



**Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota** **April 2016**

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**FREE! Collaborative Mentoring Webinar Series: Activity-Based Mentoring**



**Date:** Thursday, April 21, 2016  
**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)  
**Cost:** Free

What happens when activities are a central focus of mentoring relationships? Structured activities have often been overlooked as a platform for relationship development and enhancement. In this webinar, you'll learn how activities can serve as a foundation for the mentoring relationship and what to consider if you are interested in making this a component of your program.

[Read and register...](#)

**Don't Forget to RSVP!**  
**Bagels and Best Practices**



**Date:** Friday, May 20 (Third Friday of every-other month)  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Health Counseling Services, The Banks Building, 615 First Ave. NE, Ste. 145, Minneapolis  
**Cost:** Free

Our next [Bagels and Best Practices](#) topic will be on **Recruiting & Utilizing College Students as Mentors**. We will feature two of MPM's partner programs who are successfully utilizing their connections to college campuses to recruit students as mentors. Presentations will include details on how they developed relationships with college campuses, their programs' overall recruitment strategy and practices, how success is measured, and tips for organizations who would like to build or enhance their connections with students. We will allow time after the

## MPM's Update from St. Paul's New Senate Building:



MPM supported **Youth Day at the Capitol** where 175+ youth engaged with the 2015-2016 legislation that directly impacts youth! One of the bills featured was Ignite Afterschool's **SF 1017**. A modified version of SF 1017 was included on Page 73 of the E-12 Omnibus Bill that allocates \$500,000 in afterschool funding. The bill will head into committee starting April 25th.

[Read more...](#)

## Training Calendar

For a schedule of all MPM trainings and events, check out the [MPM Event Calendar](#). It also lists trainings from other great organizations like MENTOR, MAVA, MNYWI, HandsOn Twin Cities, YIPA and more.

## Training Institute

To learn more about the Training Institute's resources and services, or to schedule a consultation, contact us at 612.399.0239 or email [maria@mpmn.org](mailto:maria@mpmn.org).

[Read more....](#)

## Let's Keep in Touch



If your organization recently moved or you've had staff transition(s), please help MPM keep our database current by emailing us your updates at [mentor@mpmn.org](mailto:mentor@mpmn.org). Thank you!

presentations for Q and A, a group discussion and networking.

Please RSVP to Carolyn Scherer, [carolyn@mpmn.org](mailto:carolyn@mpmn.org), if you plan to attend. Please also contact Carolyn if you have questions, a topic that you would like to see featured, or an idea for a future presenter.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## An Exciting Opportunity to Recruit Mentors!



This April, [MENTOR](#) is facilitating activations that will be driving traffic to the **Mentoring Connector**. Did you see the MTV Movie Awards recently featured a [My Brother's Keeper \(MBK\) spot with President Obama](#)? And did you catch this weekend's ["The Mentorship" video with Golden State Warrior's Steph Curry and the President](#)? We are seeing a lot of attention being given to the mentoring movement and we want you to receive it!

The [Mentoring Connector](#) has replaced the Volunteer Referral Service (VRS), and we want to be sure you submit a listing for your mentoring program to this new system so you can receive volunteer referrals and be counted in the national database of mentoring programs.

Please follow the instructions below to submit your program listing to the new system:

- Go to [connect.mentoring.org/admin](http://connect.mentoring.org/admin)
- Click the Add a Program button below the login fields (do not enter your email address or a password)
- Enter requested information on your mentoring program.
- Remember that what you enter in the Program Description and Mentor Description fields will be visible to anyone searching for programs through the system, so use clear and informative language.
- Click Submit when finished.

The entire process takes very little time. You can also get assistance by emailing [connector@mentoring.org](mailto:connector@mentoring.org).

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## From the Blog

March and April have been a busy month for MPM staff. Stay tuned to the blog for:

### Quality Corner:

Read highlights from MPM's newest training offering: Bagels and Best Practices! In February, we covered social media featuring two of MPM's Expert Partner Programs: [Free Arts Minnesota](#) and [Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities](#). Both programs utilize social media in different and exciting ways to share their mentoring stories.

### Mentoring in the News:

Check out some exciting media coverage one of our programs received recently!

[Read more and subscribe....](#)

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