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- The Campbell Foundation
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FREE! Collaborative Mentoring Webinar Series: Mentoring Youth from Military Families



DATE: Thurs., Dec. 17th, 2015

National Mentoring Month Begins January 1st!



THANK YOU

For being a listener,
a guide, a friend, and
most importantly,
for being there -
in real life.

National Mentoring Month (NMM) is held each January and on this 15th anniversary of NMM, **MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership** has not only revamped their own brand, logo, and website, but also created a fresh take on NMM. National Mentoring Month 2016 begins January 1st and concludes with the annual National Mentoring Summit.

The overarching theme for NNM is **Mentor In Real Life**, which allows us to talk about relationships in real life.

You may download the comprehensive **FREE Partner Toolkit**, which will provide you with a wealth of useful information on how best to engage your community during this important time of year. You will also find **campaign print and digital**

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

One of the more challenging circumstances a young person can face is having a parent deployed in a military campaign, especially in a time of war. Mentoring programs have increasingly tried to serve these children, both by integrating them into more traditional mentoring services and by creating unique mentoring models to meet their needs.

[Read and Register....](#)

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.

[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!

[materials for download](#). In 2016, no hard copy materials will be made available.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 14, 2016: "I Am a Mentor Day"

Share your experience on social media using #MentorIRL

January 18, 2016: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

January 21, 2016: "Thank Your Mentor Day"

January 27 - 29, 2016: National Mentoring Summit

MPM Goes to Washington: Comments, Questions, Stories needed for Congress



MPM is celebrating [National Mentoring Month](#) by sending our staff members, Carolyn Scherer, Maria Paschke, Nicki Patnaude and Wendy Raymond to Washington D.C. for Capitol Hill Day on January 27th and the National Mentoring Summit January 27th-30th.

If you have questions or comments you would like the staff to share with Minnesota's Congressional delegation please reach out to wendy@mpmn.org

The National Mentoring Resource Center: A Year in Review

In 2015, The Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota had the tremendous opportunity to work with 15 mentoring programs through National Mentoring Resource Center (NMRC) technical assistance contracts. As a reminder, mentoring programs are

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able to apply for up to 50 hours of free technical assistance through the NMRC, a project of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and MENTOR.

Through these technical assistance contracts, MPM was able to work with individual programs to:

- * Create logic models
- * Identify key outcomes and develop evaluation plans
- * Identify core program metrics and tracking systems
- * Develop mentor and mentee recruitment plans
- * Write program staff job descriptions
- * Design mentoring programs specialized for sub-populations of youth (ie, youth in foster care, youth with incarcerated parents)
- * Review and provide feedback on mentor/mentee enrollment process
- * Create/update mentor training materials and presentations to increase interactivity, and ensure best practices and adult learning techniques were utilized
- * Conduct train-the-trainer sessions
- * Lead volunteer training sessions
- * Research best practices on specific topics
- * Compile program staff and mentor resource libraries
- * Develop mentor, mentee and parent/guardian program manuals
- * Create program policies and procedures from scratch and review existing policies and procedures
- * Review grant applications and provide suggestions for improvement



This **no-cost** technical assistance is still available - and we hope you will apply! Here's how it works:

- First, fill out a [Technical Assistance Request](#)

for your program on the [NMRC website](#). The NMRC will then send your request to the closest mentoring partnership. If you

are in or around Minnesota, it will come to us at MPM.

- Next, MPM will review your application, complete an exploratory phone call with you to define the project, and begin working with you on your program's goals.

Still unsure? Have questions about the application process? Want to discuss possible project ideas? Please feel free to contact Carolyn Scherer, Director of Program Services at 612.399.0229 or carolyn@mpmn.org.

As you think about your program's goals for 2016, we hope you will consider taking advantage of this unique opportunity to build the quality and effectiveness of your program.

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