MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Studies show that children need three positive role-models to help them grow into strong, confident and responsible adults. Because our children are often missing strong parental figures, a mentor can help fill that void.

Each mentor is matched with a specific child and is asked to spend at least four hours a month helping their child grow and heal. By mentoring a child at Whaley Children’s Center, you will help build hope, trust and confidence in our youth. Just by spending time with our children you are giving them the love, patience and acceptance that they deserve. Something as simple as your time can truly transform the lives of our children giving them a chance for a bright future.

Mentor support is critical to the success of our treatment programs and ensuring every child reaches their full potential.

You can help them reach this potential today! Call 810.234.3603 or visit www.WhaleyChildren.org/Mentoring to get started.

ELIGIBILITY POLICY

• Be at least 21 years of age
• Adhere to all mentoring program policies and procedures
• Agree to a one year commitment to the program
• Commit to spending a minimum of four hours per month with your mentee. The preference is for weekly visits.
• Communicate with mentee weekly
• Attend an initial mentor meeting as well as a minimum of four monthly meetings per year.
• Communicate regularly with all staff involved directly in the child’s care (residential team, therapists and permanency placement specialists)
• Have access to an automobile or reliable transportation, a current driver’s license, auto insurance and a good driving record
• Have a clean criminal history
• Have a clear Central Registry record
• Pass a drug screen and TB Test
• Not have failed to provide required information during the course of the screening or interview

FAQS

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THE CHILD?
As a mentor you can provide activities and experience that both you and the child would enjoy. Whether it is fishing, hiking, shopping or gardening, you can share your interest and help a child grow.

CAN I TAKE A CHILD OFF CAMPUS?
After four to five initial on campus visits, you can take your mentee with you off campus in the community.

CAN THE CHILD SPEND TIME WITH MY FAMILY?
Visits are to be one-on-one because it gives the child the opportunity to be the center of attention during your visit.

CAN I PICK THE CHILD I MENTOR?
We match children for the mentor program based on their needs and interests. Because of this, not all children are assigned a mentor. The children referred for mentoring are discussed with you prior to being matched.

MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES