



### **ABOUT US**

The Iowa Mentoring Partnership (IMP) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides assistance to all programs, providers and communities in Iowa who have an interest in mentoring. In addition, IMP seeks to create a network that allows the mentoring programs in Iowa to become aware of each other's programs, strengths and resources. Finally, the IMP serves as the monitoring organization for effective mentoring practices within Iowa.



### **RESEARCH SHOWS MENTORING SUCCESSFULLY:**

- Increases the self-esteem of young people;
- Increases student academic success;
- Increases positive social interaction by youth;
- Reduces the risk that young people will use illegal drugs;
- Reduces the risk that youth will begin using alcohol; and
- Reduces the risk that students will skip school.

### **MISSION:**

To be an advocate of and a resource for mentoring across the State of Iowa.

### **VISION:**

The Iowa Mentoring Partnership will deliver resources, recruit mentors, raise awareness and enhance the quality of mentoring across the many mentoring organizations in Iowa.

### **WHAT IS A MENTOR?**

A mentor is someone who, along with parents, provides young people with support, counsel, friendship, reinforcement and constructive example. Mentors are good listeners, people who care and people who want to help young people bring out their strengths.

### **WHAT DOES A MENTOR DO?**

A mentor helps connect children and youth with resources, safe places and structured activities. Mentors provide a positive role model.

### **WHO NEEDS A MENTOR?**

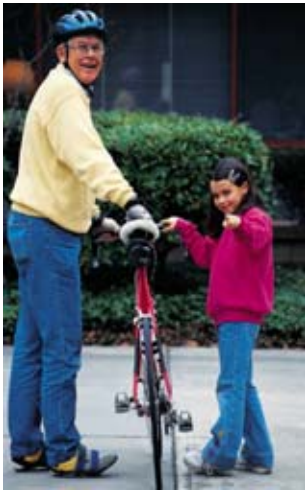
All children can benefit from positive role models, however many children do not have any positive role models in their lives and need someone like you.

### **HOW MUCH TIME IS REQUIRED?**

Mentors and mentees meet one hour a week for nine months (school year) to one year. This provides time to develop a consistent, positive, healthy relationship.

### **EFFECTIVE MENTORING PRACTICES:**

- Program Design & Planning
- Program Management
- Program Operations
- Program Evaluation



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