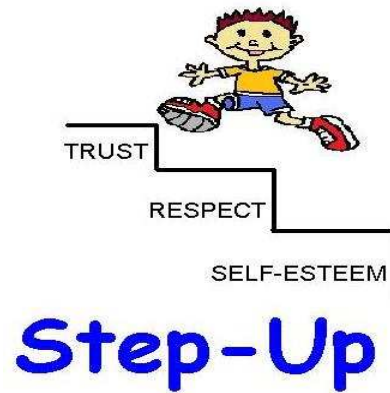


Time Commitment:

- Attend training and orientation.
- One-year commitment.
- Spend a minimum of two hours a week.
- Communicate weekly with the mentee.

Participation Requirements:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be interested in working with young people.
- Be willing to adhere to all program policies and procedures.
- Be willing to complete the application and screening process.
- Be dependable and consistent in meeting the time commitments.
- Attend all training sessions as prescribed.
- Be willing to communicate regularly with program staff, submit activity information, and take constructive feedback regarding mentoring activities.
- Have access to transportation and have a good driving record.
- Must be free from illicit drugs, alcohol and controlled substances that are not being used appropriately.



Contact us Today:

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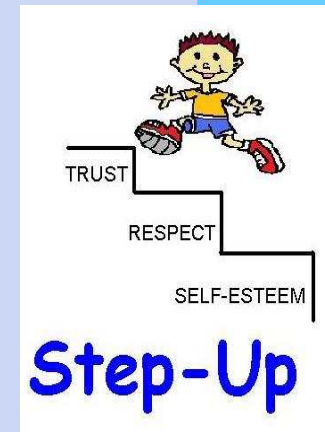
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The Youth Services Prevention and Enforcement Center



"At Risk" Youth
Mentor Program



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Step-Up Mission:

To provide at risk children of Seminole County with positive role modeling to enhance their quality of life.

Step-Up Vision:

To empower young people to shine as individuals today and inspire the youth of tomorrow.



Role of a Mentor:

- A friend
- A listener
- A role model
- Provide academic help and tutoring
- Provide emotional support
- Provide social experiences

“Statistics show that over 3 million children witness violence in their home each year. Those who see and hear violence in the home suffer physically and emotionally.”

“One study of 2,245 children and teenagers found that recent exposure to violence in the home was a significant factor in predicting a child’s violent

“According to recent statistics, approximately 2 million children and youth in the United States have at least one parent in a Federal or State correctional facility.”

“Four prospective investigations in different parts of the United States documented a relationship between childhood victimization and some form of delinquent behavior.”

“An assessment of criminal behavior when these individuals were approximately 33 years old found that early child abuse and neglect increased the risk* of arrest as a juvenile by 55% and increased the risk of being arrested for a violent crime as a juvenile by 96%.”

“Nearly one-third of the children experiencing physical abuse, neglect, and emotional maltreatment were arrested for a violent crime. Of the children who experienced multiple types of child maltreatment, 23.9% had an arrest for a violent crime.”

“Abused and neglected children were first arrested about a year earlier than their matched nonabused and non-neglected peers and were more likely to become recidivists and chronic offenders.”

Characteristics of an AT RISK child:

- Comes from a single parent family, two earner family or is a “latch key kid”.
- Comes from disadvantaged or disruptive homes and neighborhoods.
- Has a behavioral problem.
- Has been suspended or expelled from school.
- Possible involvement with gangs.

It is important to know that the children being mentored have been involved with Child Protective Services or Youth Prevention Services and Enforcement Center in some capacity.