personal life".**  
*Victoria, Countryside HS*



### Mentoring Facts

- 73% more likely to raise their goals as a result of the mentor relationship
- 59% more likely to get better grades
- 45% more likely to have better attendance
- 52% less likely to skip school
- 33% less likely to engage in violence

# Getting the most out of your mentoring experience

*“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.” Winston Churchill*

## Support for education

- Over the past 3 years, Pinellas County Schools has trained and matched students with over 2,250 mentors.
- Pinellas County Schools has retained 92% of their mentors.
- 95% of the students who are mentored in the Mayor Mentors & More Program graduate.
- 82% of the African American males who are mentored have GPAs of 2.5 or higher.

## Support with day-to-day living

- Mentors help improve a young person's self-esteem.
- Mentors provide support for students trying new behaviors.

- Youth who meet regularly with their mentors are 46% less likely than their peers to start using illegal drugs and 27% less likely to begin using alcohol.
- Mentors teach young people how to relate well to all kinds of people and help them strengthen communication skills.

## Support in the workplace

- Mentors help young people set career goals and start taking steps to realize them.
- Mentors can use their personal contacts to help young people meet industry professionals, find Internships, and locate job possibilities.
- Mentors introduce young people to professional resources and organizations they may not know about.
- Mentors can help their mentees learn how to seek and keep jobs.

At its most basic level, mentoring helps because it guarantees that a young person knows there is someone who cares about them. A child is not alone in dealing with day-to-day worries.

Think back. Did you know how to study for a test or make plans for college? Do you remember wanting your first car or looking for a part-time job? Simple things that seem easy or straightforward to you now may appear to be a complete mystery to a young person.

Mentors provide their mentees with an experienced friend who is there to help in any number of situations.

Research confirms what we anecdotally or intuitively know — that mentoring works.

***For more information on how to become a mentor please contact the Office of Strategic Partnerships, Volunteer Program Coordinator at 727-588-5050.***

## GETTING ENGAGED IN EDUCATION!



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