

YDC MENTORING PROGRAM

CONNECTING CHILDREN, CONNECTING FAMILY, CONNECTING COMMUNITY



A positive mentor can change and, in some cases, save a young person's life. Yet many kids today don't have any positive adult figures in their lives. Young people who meet regularly with a mentor are 55% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school, 55% more likely to be enrolled in college, 46% less likely than their peers to start using drugs, 81% more likely to report participating regularly in sports or extracurricular activities.

The National Youth Mentoring Initiative administered through the Department of Justice recognizes this need and supports efforts by programs like the Youth Development Council of Greene.

Studies show that youth mentoring reduces risky behaviors, lessens depressive symptoms, can lead to increased confidence and self-esteem, improved academic performance and relationships, and reduce truancy. Children with mentors are also more likely to participate in extracurricular activities and can help a child realize their true potential.

The goal of YDC is to build a well-established and highly impactful Mentoring Program that can change the trajectory of a child's life. Mentors can offer advice, share life experiences, help a young person navigate challenges and have fun!



Our YDC Mentors are current YDC adult and senior high volunteers that have been recruited, screened, and managed by the Executive Director, Staff, and Board to safeguard that every YDC volunteer is committed to and qualified for playing an active role in supporting your child. Matches between a mentor and a child are made based on common interests, personality traits and within a reasonable geographic distance. We match every volunteer with a child who lives within a 30-minute radius of the volunteer's home or office. Volunteers are asked to make a commitment of visiting with the child twice a month and have weekly contacts.

Mentors and mentees develop meaningful relationships with the support of the Youth Development Council after-school, summer, and mentoring programs as well as support from our community partnerships. The success of a mentoring experience depends on the contributions and commitment of everyone involved in the mentoring relationship; the organization, the parent/guardian, the mentee and the mentor.



If you are interested in getting a child involved with our Youth Mentoring Program, please contact Mike Alley by e-mail at mikealley34@gmail.com. or call 434.760.4322.