



## Why Become a Mentor?

Being part of a mentoring program can make an important difference in a child's life. Research shows that young people involved in a mentoring program increase their chances of high school graduation and college attendance, and decrease the likelihood of substance abuse and other risky behaviors.

## Why is HOME, Inc. Starting a Mentoring Program?

At its most basic level, our program will connect students with a caring adult, which they might not have. Our students are going through the critical years of adolescence and early adulthood, when young people can benefit from adult guidance. Mentors can also help students clarify life goals particularly as it relates to career paths in media. Most high school students are unaware of the multitude of career opportunities in media – both in front and behind the camera. Mentors who work in these fields can open our students' horizons to the variety of opportunities and the skills needed to take advantage of these opportunities. Beyond just simply educating students about these possibilities, mentors can help them secure internships or even jobs at media companies. These relationships are especially important in an industry where so many opportunities are based on personal connections.

## What Kind of Mentors are we looking for?

Mentors all have one thing in common – they care. If you have a sincere interest in the success of our youth and a caring attitude, you are perfect. We are looking for mentors who work in communications, media or related fields.

## What are our Expectations of a Mentor?

Mentoring is a major commitment of one's time and emotional investment in the life of a child, and thus should not be taken lightly. However, the rewards can be enormous for the mentee as well as the mentor. Mentors are expected to:

- Make a minimum twelve-month commitment, one-hour per week.
- Attend an initial mentor training workshop and other occasional group activities.
- Attend additional workshops and/or support sessions as determined by Program Coordinator.
- Ideally, meet with their mentee at their place of work (preferred) or alternatively at HOME, Inc.'s office.
- Work site must be T-accessible; and
- Report monthly to staff members.

## Other Requirements

Prospective candidates will be asked to complete an application, undergo a formal interview process, and are subject to a criminal background check.

For further information or to apply to be a Mentor through HOME, Inc. please contact Bruce Dillenbeck at 617-427-4663 or by email: [brucedillenbeck@homeinc.org](mailto:brucedillenbeck@homeinc.org)

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