

“Mentoring is a desire to inspire hope,
to share success, to enrich your own life
and the lives of those around you.

It involves having a sense of
responsibility for others and the world
we are creating and passing on to the
generations that follow us. A mentoring
culture is a culture of mutual support –
which is really the definition
of community.”

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“Ninety-nine percent of
individuals who mentor
recommend it to others.”

AOL Time Warner Foundation



KentwoodCares **Middle School** **Mentoring Program**



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“Every child has the right to
a stable, caring adult in
his or her life.”

“Every child needs
a positive adult role
model who cares.”

Impact of Mentoring

Mentoring impacts students socially, emotionally and academically creating safer, healthier, more productive citizens of our society. Benefits youth derive from time spent with a caring, responsible person include:

- Enhanced self-esteem;
- Improved grades, school attendance, and attitude toward school;
- 46% less likely than their peers to start using illegal drugs;
- 27% less likely to start drinking;
- 53% less likely to skip a day of school;
- More trusting of their parents or guardians;
- Better chances of going on to a higher education;
- Committing fewer misdemeanors and felonies; and
- Feeling they had better emotional support from their friends.

Source: Public/Private Ventures Study of Big Brothers Big Sisters.



“The focus of the **KentwoodCares** Mentoring Program is to create caring relationships between students at the brink of success and positive adult role models who will promote the growth and development of adolescents to help them build a strong foundation for their future.”

Bill Joseph, Board of Education member –
Kentwood Public Schools

“A child doesn’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.”

“Mentoring is a structured and trusting relationship that brings a young person together with a caring individual who offers guidance, support, and encouragement aimed at developing the competence and character of the mentee.”

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“Children need four to six caring adults in their life.”

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