

RI Mentoring Partnership

Network Program List
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Denotes status in Quality Mentoring System:

Premiere (highest)=Yellow. Professional=Red; Affiliate=Turquoise; Novice=Green.

Statewide

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Ocean State

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Premier Program

Traditional Community Based Mentoring :

Big Brothers and Big Sisters provide children ages 7 to 15 – our Littles - individualized time and attention on a regular basis, typically 2 – 4 times a month, for three to four hours. During this one on one interaction, the Littles build self-esteem, develop life- long skills and enhance their capacity to care for others.

School & Site Based Mentoring

Big Brothers and Big Sisters offer children individualized time and attention on a weekly basis at their school or other afterschool program. This program utilizes the resources available within the school/site: computer lab, library, gym, classroom, and/or schoolyard. During the summer, they match might exchange letters, emails or phone calls, and attend agency-sponsored events.

Big Couples

Big Couples – a new, innovative program which allows a married couple to share the mentoring responsibilities with a boy registered in the program.

Statewide

Families First, Inc., Moms for Moms

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Families First RI

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Novice Program

We serve pregnant and postpartum mothers of all ages. We currently have three mentor supervision groups. Two are during the day and one is in the evening. Mentors and mentees can come up with a schedule that works for both of them. We only provide one on one mentoring but we do have a monthly gathering that mentees are invited to attend.

Statewide

Parent Partners

Elizabeth Stearns, Director

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PO Box 460, Little Compton, RI 02837

Premier Program

How do you give your child a better chance in life than you had? Through weekly mentoring, young mothers who became parents as teens, are paired with a Parent Partner. Parent Partner volunteers share their parenting skills with these young mothers in need of support.

Statewide

Foster Forward, Real Connections

Kate Bronner, Program Coordinator

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55 South Brow Street, East Providence, RI 02914*

Premier Program

A community-based mentoring program serving Rhode Island youth 8-21 years old who are aging out or currently involved with DCYF programs. * Coordinators may contact Kate re: mentees involved in DCYF care to see if matches may continue or to achieve closure.

<p>Statewide RISE-Rhode Islanders Sponsoring Education Kaitlin Della Grotta, Kristen Haffenreffer, Program Coordinators kdellagrotta@riseonline.org, khaffenreffer@riseonline.org 401 421 2010 1155 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02909 www.riseonline.org Premier Program</p>	<p>RISE provides mentoring and scholarships to children whose families are challenged by parental incarceration. Males and female children, ages 7-15, are matched with same sex mentors. Mentors are at least 21 years old, commit to 6 hours a week for an initial commitment of one year.</p>
<p>Statewide-DON'T REFER TO: The Met Center Kim Reall, Program Coordinator (401) 752-2625 kreall@metmail.org 325 Public Street, Providence, RI 02905 Novice Program</p>	<p>The Metropolitan Regional Career & Tech Center believes in the true meaning of Real World Learning by requiring all students to intern 2 full days a week at their mentor's work site. Not only do students work towards the skills to put them on the appropriate career pathway, but they also gain experience of seeing that job in action.</p>
<p>Statewide St. Mary's Home for Children Susan R. DeRita (401) 353-3900 x262, sderita@smhfc.org 420 Fruit Hill Avenue, North Providence, RI 02911 Novice Program</p>	<p>St. Mary's Home for Children is a residential out-patient special education program for girls ages 6 – 18 and boys 6 – 13 who may have been traumatized by abuse, neglect and suffer from psychological behavioral challenges. We prefer mentors who are more mature, possess patience, and have an Education background. Mentees will be deficient in some academic area and will need help with basic math or reading.</p>
<p>Statewide Best Buddies Friendship Program Jessica Null, Program Manager (401) 228-9700, jessicanull@bestbuddies.org 25 Esten Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860 Novice Program</p>	<p>Best Buddies pairs individuals with developmental disabilities in one-to-one friendships with individuals without developmental disabilities. We also offer the opportunity for students with and without developmental disabilities to develop leadership skills. There is also a Peer Mentoring program.</p>
<p>Aquidneck Island Mentor Program Newport Public Schools/Middletown Public Schools RI Mentoring Partnership Nichole Lewis, Coordinator (401) 732-7700 x114, nlewis@mentorRI.org 3296 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886 Premier Program</p>	<p>Mentors meet once a week on school grounds during school hours.</p>
<p>Bristol/Cranston/Providence National Coalition 100 Black Women, LEAD Mentoring Program Adrienne Newsome, Coordinator (401) 413-0007, Adrienne.newsome@yahoo.com P.O. Box 27739, Providence, RI 02907 Novice Program</p>	<p>LEAD is an after school group mentoring for African-American females in grades 6 through 12. Its purpose is to provide guidance & instruction to adolescent girls to assist them socially, emotionally, intellectually and culturally, to become strong successful women. The goal is to develop and foster leadership capabilities in young black females by providing them with black female role models.</p>
<p>Burrillville Callahan School Mentoring Program</p>	<p>Mentors meet once a week on school grounds during school</p>

