

On behalf of **The Fairfield County Juvenile Court Mentor Program**, we thank you for your interest in becoming a mentor for the at-risk youth we serve on juvenile probation. The goal of the Fairfield County Juvenile Court Mentor Program is to provide at-risk youth on probation opportunities for mentoring which focus on academic, social, and moral skill building. To achieve this, the Mentor Program intends to make use of traditional one on one, group, and team mentoring methods.

- 1) **One on One** - mentoring method that matches one youth with one adult with similar pro-social interest.
- 2) **Group** - mentoring method where a group of juveniles meet weekly with a Mentor Group Coordinator to participate in pro-social activities.
- 3) **Team** - mentoring method where two or more mentors are assigned to one or more youth. Example would be a husband and wife mentoring one or more youth.

As Mentor Program Coordinator, I am here to offer support as well as being a bridge between mentors and court staff. My goal is to offer mentors like you continual education opportunities in order to enhance your skills and knowledge as a Mentor. As part of that support, I would like to invite you to complete the attached training modules which will provide you with valuable insight and information concerning at risk youth. The first video is a brief testimony from Josh Shipp. Josh is an author, global youth empowerment expert, and acclaimed speaker. A former at-risk foster kid turned youth advocate, he is renowned for his documentary TV series (A&E) which followed his ground-breaking work with teens. Also provided are 93 ways to connect with a teen by Josh Shipp. The third portion of the training is a power point presentation on trauma informed care presented by Jennifer Beckley Watson (LPCC-S- master's level independent license with supervision credential) Mrs. Watson is a behavioral health counselor for The Fairfield County Juvenile Court. She works closely with our youth and has extensive training and experience in educating others on childhood trauma.

Again, thank you for your time and commitment in helping today's at risk youth.

Sincerely,

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