



Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota

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#### Welcome MPM's Newest Board Members

**John Marinac** is Compudyne's President and Chief Technology Officer (CTO). John has over 20 years of experience delivering, supporting and managing information technology solutions, with more than 10 years of that in management. This includes 15 years of hands-on customer consulting and design to unite emergent technology trends with customer strategic initiatives, and over 10 years of product development. John has extensive experience in IT engineering, networking, infrastructure, telecommunications, and large-scale multi-site projects in many industries. He is an owner, board member, and/or shareholder of

## The National Mentoring Resource Center: What Will Be the Role of MPM?

If you follow MPM on Facebook or Twitter, you are likely aware of the the launch of the [National Mentoring Resource Center](#) (NMRC).



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RESOURCE CENTER  
A Program of OJJDP

Funded by OJJDP and managed by MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership, the goal of the NMRC is to pair evidence-based practices with training and technical assistance to help you improve the quality of your youth mentoring program as well as programs all across the nation.

Check out [their collection](#) of mentoring handbooks, curricula, manuals, and other resources for programs to use.

The NMRC also provides [free technical assistance](#) to mentoring programs around their individual needs. As an affiliate *Mentoring Partnership*, MPM serves as a technical assistance provider to mentoring programs that apply for and are approved to receive this no-cost benefit. Examples of potential technical assistance that might be requested include: a review of existing mentoring training materials; guidance and consultation on mentor recruitment plans and strategies; analysis of mentor screening processes; or consultation on strategies to improve match support.

multiple businesses, and is a peer group member of Heartland Technology Group. Compudyne has offices in downtown Duluth, Hibbing, St. Paul, and Marquette, Michigan.

**Ashley Mehbod** is a Founding Partner of Pixie Dust, Inc. With over 15 years working at, or alongside, leading advertising agencies and clients, Ashley knows the inner-workings of the industry. More importantly, she knows how to identify and find top talent and how to assemble high-performing teams across disciplines. She started her advertising career at Y&R New York in media. In 1997, Ashley returned home to Minneapolis to join Fallon, one of the hottest strategic and creative shops. She continued to build her career, managing both existing clients and contributing to new business, including United Airlines, Holiday Inn Express, Nordstrom, Citibank, among others. A move to recruiting was a natural transition, as she has always enjoyed career mentoring and constructing collaborative teams. Ashley graduated from Duke University with a BA in History.

### 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.

## Here's Nina! MPM's New Director of Training and Outreach

Last month Nina Jonson joined MPM as its new Director of Training and Outreach. She has worked in the field of youth development for nearly a decade, with a specific focus on adolescent sexual health. In her work, she consistently saw a need for young people to connect with caring adults as a way to build assets in their lives and make healthier choices.



Nina reflects on her personal mentoring experiences and hopes for her work at MPM in this latest [blog post](#).

## The Mentoring 365 Project: A Conversation with Supreme Court Justice Alan Page

*I think we all have a role in making the world a better place.*

- Supreme Court Justice Alan Page



For our next feature on the Mentoring 365 Project, we speak with Supreme Court Justice Alan Page. Justice Page truly stands out as a leading advocate for mentoring in Minnesota. Through the Page Foundation, he and his wife have helped thousands of young men and women of color pursue their educational interests. To this day the Page Foundation continues to encourage youth success. Read more about my conversation with Justice Page and his experience with mentoring in this month's

## Road Trip!



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

Polly Roach will be in Des Moines at the Iowa Mentoring Partnership's Spring Conference March 30 - 31.

If you are located in that area and would like to connect with MPM, [please email Polly](#). 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](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 us keep our database current by emailing us your updates at [mentor@mpmn.org](mailto:mentor@mpmn.org). Thank you!

## [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: A New Lens for Mentoring - Trauma Informed Care**

**Date:** Thursday, March 19, 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

Trauma Informed Care may be a new term for those supporting children and youth in mentoring programs, but it has been a framework for psychological treatment that involves understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects of all types of trauma for many years. Young people participating in mentoring programs may have experienced some kind of trauma already in their short lives. How the environment, including significant adults, interacts with these youth can impact the healing process.

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

## **Your New Staff Will Thank You! Register for Building Blocks for a Quality Mentoring Program**

**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2015

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** The Banks Building, 615 First Ave. Northeast, Minneapolis, MN 55413

**Cost:** \$75

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refining a program to focus on: "We need a mission!" "We need a board of directors!" "We need to figure out how to evaluate our work!" "How can we tell our story?" The list can grow very long; community input, curriculum, goals and objectives, parental consent, legal considerations, marketing, and more.

The full-day Building Blocks for a Quality Mentoring Program is a valuable training for your new program staff, AmeriCorps or those just beginning to create a mentoring program! Register today!

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## **SAVE THE DATE! Minnesota Golden Gophers Spring Game Kicks Off 2015 Coaches' Mentoring Challenge**

MPM and the Minnesota Golden Gophers will team up, again, this football season for the Coaches' Mentoring Challenge. Our goal for the 2015 season of the Coaches' Mentoring Challenge is to continue to increase awareness about the impact caring adults have on the youth in their lives and to engage them in formal and informal mentoring opportunities.

To kick off the partnership, MPM hopes to facilitate a meet and greet for 20 mentees and their mentors with Coach Jerry Kill and Goldy Gopher at the University of Minnesota Spring Football game on Saturday, April 11 at TCF Stadium. Kick off for this free event is at 3:00 p.m.

[Contact us](#) if you would like to have mentors and their mentees from your program attend.