

ST. CATHERINE'S MENTORING PROGRAM

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GOALS

It is the goal of this program for trained adults to support teenagers from our community by being role models for them and giving them guidance and validation as they experience their often turbulent teen years.



ACCOUNTABILITY

By partnering with parents/guardians, volunteers, and others we are accountable for each child in our program achieving:

- Higher aspirations, greater confidence, and better relationships
- Avoidance of risky behaviors
- Educational success

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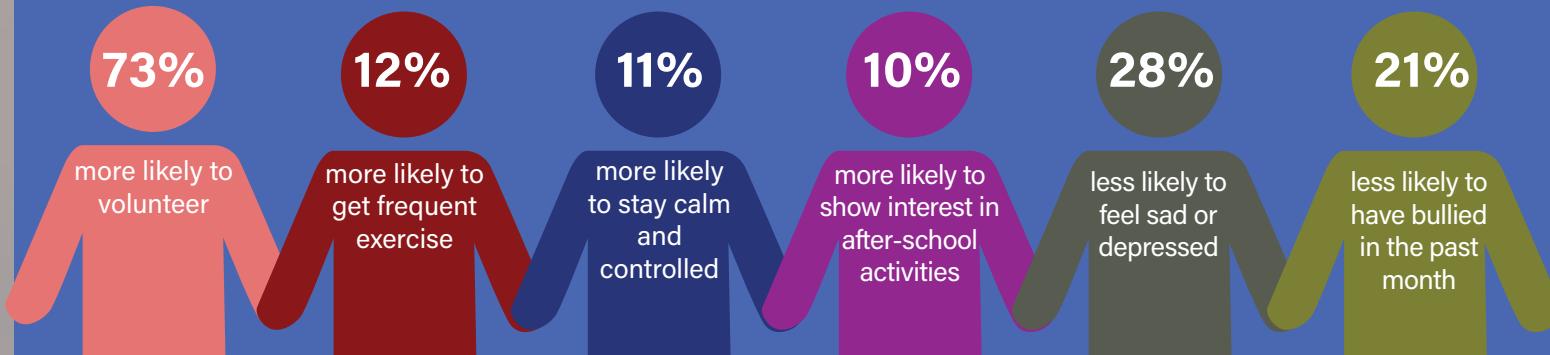
Since 2000, the St. Catherine's Mentoring Program has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. St. Catherine's Mentoring Program makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers and teens ages 13 through 18, in our local community. This local program develops positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people.

Mentors and teens meet up to twice a month and share everyday activities like going to restaurants, playing games, going to movies, or just hanging out together. But what matters more to the teens is the fact that they have another caring adult in their lives that they will grow to confide in and look up to.

Studies show that children who have positive mentors in their lives are less likely to skip school or use illegal drugs or alcohol.



Children with a caring adult are:



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a mentor's role in my teen's life?

Most teens already have a parent or guardian in their lives. What they may need is a caring adult who is not a part of their family who can be a sounding board, provide a different perspective, and be a support for your teen.

How much time will my teen spend with their mentor?

A mentor usually spends an hour with the teen a couple of times a month enjoying everyday activities.

How much does it cost?

There is no cost to join this program. The quality of time invested is more important than spending money and many of the activities that the mentors and teens will participate in are free.

Who are the mentors?

The mentors are all members of St. Catherine's Episcopal Church in Marietta. They are all at least 25 years old and undergo an extensive screening process, including background and reference checks, personal interviews, and ongoing training to be sure they are qualified and equipped to be the best mentor possible.

Is this some sort of religious recruitment program?

It is most certainly not. The mentor program is a community program that is sponsored by St. Catherine's Church. It is not meant to be any sort of church recruitment program.

How do I know my teen will get along with the mentor?

We get to know your teen first so we can find the best mentor for him or her. We match based on common interests and personalities. If it turns out to not be a good match, we will make another assignment.

How do I know my teen will be safe?

Safety is the primary concern for mentors and mentees. The safety of everyone in the program is of utmost importance and concern. St. Catherine's follows the following Safeguarding God's Children policies for its mentoring program. This includes:

- Screening and checking mentor candidates to ensure the safety and security of the youth
- Ongoing training of mentors to always maintain a safe environment
- Monitoring mentor activities through supervision and other contacts
- With our satellite programs, school administrators are kept up-to-date on all mentees in the program and can intervene if necessary.

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