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# Partnership changes name to MENTOR Rhode Island

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The Rhode Island Mentoring Partnership has a new name and logo. The partnership is now MENTOR Rhode Island, an acknowledgement to its affiliation with MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership. To further illustrate that affiliation, MENTOR Rhode Island will adopt the "Building Block Heart" logo used by MENTOR and several of its affiliates across the country.

"MENTOR Rhode Island remains an independent affiliate of MENTOR," said president and CEO Jo-Ann Schofield. "We have our own leadership structure, our own 501(c)3 designation, conduct our own fundraising, and provide our own quality mentoring services to youth and youth mentoring programs across Rhode Island. Our effort to align our brand with MENTOR's will simply allow us to take advantage of the national relationships MENTOR has developed in support of the Mentoring Movement."

Those relationships include joint initiatives with the NBA, Nike and LinkedIn.

## MENTOR Rhode

Island is the state leader in quality youth mentoring and is responsible for collaboration, training and support among mentoring agencies so that each Rhode Island child who needs a mentor gets one. MENTOR Rhode Island offers the National Quality Mentoring System, an assessment and improvement process for mentoring programs to ensure the best possible youth outcomes and provides volunteer referral services, statewide marketing campaigns and advocacy for mentoring. MENTOR Rhode Island also directly operates The Feinstein Mentor Training Institute, which offers high-quality trainings for mentors and mentor program coordinators; and One-to-one school-based mentoring programs in Warwick, Woonsocket, Newport, Middletown, Cranston and Pawtucket where mentors meet for one-hour each week with their student mentees on school grounds, during school hours.

Those interested in learning more about how to become a mentor in Rhode Island should visit [www.mentorRI.org](http://www.mentorRI.org)

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