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18TH ANNUAL YOUTH MENTORING DAY PURPOSEFULL MENTORING

QUALITY PROGRAM INFRASTRUCTURE IS IN PLACE IN MASSACHUSETTS

In FY24, the Mentoring Matching Grants line item (7061-9634) was increased by the Governor and State Legislature to \$1,800,000 allowing MMP to reach more programs, increase the number of mentor matches, and decrease the number of youth sitting on a waitlist. But the need continues to grow. We respectfully request that the House and the Senate continue to level fund the line item to \$1,800,000 in the FY25 budget.

PROGRAMS FUNDED STATEWIDE THROUGH THE MENTORING MATCHING GRANTS IN FY24

18 Degrees, Inc.	Girls Incorporated of Lynn
African Community Education Program, Inc.	GSA Link, Inc.
Big Brother Big Sister - Hampshire - Center for Human development	Hyde Square Task Force
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass Metrowest	Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Boston
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts	Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Franklin County	LightHouse Holyoke
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampden County	Literations
Big Sister Association of Greater Boston	Love Transforming Community
Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center	LUK Crisis Center, Inc.
Boston Partners in Education	Melrose Alliance Against Violence
Boston Project Ministries	Old Colony YMCA (OCY)
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke	Partners for Youth with Disabilities
BUILD	Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction, Inc. (PAACA)
Centerboard	Project Coach
CHICA	Railroad Street Youth Project (RSYP)
Coaching for Change	Raw Art Works
Community Teamwork, Inc./ Mill City Mentors	School on Wheels of Massachusetts
Crossroads	Silver Lining Mentoring
Enroot Inc.	Springfield School Volunteers
EV Kids	Strong Women, Strong Girls
Falmouth Volunteers In Public Schools, Inc.	TASC - Associates for Human Services, Inc
Family Services of the Merrimack Valley	The DREAM Program, Inc
Follow My Steps Foundation	YMCA of Metro North (Demakes Family YMCA-Lynn)
Girls Inc. of the Valley	Youth Development Organization, Inc.

ABOUT MMP

Founded in 1992, Mass Mentoring Partnership (MMP) is committed to ensuring that all young people in Massachusetts have the mentoring relationships they need to develop into thriving, engaged adults, resulting in vibrant communities.



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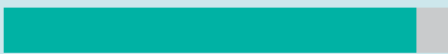
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Initially created in FY99, the Mentoring Matching Grant is the only mentoring-specific line item in the state budget. It is a critical support for young people, prioritizing evidence-based research and practice to support the field in providing mentoring programs with free training and technical assistance. This money is awarded in collaboration with DESE through a competitive RFP process and community review administered by the Mass Mentoring Partnership.

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

92%



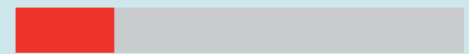
more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities.

75%



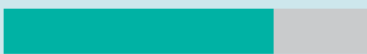
more likely to have held a leadership position in a club or sports team.

22%



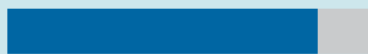
more likely to have experienced a strong sense of belonging while growing up.

74%



of those who had a meaningful mentor say that person contributed significantly to their success later in life.

85%



of young people with a mentor say this key relationship has helped them with issues related to school and their education.

58%



of young people say their mentor has supported their mental health.

60%



of those under 40 years old are still drawing advice from their childhood mentors.

From the research study **Who Mentored You?** A study examining the role mentors have played in the lives of Americans over the last half-century. Commissioned by MENTOR, with support from EY, and created in partnership with the Custom Insights Team at Pacific Market Research (now Olympic Research and Strategy), Dr. Sam McQuillin of the University of South Carolina, Shaun Glaze and Kathleen Perez at Inclusive Data, Cecilia Molinari, and Jenni Geiser.



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SO, WHY MENTORING?

- Almost 70% of today's young people could remember a time when they wanted a mentor for support but didn't have one. *This is the mentoring gap in the United States.* The mission of the mentoring movement is to expand investment in programs to ensure every young person has at least one trusting relationship with an adult in their life.
- Mentoring is one of the few prevention and intervention strategies that can effectively address multiple risk and protective factors simultaneously.
- The average American gives the mentors they had growing up more than 50% of the credit for their success in life. That goes up considerably for those who grew up in poverty or faced serious trauma.
- There is strong public support for government investment in youth mentoring. A public survey in 2019 found that 83% of all Americans expressed some agreement that government funds should be used for youth mentoring.

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Criminal Justice, Workforce Development, Education

HOW DO WE HELP?

You can help by supporting & bringing attention to the following initiatives & bills in Massachusetts:

Raise The Age, Supported by The Boston Celtics and The Office of the Attorney General

Andrea Campbell

Bill led by the Honorable Brendan P. Crighton of the 3rd Essex

- Ending the automatic prosecution of teens as adults by gradually shifting 18- to 20-year-olds to the juvenile justice system.
- Raising the age will: reduce the harms of legal system involvement while improving public safety; increasing the participation of young people in the workforce, building their engagement in the labor market,
- Because the legal system is not an equal opportunity employer, the economic impact of criminal legal system involvement deprives predominantly communities of color and low-income communities of the economic productivity of their young men of color.
- Raise the Age will reduce the state's long-term spending on the legal system and its associated costs to taxpayers.

Bill H.4119- An Act Relative to Adult Education and Workforce

Bill led by the Honorable Jeffrey N. Roy of the 10th Suffolk

- For the Executive Office of Education to establish an adult workforce diploma program to assist certain adults in obtaining high school diplomas and developing employability and career technical skills. The executive office of education shall establish an adult workforce diploma program to assist adults aged 22 and older to obtain a high school diploma and develop employability and career technical skills. A direct mentoring direct relationship between a coach and a student will facilitate the completion of the student's learning plan designed to prepare the student to succeed in the program and their future endeavors.

Bill S.285- An Act relative to dropout prevention and re-engagement

Bill led by the Honorable Adam Gomez Hampden

- All individual public schools that instruct students in kindergarten through grade 12 shall use the early warning indicator index system, or any successor data collection and tracking system, developed by the department to identify and track students at risk of not graduating on time; provided that such system shall include a social-emotional indicator as one of multiple measures. Individual public schools shall collect all necessary data required for the use of the early warning indicator index system, or any successor data collection and tracking system, as determined by the department. The department shall offer school districts guidance and support on the collection, review, and use of the early warning indicator index system, or any successor data collection system, to best serve the needs of students, teachers, and school staff members