

As a volunteer mentor what can you expect from Kids Central?



Clear Goals and Objectives:

- We provide clear goals and objectives of the volunteering program which are then tailored to the mentee you will be assigned. This helps you understand where this young person is on various areas of development and sets a path toward their ultimate goals.



Orientation and Coaching:

- We provide orientation sessions to familiarize volunteers with their roles, responsibilities, and organizational culture.
- We offer ongoing coaching and support to ensure volunteers feel confident and competent in their tasks.



Accessible Resources:

- We ensure volunteers have access to necessary resources, whether it's materials, training modules, or support personnel.
- We establish clear channels for volunteers to seek help or guidance from case workers as needed.

Get in touch!

Whether you are curious about the program or ready to partner with us, please reach out via phone at (352) 873-6332 or via email at mentoring@KidsCentralinc.org.



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*What the Kids
Central Mentoring
Program has to offer!*



*Are you looking to make a positive
impact on the next generation
while growing both personally and
professionally? Become a Kids
Central mentor today!*



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A COMMUNITY APPROACH TO THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN
Building Better Lives



About the Program

Kids Central offers a unique opportunity to share your expertise, guide youth, ages 16-23, on their journey, and develop valuable skills in a supportive environment. Our program provides clear goals and resources to help you succeed. By becoming a mentor, you will not only help shape the future of youth in the foster system but also benefit from learning new perspectives and life experiences. Join us today and become a catalyst for positive change!

Commitment to Bettering Lives

What do we hope to achieve together through a partnership?

Youth in the foster care system who are partnered with a mentor have a greater chance of transitioning well into adulthood and becoming productive citizens in our society. Studies show youth with engaged mentors have greater high school attendance and a greater chance of enrolling in college or trade schools. These youth also have much lower chances of using illegal drugs.



Our Mission:

A community where families are supported so children are nurtured, safe, healthy, and thrive.

As a volunteer mentor, what does Kids Central expect from me?



Submitting to a background check.

- As you can understand, mentors are placed in a position of trust with these young people. Thus, as is consistent with all Kids Central volunteers who have direct one-on-one contact with youth, all mentors must submit to and pass a thorough background check.



Clear Timeline of Commitment:

- To allow sufficient time to build trust and make significant progress toward goals, we ask for a one-year commitment in the assigned relationship. We suggest weekly contact via phone or video and in-person meetings twice per month. A typical interaction may be having a meal out at a restaurant, visiting a nature park or a museum. We expect mentors to pay any cost of these outings for both mentor and the youth. Understanding that unexpected events may happen, we believe consistent interaction is a key to success. Knowing this commitment helps both the mentor and mentee manage their time and set realistic expectations. If you are partial-year resident to the area we would be glad to work with you to allow you to be a mentor.



Regular feedback from interactions with your mentee

- To allow us to measure success and assist where needed as an organization, we ask for regular feedback via quick efficient electronic means. We will also be seeking feedback from the mentee to ensure they are benefitting from the mentor relationship.