<p>David Brissette, Principal (401) 568-1330, brissetted@bsd-ri.net 75 Callahan School Street, Harrisville, RI 02830 Novice Program</p>	<p>hours.</p>
<p>Central Falls The Children's Workshop Mentoring Program Kelli DiDomenico, Director (401) 316-5119 kdidomenico@childrensworkshop.com 45 Industrial Road, Suite 100 Cumberland, RI 02864 Affiliate Program</p>	<p>This is a high school program on school grounds, once a week for the school calendar year. Mentors must be over 18 and have a sincere desire to make a positive impact on a life of a child. Training is provided for the mentors.</p>
<p>Cranston Public Schools Cranston Mentor Program Celeste Comeau Mullane, Coordinator (401) 732-7700 x 102, cmullane@mentorri.org 3296 Post Road Warwick, RI 02886 Premier Program</p>	<p>School based mentoring program offered to students in grades 3-8. Mentoring is on school grounds both during and after school. Traditional 1:1 mentoring for one hour each week during the school year.</p>
<p>East Greenwich Schools East Greenwich Strategic Support Mentoring Nina Mackta, Program Coordinator (401) 398-1634, nmackta@egsd.net 2 Chestnut Drive, East Greenwich, RI 02879 Premier Program</p>	<p>In school mentoring program - 1:1 mentors and groups with psycho-educational focus and academic clubs. Parent supports and community involvement. "In-clan" mentors who help teachers and "shadow" students.</p>
<p>East Providence East Bay RSVP Reads - Power Lunch Program Kim Wetherald, Manager (401) 435-7876, kwetherald@ebcap.org 610 Waterman Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914 Novice Program</p>	<p>Mentors are 55 or over who volunteer at schools, group homes, head starts programs, public libraries or YMCA's to give children individual attention.</p>
<p>East Greenwich Housing Authority Family Self Sufficiency Kristin Maggiasco, FSS Coordinator 401-885-2610 x.11, kmaggiasco@eghousing.com 146 First Ave, East Greenwich, RI 02818 Novice Program</p>	<p>A five-year commitment of improving economic situation and becoming self-sufficient. Focus on job training for people in subsidized housing.</p>
<p>Exeter/West Greenwich Feinstein Exeter Mentor Program Louise Dias, Program Coordinator (401) 397-6898 x 244, ewgmentor@hotmail.com 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI 02817 Premier Program</p>	<p>Mentor program offered to students in grades 1 – 8 from October-May. Mentors include community members & high school students who meet with their mentees one hour per week during school hours. Mentors stay with their mentee from grade to grade.</p>
<p>Jamestown Jamestown Mentor Program Courtney Hancur, Program Coordinator (401) 423-7020, hancur.courtney@jamestownschoools.org 76 Melrose Avenue, Jamestown, RI 02835 Novice Program</p>	<p>Elementary school based program at Melrose School.</p>
<p>Newport Newport Boys & Girls Club Maison Choice, Program Coordinator 401-847-6927, mchoice@bgcnewport.org 95 Church Street, Newport, RI 02840 Novice Program</p>	<p>The Boys & Girls Club provides a positive, safe and exciting environment for children to learn, grow and develop. We provide quality programs for children, teens, adults and families. Our three core areas of focus are: Health & Wellness, Education & Career Development and Character</p>

