

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR A
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

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**COSHOCTON COUNTY
YOUTH
MENTORING
PROGRAM**

**Van Blanchard II
Coshocton County
Juvenile Court Judge**



**YES! I AM INTERESTED IN
BECOMING A VOLUNTEER.**

Please send me additional information
on the Youth Mentoring Program and an
application form.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Youth Mentoring can have an impact on the lives of children as they prepare to become productive members of our community. Volunteers can have a significant impact on educational, career, and personal goals for youth as they strive for success as adults. Please join us in making Coshocton County a safe and productive community for current and future generations by donating your time and experience as we work with the leaders of tomorrow!

*Judge Van Blanchard II
Coshocton County Juvenile Court*



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Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**DETACH AND RETURN TO:
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WHY IS MENTORING IMPORTANT?

The Court Mentoring Program will be offered to youth that have come to the attention of the Court, many of which are classified as at-risk and some may already be adjudicated delinquent. The targeted youth may have educational issues, such as truancy, low achievement or poor behavior. There may be concerns about unruly behavior and lack of positive role models. Or substance abuse may be a problem. The mentorship may allow for a relationship that promotes healthier choices. Court involved youth typically lack appropriate adult relationships. The court is looking to facilitate a relationship that is voluntary for both the youth and mentor which matches their interests and promotes a healthy lifestyle.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MENTOR?

After the initial introduction, the court will allow the mentor to develop a relationship with the youth at their own pace. Ideally, the mentor should plan for at least a one year commitment to the youth. The mentor will be permitted to be involved in any

unofficial or official court proceedings if the youth is open to it and it is beneficial. The mentor is not required to report to the court, but may choose to if they are concerned about the health or safety of the youth. The youth and mentor may have contact as often as seems necessary for the mentor to have an impact. Funding is available for an activity or learning experience if the opportunity rises.

Mentors can offer a sense of direction and motivation which can carry beyond Juvenile Court involvement.

REQUIREMENTS/ PROCESS

The Mentor will be contacted after the court receives their application. Criminal background checks will be conducted before a mentor will be matched with a youth. The background checks will be paid for by the court. Also, references will be checked and there will be a short interview with court staff. The intent of the interview is to get a better understanding of the appropriate youth to be matched with the mentor. The court will match the youth and mentor. The court will schedule an introduction meeting between the mentor and the

youth. The mentor will then initiate the next meeting with the youth at their own discretion.

Court staff will be available to the mentor for assistance when needed.

HOW DO I MAKE A REFERRAL TO THE PROGRAM?

If you know of a youth who has had contact with the court and could benefit from a mentor, you may contact the probation staff at the phone number provided on the front of this brochure. Once eligibility has been established, court staff will determine the appropriateness of the referral.

