



Building Quality Mentoring for Every Child

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

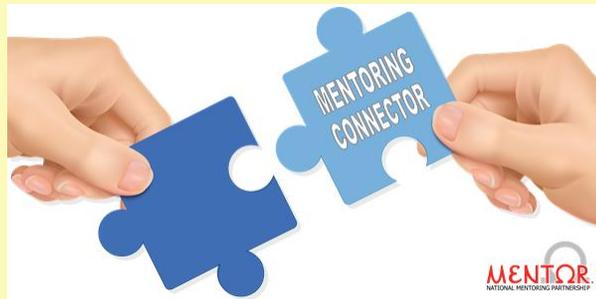
- Stone Pier Foundation

After-school Funding Not Included in Education Budget

The bill to increase funding for after-school programs across Minnesota wasn't included in the final budget of this legislative session. The disappointingly low \$400 million education funding target simply wasn't enough to go beyond some of the very basic programs, and many smaller funding bills fell by the wayside.

[Ignite Afterschool](#) has already put plans in to motion to continue building on the momentum from this past legislative session, and over the coming months they will work with partners in every corner of Minnesota to build a stronger movement in support of after-school funding. Follow MPM's [Twitter](#) profile & [Facebook](#) page

In a Volunteer Drought? Get Listed in Mentoring Connector!



The Mentoring Connector is a **free** database and referral service that helps quality youth mentoring programs across the US recruit more local volunteers and increase visibility through national public awareness campaigns.

MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership, our national organization, and partners such as the White House's My Brother's Keeper initiative, NBA Cares, National CARES Mentoring, serve.gov, and many others, each direct thousands of potential mentors to search the database for local opportunities to become a mentor.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to be a part of this critical resource that will directly connect you to national public awareness campaigns and help recruit mentors!

Submit your program for listing today:

<https://connect.mentoring.org/admin>

for more information about how to get involved, starting with the opportunity to attend regional meetings that Ignite Afterschool be hosting across Minnesota in June.

Red Wagon Award Winners Announced



[Minnesota Alliance With Youth](#) has announced the winners of the twelfth annual Red Wagon Awards. The awards honor young people in grades 6-12 in Minnesota that have shown resilience and overcome obstacles to achieve academic gains, give back to their community and grow to become leaders among their peers.

This year, three individual winners and one group have been selected by a committee of AmeriCorps Promise Fellows, community stakeholders and Alliance Board and staff members. [Read more](#) about these amazing youth leaders below, and don't forget to RSVP for today's [Red Wagon Awards Celebration and Fundraiser](#) at Macalester College to join in honoring this year's winners!

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.

The Mentoring 365 Project: The Drive to Mentor

The Mentoring 365 Project continues with a feature on Deena and Talia, a pair matched two years ago through Kids 'n Kinship's school-based program.



[Read about what mentoring means to Deena and how she continues to promote Talia's growth through each interaction with her in this month's Mentoring 365 Project feature.](#)

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: "They always come, and they never say goodbye:" Healthy Closure in Mentoring



Date: Thursday, June 18, 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

The way that a relationship ends can have a big

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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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impact on a young person. When done with care and intention, closure can be healthy and positive. Join this webinar to hear from leading mentoring researcher Renee Spencer, Boston University, on how to close mentoring relationships the healthy way.

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