



Building Quality Mentoring for Every Child

Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota

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Have you heard about the new Mentoring Connector?

MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership has transitioned to a new national volunteer referral system called the Mentoring Connector.

If your program currently has an active, publicly searchable listing in their old system, you should have received an email from MENTOR on February 17 with instructions on how to submit an updated program listing to the new Mentoring Connector.

If you did not receive this email or would like to sign your program up to be listed, you can get started [here](#) or [contact MENTOR](#) for help through the process.

Road Trip!

NEW! The Focus Series



Take some time to come together with other youth serving professionals and gain a deeper understanding of the needs, assets, and experiences of populations of youth you may know or with whom you work.

Monday, April 13th: [Maximize Your Awareness](#)

In today's increasingly interconnected world, cultural competency is not enough. We need to be aware of the many dimensions of diversity, both for ourselves and for the people we work with. This activity-based training will give you the chance to delve into your own identities and reflect on how they affect your experiences working with youth.

Wednesday, April 29th: [Working with LGBTQ Youth](#)

Mentor/mentee experiences often encourage



MPM's Program Services staff are on the road and visiting our network of mentoring programs in Greater Minnesota and the Upper Midwest!

Maria Paschke will be traveling to Northfield on Tuesday, April 14th.

If you are located in that area and would like to connect with MPM, [please email Maria](#). We'd love to catch up with you!

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) 399-0229 or email maria@mpmn.org.

[Read more....](#)

Let's Keep in Touch



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

discussion about real issues, challenges and experiences, including those related to sexual orientation, gender identity and relationships. Gain skills for providing one-on-one support for LGBTQ youth, and plan strategies for ensuring your program is a safe, supportive environment.

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: 615 1st Avenue Northeast, Minneapolis

Price: \$15/session

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The Mentoring 365 Project: Darrell Thompson for the Win



Darrell Thompson is no stranger to the mentoring community.

As the Executive Director of Bolder Options he has had the opportunity to affect the lives of hundreds of young people. A former Green Bay Packer and the all-time leader in career rushing yards for the University of Minnesota, Darrell stands out as an idol to many. Under his leadership, Bolder Options uses athletics to mentor youth and help them to develop the skills necessary to succeed.

[In this month's Mentoring 365 feature, read about Darrell and his thoughts on the state of mentoring.](#)

Do *you* have an uplifting story to share? Help MPM to continue the celebration by [emailing us](#) your mentoring experience today!

FREE! Collaborative Mentoring Webinar Series: Peer Mentoring - A Discussion with Experienced

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Practitioners

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2015

Time: 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. CST (1:00 - 2:15 p.m. EST,
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. MST, 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.
PST)

Cost: FREE

While peer mentoring is not a relatively new practice, in the last decade we have learned more about how to run effective peer mentoring programs. When peer mentoring programs commit to developing a structured, relationship-focused program model, the positive effects on both the mentor and the mentee are vast.

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