



Building Quality Mentoring for Every Child

Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota

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A Special Thanks to MPM's Friends for Their Recent Gifts

- Ned & Sherry Ann Dayton
- Jack & Chris Morrison
- Vera Watson
- Margaret & Angus Wurtele
- The Andersen Family Foundation
- The Campbell Family Foundation
- The Carlson Family Foundation
- Prospect Creek Foundation
- The Sheltering Arms Foundation
- Stone Pier Foundation

Evaluation Project Opportunity

Learn more about how your program works, and ways to make it work better. Lindsey Weiler, Ph.D., at the University of Minnesota's Department of Family Social Science, is seeking youth mentoring programs to partner on two U of M grant-funded research opportunities. Dr. Weiler, a member of the National Mentoring Resource Center Research

Just the Facts: 2015 National Mentoring Month



Check out this new [National Mentoring Month PSA](#) featuring clips from the recently released documentary *Keep On Keepin' On*.

National Mentoring Month is underway and MPM has got you covered with all the necessary dates and details to help your organization celebrate this annual recognition of the importance of mentoring in all our lives.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday, January 15: ["Thank Your Mentor" Day](#)
- Monday, January 19: [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service](#)
- January 28-30: [National Mentoring Summit in Washington, D.C](#)

DOWNLOADS

- [National Mentoring Month Campaign Toolkit](#)
- [Corporate Activation Guide](#)

Board, is interested in working with programs that want to take a deeper look at their mentoring processes and outcomes, mentor training strategies, and innovations in promoting successful closure. Proposal deadlines are approaching fast; to find out about these opportunities, and how to participate, contact Dr. Weiler at lmweiler@umn.edu or 612-310-9345.

Third Annual Peace First Prize



The Peace First Prize recognizes peacemakers, ages 8-22, for their compassion, courage, and ability to collaborate with others to create positive change. Peace First's goal is to celebrate these powerful stories and inspire others to make peacemaking part of their daily lives. The deadline for both applications and nominations is March 30th.

[Learn 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) 399-0229 or email traininginstitute@mpmn.org.

[Read more....](#)

Let's Keep in Touch

- Digital Materials, including:
 - [Facebook Cover Image](#)
 - [Web Badge](#)
 - [Web Banner](#)
 - [Thank Your Mentor Image](#)
 - [Mentoring Works! Logo](#)

SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS



January is National Mentoring Month & I am celebrating with @MentoringPartnershipOfMinnesota There are currently more than 200,000 Minnesota youth being mentored! Thank you, mentors!

Did you know there are an estimated 250,000 young people who need & could benefit from an adult mentor?

Contact

@MentoringPartnershipofMinneosta to learn how you can make a difference in a young person's life!



It's #NationalMentoringMonth & @MPMN1 wants to know, will you be #SomeoneWhoMatters in a young person's life?

@MPMN1 is celebrating

#NationalMentoringMonth & is counting the many ways #MentoringWorks!

1 in 3 youth reaches age 19 w/o having a #mentor of any kind. All youth should benefit from #MentoringEffect

A #Hashtag By Any Other Name

And don't forget to use one or more of following National Mentoring Month hashtags in your social media posts!

#NationalMentoringMonth

#MentoringEffect

#SomeoneWhoMatters

#mentor

#MentoringWorks

#mentoring

CHANGE is the power to be BOLD. BOLD is the ability to LEAD.



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!

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MPM's new executive director, Mai-Anh Kapanke, recently took some time to reflect on her personal experience with mentoring and how it influences her vision for MPM's future:

Let me begin by saying Hello! and Happy New Year! I am excited to be the new executive director for the Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota (MPM) and I can assure you that I am not afraid to be BOLD and that I've had many great years of mentoring from the MPM staff and board to LEAD this wonderful organization.

[Read more....](#)

Winter 2015 Training Preview

While cold winds swirl outside, MPM has plenty to keep you warm - here's what's coming up in February and March:

- **Caffeinate and Concentrate**, MPM's office hours for mentoring program staff, resumes on February 6th, and is offered on the first Friday of every month from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Join us to talk through your knottiest program questions, review resources and brainstorm. For more information, contact [Maria](#).
- Look for a new webinar forum on best practices from MPM in late February. Watch for a full announcement next month or contact [Polly](#) for details.
- **Building Blocks for a Quality Mentoring Program**, a full day training on building the infrastructure needed to create and maintain an effective mentoring program, will be offered in March. Find more information [here](#).
- **The Collaborative Mentoring Webinar series** has a few hot topics on tap for the winter months. After today's webinar on "Leveraging Mentoring to Support Black Male Achievement," February's session will focus on "Using Research to Inform Your Program and March on Trauma Informed Care." Webinars provided free of charge, occur at 12:00 p.m. CST on the third Thursday of the month. Learn more and register [here](#).