How to Search the Mentoring Connector

Step 1: Find the Connector
To begin browsing the Mentoring Connector (MC), click HERE.

Step 2: Start your Search
The image below is what the Search Form looks like. All of the fields are required in order to Search.

- **First Name**
- **Last Name**
- **Email**
- **ZIP Code**
- **Nationwide e-mentoring**
- **25 miles**

Your First and Last Name become visible to Programs when you submit an Inquiry to them.

Be sure the email you put here is one that you check regularly, since this is how Programs will contact you.

Programs will appear in your Search based on the Zip Code you submit. Programs may only serve youth in a few Zip Codes.

If you are interested in mentoring youth beyond your Zip Code, selecting this option will provide you with a list of virtual mentoring Programs across the U.S.
To complete your Search, select your mentoring preferences. Use these questions to help guide you:

- Do you want to meet your mentee at a park or café?
- Do you want to meet your mentee in a consistent place, like a school?
- Do you want to meet your mentee online?

**Unsure?** Select as many preferences as you want! Some Programs offer hybrid mentoring models.

Once you’ve selected your preferences, click the yellow Search button to proceed.

**Step 4: Search Results Page**

When you click Search you will see a list of Programs matching your criteria.
Further refine your search by clicking on the bubbles at the top of the Search Results Page.

**Step 5: Select a Program**

When you find a Program that meets your interests, click on it to see more Program Details.

The first piece of information on the Program Details Page is the age range of the youth the Program serves.

Scroll down to see more details that can help you learn more about the Program.

Not all of the Program’s Details are visible in the screenshot to the left, but also available is information about family structures served, target mentee and mentor gender, types of youth served, etc. In combination, this information is meant to help you find a Program that feels right for you.
Step 6: Submit an Inquiry!

If you want to indicate interest in a Program, you just need to submit an Inquiry:

This Inquiry panel can be found on the right-hand side of the Program Details Page.

Your First Name, Last Name, and Email that you provided in Step 2 will be auto-populated in this section, although you can edit the information here if you wish.

Submitting a phone number is optional. This is a good option for those that prefer to communicate through phone calls instead of email, as the Program may respond to your Inquiry via phone. Specify how you wanted to be contacted if you left a phone number.

You can tell us how you heard about the Connector here. This field is also optional.

Select "Become a mentor" if you want to mentor youth. If you are looking for a mentor, for yourself or on behalf of a child or student, select "Find a mentor". If the Program is not accepting mentees, this option will be grayed out.

Finally, click here to submit an Inquiry to the Program! The Program will receive all of the information you listed above.

This message confirms you've successfully Inquired to the Program. Congrats!