

MISSION STATEMENT

The Montgomery County Ohio College Promise Program's mission is to identify, select and support up to 500 Montgomery County, poverty impacted, eighth grade students within the next 10 years that have shown academic promise so that the dream of attending and graduating from college becomes a reality.

"With Education All Things Are Possible"

WHAT'S IT GOING TO TAKE TO BE A MENTOR

Montgomery County Ohio College Promise Program mentors meet weekly with their mentee at the student's high school. The mentoring session lasts between 30 and 50 minutes and takes place during school hours. The day of the week and the specific time are arranged between the mentor and the mentee depending on their individual schedules and classes.

College Promise Program mentors will receive orientation and training that will provide them with the necessary tools for being successful in this endeavor.

College Promise mentors will also take part in a criminal background check that will ensure that each and every mentor meets a high standard of good citizenship and protects the interest of the mentee and their family, their school and the College Promise Program.

LEARN MORE

Individuals interested in being considered as a College Promise Program mentor should fill out an application which can be found on line at www.mcocp.org or can be requested from the College Promise Program office located at 40 N. Main Street, Suite 500, Dayton, Ohio 45423 Phone 937-225-9922 or 937-225-9957 Fax 937-222-0636

*"You can't change everything all at once.
You make change one person at time"*

—Fred Smith



MONTGOMERY COUNTY OHIO
COLLEGE PROMISE

MENTORING



THE COLLEGE PROMISE COMMITMENT

The College Promise Program will provide a life changing opportunity for up to 500 Montgomery County students over a 10 year period. These students, whose lives have been impacted by poverty, will be identified and selected during their 8th grade year. Each student will be supported through high school by a caring adult mentor who will meet with them weekly for 30 to 50 minutes at their school and through programming offered by the College Promise Program and our partners.



The selected students, upon the successful completion of high school and the meeting of the entrance requirements of our college and university partners, will be awarded scholarships that allow them to attend college at little to no cost to them or their families.

THE COLLEGE PROMISE IMPACT

By breaking the cycle of poverty for up to 500 Montgomery County Students the College Promise Program will have a profound impact in not only their quality of life but also in the quality of life of each of our communities. By attaining their college education at a local college/ university, College Promise students will be attractive for Montgomery County Employers which will retain our investment right here at home.

“If we are going to make any dent in poverty in America, we have to help more students get a postsecondary degree”

—Melinda French Gates

VOLUNTEER TO BE A MENTOR



Nothing is more rewarding than making a difference in the life of a child. A mentor can have a profound effect on the amount of success a child might have. A mentor is a caring adult who freely gives their own time to a young child. A mentor guarantees to a child that there is someone who cares and that they are not alone in dealing with the every day challenges they face.

Mentors provide a sounding board; an opportunity to talk and be heard; emotional support; encouragement to be more involved at school or in the community; guidance; friendship; support; and most of all a positive role model.

Mentors provide sound advice and accurate information on issues ranging from school work to family and peer relations.

“A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could”

—Unknown

Mentors Help Keep Students in School

Students with the highest risk of dropping out benefited the most from a mentor. (Jikielek et al 2002)

Students who meet regularly with their mentors are 52% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and 37% less likely to skip a class. (Public/Private Ventures Study of Big Brothers/Big Sisters)

Mentors Provide Support for Students Trying New Behaviors

Youth who meet regularly with their mentors are 46% less likely than their peers to start using illegal drugs and 27% less likely to start drinking. (Public/Private Ventures Study of Big Brothers/Big Sisters)

Mentors Can Help with Homework Questions Leading to Improved Academic Skills

59% of mentored youth improve their grades. (Career Beginnings)

86% of mentored youth go on to higher education. (Proctor and Gamble)

“Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction”

— John Crosby

