



**EVERY CHILD WHO  
NEEDS A MENTOR SHOULD  
HAVE A MENTOR.**



Mentoring at Carver Promise

**150,000 young people** in Virginia **are in need**  
of positive developmental relationships with caring adults.



Mentoring at St. Joseph's Villa

**More than 1,500** young people in Virginia are on **waiting lists** for mentors..

## MAXIMIZING MENTORING IMPACT

Virginia Mentoring Partnership provides training and technical assistance to mentors and mentoring programs to increase the quality and quantity of mentoring for Virginia's youth.

More than 150 programs in the Commonwealth provide formal mentoring services to youth, and thousands of youth are mentored informally through networks of family and friends.

**VMP helps mentoring programs maximize their impact by:**

- building the **capacity** and **effectiveness** of existing programs.
- developing **new programming** in areas of great need.
- **advocating for resources** to support the mentoring field.
- positioning youth mentoring as a **strategy for strengthening** Virginia communities.

## QUALITY MENTORING MATTERS

Effective mentoring programs follow research-based standards, and mentoring program quality is a driver of youth outcomes.

VMP understands what it takes to make a mentoring program successful. Using the latest research and best practices from the fields of mentoring, psychology, social work and nonprofit management, VMP:

- offers **training** to mentors and mentoring program staff.
- provides **individual coaching** to mentoring program staff.
- **places full-time staff** in mentoring programs.
- creates **quality improvement plans** for mentoring programs.

VMP partners with caring adults across sectors to **ensure young people succeed** in school, work and life.



Mentoring program staff at VMP training

VMP creates and delivers **in-person workshops** for **2,000 mentors, mentees and program staff** annually.



Mentoring at Henrico Heroes

VMP estimates that **30,000 young people have mentors** as a result of our efforts. **But the need is still great.**

## WHY MENTORING MATTERS

Young people who have caring, committed adults in their lives are less likely to drop out of school or engage in drug and alcohol use and are more likely to go to and stay in college. They have a more positive outlook on their futures and stronger relationships with peers and parents. They are more likely to succeed.

Along life's path, young people should have many caring adults, safe spaces, quality programs and positive relationships. That is why VMP exists.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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