

Mentoring

LIFT Community Action Agency's Mentoring program covers Pushmataha, Choctaw, and McCurtain counties.

The program's goal is to provide youth, ages 6-17, who have a need for a positive influence in their life, with a caring adult mentor who will provide the youth with emotional and academic support as well as exposure to a variety of experiences that they may not otherwise encounter.



"Mentors are really important because everyone needs to know that someone's got their back."

- Susan Aglukark
Singer/Songwriter

**A mentor empowers
a person to see a
possible future, and
believe it can be
obtained.**

- Shawn Hitchcock

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PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE MENTORING PROGRAM



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Introduction to our program

Our program is looking for volunteers to be positive mentors and youth aged 6-17 to participate in the Passport to the Future Mentoring Project. The mentors will be matched with a child who has similar interests and who reside in their area. Our program covers Pushmataha, Choctaw and McCurtain Counties in Oklahoma. The mentor and mentee will work out a schedule together to meet for one hour per week or at least 4 hours per month. All mentors are thoroughly checked on their background, personality and character. We will host several activities for everyone to attend and participate in. This is a free program that will make a difference in the life of youth and their Mentor.



Mentoring:

Mentors are recruited from a variety of sources, including faith and community based organizations, the business community, or volunteers. Mentors are ordinary people performing extraordinary deeds.



How can mentoring help?

Mentoring increases the likelihood of regular school attendance and academic achievement. It also decreases the chances of engaging in self destructive or violent behavior. A trusting mentoring relationship with a caring adult will provide stability and often have a profound, life changing effect on a child. Mentoring provides the parent with the assurance that someone is there to look after the best interest of their child.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE OUT- COMES?

Research indicates that successful mentoring programs make a positive difference in youth behavior and development. Improvements in self-esteem, better relationships with parents and peers, greater school connectedness and performance, reductions in substance use, violence and other high-risk behavior are all associated mentoring youth.

