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**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR
THE 2016 MENTORING CAUCUS**



2016 Mentoring Caucus Keynote Speaker

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Registration is now open for the **2016 Mentoring Caucus!** Convene with like-minded professionals to learn, debate, and discuss **new and emerging trends** and **best practices** in the mentoring and youth development fields. Whether you're new to the field or a seasoned practitioner, this **one-day conference** will offer you and your staff a **valuable professional development opportunity** featuring **interactive polling**, an array of **thought-provoking, hands-on workshops**, and **networking** with your peers.

- [LEARN MORE](#) about the Caucus format
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DATE CHANGE: CAFFEINATE AND CONCENTRATE

Date: Fri., July 8th
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Location: [The Commons, The Banks Bldg](#)
Cost: Free

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, the July **Caffeinate and Concentrate** will take place on July 8th, not July 1st. We look forward to seeing you and assisting you with your never-ending "To Do" list.



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BAGELS AND BEST PRACTICES: Increasing Depth and Quality in Match Support

Date: Fri., July 15th
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Location: [Health Counseling Services](#)
Cost: Free. Bagels and coffee will be provided.



Please join us for the next **Bagels and Best Practices** event on the topic of Increasing **Depth and Quality in Match Support!** Charlotte Kinzley (Children and Youth Program Manager for [Simpson Housing Services](#)) and Brian Hissong (Director of Match Support for [Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities](#)) will present on their innovative approaches to increasing depth and quality in their match support efforts with mentors, mentees and parents. Presentations will include strategies for varying match support questions from month to month and approaches for providing additional support to participants beyond monthly check-ins. We will allow time after the presentations for Q and A, a group discussion and networking.

A special thank you to Patti Neiman and the team from the [University YMCA](#) for their engaging and thought-provoking presentation in May on Recruiting and Utilizing College Students as Mentors.

[RSVP TO ATTEND](#)

COLLABORATIVE MENTORING WEBINAR SERIES: Preparing Mentees and Families for Successful Matches

Date: Thurs., July 21st
Time: 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm CST (1:00 pm - 2:15 pm EST, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm MST, 10:00 am - 11:15 am PST)
Location: Online
Cost: Free.



An important yet neglected area of focus for many mentoring programs is the process of **preparing mentees (and their families) for the match.** When staff provides effective preparation and training, it can promote safety, teach important relational skills, and bolster parental involvement. Initial mentee trainings can also be used to create a sense of camaraderie, and to inspire mentees to follow through with their commitments.

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FROM THE BLOG...

Mentoring 365:

Minnesota State Policy Debrief 2016, SF 1017

Wendy highlights MPM's **policy work** during this past legislative session, highlighting work on the **Afterschool Community Learning Grants (ACLG)** bill (SF 1017).



MPM Staff

Spotlight: Nicki Patnaude

Carolyn sat down with Nicki to ask her about her **path to MPM**, what her **go-**



to song is to belt out in her car, and why she thinks **mentoring is important**.

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FREE BASEBALL TICKETS



On June 8th, **20 youth** from the **Pillsbury United Communities - Brian Coyle Community Center** saw the **Twin's beat the Marlins!** It was a fantastic experience that [was], "... a great way to connect with our youth 'out in the world!'".

MPM is happy to announce it has procured baseball tickets through the Commissioner's Initiative Ticket program. This is a great opportunity to take a match out to a ball game!

Tickets are available for following games:

Thurs., Sept. 1st - White Sox at 7:10 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 3rd - White Sox at 6:10 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 4th - White Sox at 1:10 p.m.

DEADLINE: To reserve tickets for your matches **PLEASE EMAIL US** by **July 15th**. *Please only ask for what you will use. MPM is responsible for a 90% attendance rate of all tickets requested.* Please help us abide by the guidelines to ensure a longstanding relationship for future partnerships! Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

TAKE ACTION! BE A MENTORING ADVOCATE!

The U.S. House and Senate funding committees recently took action on the bills that fund the **Youth Mentoring grant** that's managed by the **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)** at the Department of Justice. Unfortunately, their respective bills provide very different funding recommendations, one of which would **cut the program by at least \$15 million**.



Tell Congress to help close the mentoring gap: Support a minimum of \$90M for CJS youth mentoring grant in FY17.

Currently, the OJJDP youth mentoring grant is funded at \$90 million. Despite **MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership (MENTOR)** and 39 national mentoring organizations encouraging Congress to increase funding for the grant in fiscal year 2017 (FY17), the Senate recommended only \$75 million and the House recommended level-funding of \$90 million in their bills. **MENTOR needs your help to ensure that a minimum of \$90 million is approved in the final FY17 funding bill.**

TAKE ACTION!

MPM thanks the Carlson Family Foundation & M. A. Mortenson Construction for their long-time commitment to mentoring & for their recent contributions.

