JUVENILE JUSTICE INITIATIVE

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Rhode Island Needs You, BECOME A MENTOR!

Did you know 1 in 3 young people need a mentor? Our Juvenile Justice Initiative is closing the gap.

Mentors help kids nurture feelings of belonging and connection, as well as...

- Guide youth to graduate
- Go to college or join a trade
- Enlist in the military
- Avoid substance misuse
- Assist at providing youth a diversionary option to the formal justice system
- Give back to their communities

Juvenile Justice Initiative (JJI)

Is a community based program that provides wrap-around support to youth ages 12 - 18, who are experiencing, or are at risk of experiencing, significant barriers to personal, academic, and social success. These challenges may include school disengagement, community conflict, or involvement with the juvenile justice system. Youth may be referred to the program by local law enforcement agencies, the RI State Police, Family Court, the Juvenile Hearing Board, and local school districts. Referrals may also come directly from caregivers or through self-referral.



Youth Participant's Commitment

- Commit to actively engaging in the program for a minimum of one year
- Be open to receiving guidance, encouragement, and support through mentoring
- Build positive relationships with mentors and peers
- Strengthen confidence, leadership skills, and personal growth
- Take part in creating a stronger and more connected community



The Process

- Fill out a Youth Referral Form
- Submit all required onboarding forms and paperwork
- Attend a virtual orientation for both youth and caregivers
- Be ready to grow, connect, and create meaningful change!

Get to Know Us

MENTOR Rhode Island is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization, founded in 1990. MENTOR Rhode Island's mission is to ensure youth have access to the motivational and supportive relationships they need to grow into confident, successful adults. They are dedicated to increasing the number of Rhode Island youth engaged in quality mentoring relationships and to providing resources, support, and advocacy that fosters the growth and quality of mentoring programs statewide.

Questions about referrals, mentoring or interested in getting involved?

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