



Mentoring is the single most powerful human tool. By volunteering an average of just one hour a week, a mentor has the power to transform a child's life into a happier, healthier and more successful one. This is accomplished through providing support, friendship, reinforcement, opportunity, and constructive examples.

The **Just 1 Mentoring Program** is looking for volunteer mentors in Passaic County. We currently have about 20 kids, between the ages of 4 – 18, waiting to be matched, but no mentors with whom to match them. Most of these kids are located in the Paterson area.

The main focus of our one-on-one mentoring program is to provide kids with different options and choices than what they have had up until now. A mentor can provide stability to a child who may not otherwise have that in his/her life.

Mentors must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be willing to adhere to all policies and procedures
- Agree to a one-year commitment to the program
- Commit to spending a minimum of five hours a month with the mentee or a minimum average of one hour a week
- Complete the screening procedure
- Agree to attend mentor trainings as required
- Be willing to communicate regularly with the program coordinator and submit monthly meeting and activity information
- Have a current driver's license, auto insurance, and good driving record
- Have a clean criminal history where you were never accused, arrested, charged, or convicted of child abuse or molestation
- Have never been convicted of a felony. If the applicant has been convicted of a felony, then they may be considered only after a period of seven years with demonstrated good behavior and an appropriate and corrective attitude regarding past behaviors.
- Not be a user of illicit drugs
- Not use alcohol or controlled substances in an excessive or inappropriate manner
- Not use alcoholic beverages 24 hours prior to meeting with mentees

Anyone who is interested in becoming a mentor should contact Cathy Canterino, Hunterdon Prevention Resources, 908-782-3909 or Paul Halpern, Morris County Prevention Is Key, 973-625-1998. By agreeing to become a mentor you have just taken the first step in making a positive impact on a child, a family, a community, and on yourself!