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## Mentor Program

"Be the change you wish to see in the world"- Mahatma Gandhi  
April 1st, 2014



### Introducing AFFEC's new Mentor Program Director!

Hello All,

My name is Mavis Sanchez and I am a graduate from Southern Oregon University. I received my Bachelors in Psychology. I am the new Mentor Program Director of Lane County as well as AFFEC's Diversity Coordinator. It is with great pride and honor that I take on these new positions and offer this organization a different perspective due to my cultural background. I believe it is crucial for youth of all ages to receive support from a strong positive role model in order for positive personal growth to be achieved. Support during these years is vital and with this position I can aid in successful matches of mentors and mentees. I have a thirst for adventure and enjoy cooking, hiking and traveling to the coast as much as possible.

Male mentors are always needed!

Positive male role models can help our youth succeed and feel supported.

Read this short bio on Jeremy\* and maybe you'll consider being a mentor!

Jeremy \*is a very intelligent 14 year old boy who will be transitioning into high school next year. He lives in Springfield, and likes to ride his bike around his neighborhood. Jeremy\* loves baseball, video games, reading, math, and science. One of Jeremy's\* favorite activities is going to PK Park to watch Emerald's games. Jeremy likes going to the beach and fishing, as well as swimming, hiking, and watching Duck games. His favorite kinds of movies include action movies, comedies, and family films. He enjoys the occasional horror movie, but comedies are his favorite. When Jeremy\* grows up he hopes to join the military and then become a member of the Secret Service. Before doing so, he wants to attend college at either Oregon State University or the University of Oregon. His favorite kinds of music include rock, country, rap, and classical. Jeremy is very active, funny, and smart, and would appreciate a mentor who will spend time with him out in the community and help him through his high school years.

[Click here to see other kids waiting for mentors!](#)

*\*The name has been changed to protect this youth's identity.*

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### Interested in becoming a Mentor?

Upcoming training is *April 19th 1pm-4pm!*

[Click here to see other dates for training!](#)

Mentors can be anyone in the community who has a passion and desire to help at risk youth. You do not need to have previous experience with mentoring as we offer comprehensive trainings and match mentors with mentees who closely relate.

**There are a few requirements:**

1. You must be 21 years old.
2. You must pass a criminal background check.
3. You must attend mandatory trainings.
4. You must dedicate 10 hours a month for mentees.
5. Commit to one full year to the Mentor Program
6. You must participate in an in home interview

[Click here to volunteer!](#)



### *Educational Outreach*



*We have expanded the Mentor Program and have combined it with the Educational Outreach Program Coordinated by Mary Bromley. This program offers assistance to the youth we serve who are struggling in school. Assistance can vary from college preparation and current academic needs. If you are a mentor who's mentee could benefit from this program or would like more information please email [mentor@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:mentor@afamilyforeverychild.org).*

*We had a sweet time at our Monthly Mentor Assisted Life Skills Event!*



*This past Thursday we had a blast making Easter Baskets out of cupcakes! In the Mentor Assisted Life Skills Program we give Mentors and Mentees an opportunity every 3rd Thursday of the month to learn skills to be successful in adulthood. The activities range from cooking, hygiene knowledge, how to open a bank account, prepare a resume and so on! The upcoming Life Skills Program Event will be April 17th @ 6pm-7pm and it will focus on banking. It will be held at our AFFEC Office. This is a great opportunity to meet mentors and mentees and learn new skills*

#### Sunday Funday



*Don't forget Sunday Funday is April 23rd at Saint Thomas on Coburg Rd. If you are interested in attending please email [mentor@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:mentor@afamilyforeverychild.org). This event is for foster children and families. This next one is focused on Music. If anyone you know or you may be a musician or know of someone who would generously donate time to teach children how to play an instrument, please contact [mentor@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:mentor@afamilyforeverychild.org) for more information.*

#### Diversity Outreach



*The mentor program is always looking to expand our diversity as we work with a diverse background of children. If you are interested or know of an organization that can help us, please contact [mentor@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:mentor@afamilyforeverychild.org) for more information!*

For more information about the Mentor Program please contact the  
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