

## Career and Education Mentoring Project



Our dream is for all students to have caring adults who help them develop career aspirations that propel the students toward academic proficiency and ultimately success in careers and life. The Career and Education Mentoring Project, a first step in realizing the dream, will be announced within the next 30 days as a community-wide effort.

While we hope to raise a variety of mentors for various types of students, our primary objective is to raise hundreds of mentors for selected sixth graders in Pittsburgh Public Schools. Identified schools include the following "traditional" middle

schools in this first year of the program: Allegheny, Arsenal, Classical, Rooney, Schiller, South Brook, South Hills, and Sterrett. The mentoring relationship will help students in these pilot schools:

- a) have career dreams;
- b) be aware of jobs and careers in our area;
- c) understand the relevance of education to achieving a career and lifelong success;
- d) have a caring adult role model interested in their development; and
- e) ultimately achieve academic proficiency leading to success in school and life.

Employers, faith-based organizations, universities, and community groups will be asked to encourage their employees to volunteer, be trained, and commit to:

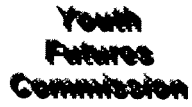
- a one-year minimum commitment to the mentoring relationship;
- weekly 45-minute meetings at the mentee's school, using a curriculum to guide the discussions during the school year; and
- participation in monthly e-mentoring or mail contact during the summer.

The Career and Education Mentors Project is a key program in more broad-based efforts to support career awareness and readiness for sixth grade and beyond. Thus, there also will be other opportunities to volunteer and participate in activities. For instance, we are exploring a project to have employees provide a one-time presentation to 6<sup>th</sup> graders about their personal stories and their careers.

In conjunction with the Pittsburgh Youth Futures Commission (formerly the Youth Crime Prevention Council), the Career and Education Mentoring Project is being undertaken by United Way in partnership with the Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern Pennsylvania. Major partners include the City, County, Urban League, Pittsburgh Public



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Schools, Community College of Allegheny County, the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, and many other community leaders.

## Application to be a 6th grade mentor

Please PRINT clearly:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City/Zip)

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/School: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in becoming a mentor? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your preference for placement by indicating 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice

PREFERENCE	SCHOOL	NEIGHBORHOOD	PREFERENCE	SCHOOL	NEIGHBORHOOD
1 2 3	Allegheny 6-8	North Side	1 2 3	Arsenal 6-8	Garfield
1 2 3	Schiller 6-8	North Side	1 2 3	South Brook	Brookline
1 2 3	South Hills	Beechview	1 2 3	Sterrett 6-8	Point Breeze
1 2 3	Rooney 6-8	Brighton Hts.	1 2 3	Classical 6-8	West End

Thank You! If you are submitting this application on our website you will receive an email confirming receipt of your application with 24 hours.

To assist us in improving our recruitment efforts please let us know how you heard about *be a 6th gradementor.org*:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation      | <input type="checkbox"/> Brochure          | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio Station                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email             | <input type="checkbox"/> Place of worship  | <input type="checkbox"/> Television Station              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intranet postings | <input type="checkbox"/> Website           | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pittsburgh Cares  | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Event     | <input type="checkbox"/> Billboard                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring Matters | <input type="checkbox"/> Comcast Mentoring Awareness Day |

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