	& Leadership.
<p>Newport, Fall River, New Bedford Star Kids Scholarship Program Karen Flanagan, Program Coordinator (401) 678-0710, kflanagan@starkidsprogram.org P.O. Box 6214, Middletown, RI 02842 Novice Program</p>	<p>Star Kids Scholarship Program provides educational opportunities in the form of tuition aid to effective non-public schools, uniforms, after-school, and summer programs, tutoring and mentoring for those high-risk, low-income children who have a parent with a history of incarceration and/or substance abuse. Children are typically enrolled in the program between kindergarten and grade 4.</p> <p>Star Kids' goal for each child is to graduate from high school. By completing high school and hopefully going on to higher education, these children will have a greater chance of breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty, drug use, disease, depression and violence. Star Kids serves children from the following communities: Newport County, Rhode Island, Fall River, Massachusetts, and New Bedford, Massachusetts.</p>
<p>North Providence Birchwood Middle School, Birchwood Buddies™ Kelli DiDomenico, Program Coordinator (401) 316-5119 kdidomenico@childrensworkshop.com 10 Birchwood Drive, North Providence, RI 02904 Affiliate Program</p>	<p>One-to-One school based program happening during school hours (prep time).</p>
<p>North Kingstown LINKS - North Kingstown Mentor Program Tara Chace, Program Coordinator (401) 336-3125 tara_chace@nksd.net 50 East Court, North Kingstown, RI 02852 Novice Program</p>	<p>The NK Mentoring Program is a program of LINKS, a nonprofit organization that recruits, trains, places and supports volunteers in the North Kingstown public schools. Teachers refer students to the NK Mentoring Program with parent/guardian permission. Referrals are based on the premise that the student would benefit personally and academically from a one-to-one relationship with an adult mentor and that mentoring would enhance the student's ability to thrive in school. A mentor is asked to commit to spending 40-60 minutes per week with a student for at least one school year. All meetings take place on school grounds during school hours.</p>
<p>Pawtucket RI Disability Mentoring Arthur Plitt, Coordinator (401) 724-8915, kingarthurarthur@yahoo.com 44 Cooke Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860 Novice Program</p>	<p>The RI Disabilities Mentoring Partnership has a one on one mentoring program. Personal attention is our design</p>
<p>Pawtucket Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket Corey Chan, Volunteer Coordinator 401.722.8840, volunteer@bgcpawt.org One Moeller Place, Pawtucket, RI 02860 www.bgcpawt.org Premier Program</p>	<p>One-on-One After-School Mentoring Program The Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket pairs youth ages 6-18 with a one-on-one mentor to meet on a weekly, biweekly, or monthly basis. We identify mentees who could most benefit from a consistent relationship with a positive adult mentor and work to find the best match between mentor and mentee. Participants in our Mentoring Program are able to utilize the resources located at our Elson Clubhouse including: the gym, playground, classrooms, art room, music room, etc. All mentoring sessions occur Monday – Friday during the after-school hours between 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm. This program primarily runs during the school-year although based on the mentor and mentee we may</p>

	make arrangements for meetings in the summer.
<p>Providence Dorcac International Institute of RI – Refugee Resettlement Program Mentoring Program <i>Liliane Bisimwa, Americorps</i> (401) 784-8761, lbisimwa@diiri.org 220 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907 Novice Program</p>	The DIIRI Mentoring Program helps to connect the refugees community with others within the RI community that they now call home.
<p>Providence Boys & Girls Club of Providence <i>Mary Morgan, Area Manager</i> (401)787-3702/444-0750 x106, mmorgan@bgcprov.org 90 Ives St., Providence, RI 02906 Novice Program</p>	“Reading Buddies” program. Grades 9 – 12. Mentors & mentees use the “Kidzlit” literacy program to work on reading skills.
<p>Providence English for Action <i>Erin Papa, Family Literacy Coordinator</i> (401) 421-3181, ourschoolefa@gmail.com P.O. Box 29405, Providence, RI 02909 Novice Program</p>	English for Action's OurSchool Family Literacy Program is an arts-based literacy program that encourages youth and their parents to take an active role in their education by developing their voices and building an excitement for learning. Mentors are needed to teach English to children aged 3-12 and their parents Monday-Thursday from 6:30-8:30pm. Mentors commit to mentoring 2-4 nights per week, and are required to come to a weekly Mentor Meeting. All skills and experiences welcomed. Knowing Spanish is great, but not required
<p>Providence Federal Hill House, Foster Grandparent Prog <i>Norma Gonzalez, Roshni Darnal, Co- Coordinators</i> (401) 421-1095, ngonzalez@federalhillhouse.org; rdarnal@federalhillhouse.org 9 Courtland Street, Providence, RI 02909 Novice Program</p>	Adults 60 or over, foster grandparents, serve as nurturers and mentors to children/youth ages 0 – 21 in schools, childcare & after school programs.
<p>Providence San Miguel School <i>Tom Darnowski, Mentor Program Coordinator</i> tdarnowski@sanmiguelprov.org (401) 467-9777 x131 525 Branch Avenue, Providence, RI 02904 Affiliate Program</p>	San Miguel is an independent Lassalian middle school for urban boys from the Greater Providence area and is dedicated to the belief that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. Mentors make a commitment to spend one hour each week at lunchtime with a San Miguel student offering guidance, support and attention by playing games, listening to what’s going on in their lives and spending quality time.
<p>Providence Sophia Academy <i>Kerry Bergin, Program Coordinator</i> (401) 784-0021 x103, kbergin@sophia-academy.org 582 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907 Novice Program</p>	We encourage female mentors, especially of Hispanic or African American descent, to mentor young girls in grades 5-8.

