

MISSION STATEMENT

The Montgomery County Ohio College Promise Program’s mission is to identify, select and support Montgomery County, poverty impacted eighth grade students, who have shown academic promise, so the dream of attending and graduating from college becomes a reality.

Request Additional Information

Tear off the inquiry card and give to a representative or submit this information online at <https://mcocp.org>

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☐ I would like to be added to the Montgomery County Ohio College Promise e-newsletter

Provide any additional information or submit questions here:

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WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A MENTOR

**College Promise Program** mentors meet weekly with their mentee at the student’s high school. The mentoring session lasts about 30 minutes and takes place during school hours. The day of the week and the specific time are determined by the mentor and mentee, depending upon their individual schedules.

**College Promise Program** mentors receive orientation and training that provides them with the necessary tools to successfully take on this role. College Promise mentors complete a criminal background check, which ensures that each and every mentor meets a high standard of citizenship and protects the interests of all involved.

LEARN MORE

Additional information on how you can support the **College Promise Program** can be found online or by contacting the **College Promise** office at:

Phone: 937-225-9922

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## THE COLLEGE PROMISE COMMITMENT

**College Promise Program** provides a life changing opportunity for select Montgomery County students. These students, whose lives have been impacted by



poverty, are identified and selected during their 8th grade year. Each student is supported through high school by a caring adult mentor who meets with them weekly for about 30 minutes at their school and through programming offered by the **College Promise Program**.

Selected students, upon successful completion of high school and meeting college entrance requirements, are 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 Montgomery County students, the **College Promise Program** has a profound impact on not only their quality of life but also the greater community.

By attaining their college education at a regional college or university, **College Promise** students will be attractive for Montgomery County Employers, which will retain our investment right here at home.

## VOLUNTEER TO BE A MENTOR

Nothing is more rewarding than making a difference in the life of a young person. A mentor is a caring adult who freely gives his or her own time to a young person.

A mentor can have a profound effect on the amount of a success a young person might have. For a young person, a mentor guarantees that there is someone who cares and that they are not alone in dealing with the everyday 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 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.).

Students who meet regularly with their mentor 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).

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).

Young adults who were at risk of falling off but had a mentor were **55% more likely to enroll in college, 78% more likely to volunteer regularly, 90% more interested in becoming a mentor, and 130% more likely to hold leadership positions** (The National Mentoring Partnership).



“**M**entoring is a brain to pick, and ear to listen, and a push in the right direction.”

—John Crosby