<p>Providence-DO NOT REFER Inspiring Minds of RI (formerly Volunteers in Providence Schools) Jane Lavoie, Program Coordinator (401) 274-3240 x18, jlavoie@inspiringmindsri.org 763 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903 Novice Program</p>	<p>Inspiring Minds empowers students to succeed by providing tutoring for Providence students from Pre-K through High School. Community members are trained as tutors to meet with struggling students at least once per week during the school day on school grounds. Several high school after-school programs are also offered.</p>
<p>Providence YouthBuild Joanne Debrah, Coordinator (401) 273-7528 x116, jdebrah@provplan.org 66 Chaffee St., Providence, RI 02909 Novice Program</p>	<p>Youthbuild is an alternative education & work-force development program that helps high school dropouts gain literacy and job readiness skills needed to make a successful transition into the workforce. Open to young adults 16 – 24 years of age who are unemployed.</p>
<p>Providence New Urban Arts Emily Ustach, Director of Programs (401) 751-4556, emily@newurbanarts.org 705 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903 Novice Program</p>	<p>14 – 18 years old. Empowers young people to develop a creative practice they can sustain throughout their lives. Provide exhibition space, studio and mentoring for young artists who explore the visual, performing & literary arts.</p>
<p>Providence, Pawtucket, East Greenwich ACE Mentor Program of Rhode Island Lance Aleksiewicz, Director (401) 996-7159, lja.aceri@gmail.com Ace Mentor, P.O. Box 5722 Providence, RI 02903 Novice Program</p>	<p>ACE is a perfect match for any student looking for a mentoring opportunity in a STEM or STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, (Arts), and Mathematics) related field.</p> <p>ACE (Architecture, Construction and Engineering) helps high school students discover how to translate their interests and abilities into exciting, rewarding careers. Professionals drawn from leading area firms mentor teams of students, explaining the inner workings of their jobs, leading tours of major construction sites & challenging the teams with hands-on projects.</p> <p>East Greenwich Group meets at the New England Tech campus.</p>
<p>Providence Daughters of Esther Lanette Baker, Coordinator Phone: 401-780-9889, Fax: 401-780-9599 thedaughtersofesther@gmail.com 1040 Broad St., Suite D Providence, RI 02905 Novice Program</p>	<p>Mentoring girls from age 6 – 25 years old in defining their purpose in life.</p>
<p>South Kingstown South Kingstown CARES (Connecting All Resources for Educational Support) Deb Zepp, Program Coordinator Phone: 401-360-1304, cares@sksd-ri.net www.skcares.org Peace Dale Elementary School Office hours M-F 9:00-3:00 SK Mentoring ~ Classroom Volunteering ~ Homework Clubs ~ Career & College Center Novice Program</p>	<p>School site mentoring program SK CARES Mentor program services K-12 students in the South Kingstown School district. Middle and High School mentor/mentee meetings are held for one hour at approximately 2 pm after school. Elementary School times may vary during the day and may be shorter depending upon the age of students. There are two CARES trainings and an updated annual BCI is essential. Sign up at SKCARES.org or contact us for more information.</p>

<p>Warwick Warwick Mentor Program/Warwick Public Schools, RI Mentoring Partnership <i>Pamela Sherman Program Coordinator</i> (401) 732-7700 x117, psherman@mentorRI.org 3296 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886 Premier Program</p>	<p>Mentors meet weekly with students on school grounds during school hours.</p>
<p>West Warwick West Warwick Public Schools, Feinstein West Warwick Mentoring Program <i>Dana Papitto, Program Coordinator</i> (401) 822-8435, dpapitto@ww-ps.com 10 Harris Avenue, West Warwick, RI 02893 Premier Program</p>	<p>Currently in three elementary schools, the middle school and the high school. Mentors meet once a week with students on school grounds.</p>
<p>Westerly Westerly Public Schools <i>Steve Iacoi, Program Coordinator</i> (401) 315-1618, siacoi@westerly.k12.ri.us 23 Ward Avenue, Westerly, RI 02891 Novice Program</p>	<p>School based program. On school grounds, during school hours, one hour a week. Mentors mentor children in grades 4 – 12.</p>
<p>Woonsocket Woonsocket Schools, RI Mentoring Partnership <i>Pamela Sherman, Coordinator</i> (401) 732-7700 x117, psherman@mentorri.org 3296 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886 Premier Program</p>	<p>Mentors meet weekly with students on school grounds during school hour.</p>
<p>Woonsocket, N. Smithfield, Cumberland, North Providence, Burrillville Riverzedge Arts <i>Karen Barbosa, Youth Development & ELO Director</i> (401) 767-2100, karen@riverzedgearts.org 196 Second Avenue, Woonsocket, RI 02895 Premier Program</p>	<p>Riverzedge Arts is a youth development program giving educationally & economically disenfranchised youth (ages 12-24) in Northern RI paid employment in the arts & a voice in the community. Youth who attend the program must maintain a C average, complete High School/GED and/or apply for college. In order to support the participants in meeting this requirement, mentors would work with youth, on-site at Riverzedge, to tutor them in academic subjects, anytime between 3:30 – 6pm.</p>

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