



"Because of my mentors interest in my education and their unselfish desire to show me the world, it motivated me to achieve and become the honor student I am today. I have become more self-confident, assertive and most of all I have direction in my life. I thank God for blessing me with my mentors."
- Mentee



Inspire a child to dream more,
 be more...**BE A MENTOR**

"In the beginning my mentee was withdrawn, quiet and apprehensive, almost appearing resistant to the mentoring relationship. We began to spend time participating in various activities planting the seeds of what would later blossom into a beautiful relationship. It is my belief that my mentee needed to see a level of consistency in my commitment towards our mentoring relationship; and afterwards I began to see the buds of our relationship blossom."
- Relationship-Based Mentor



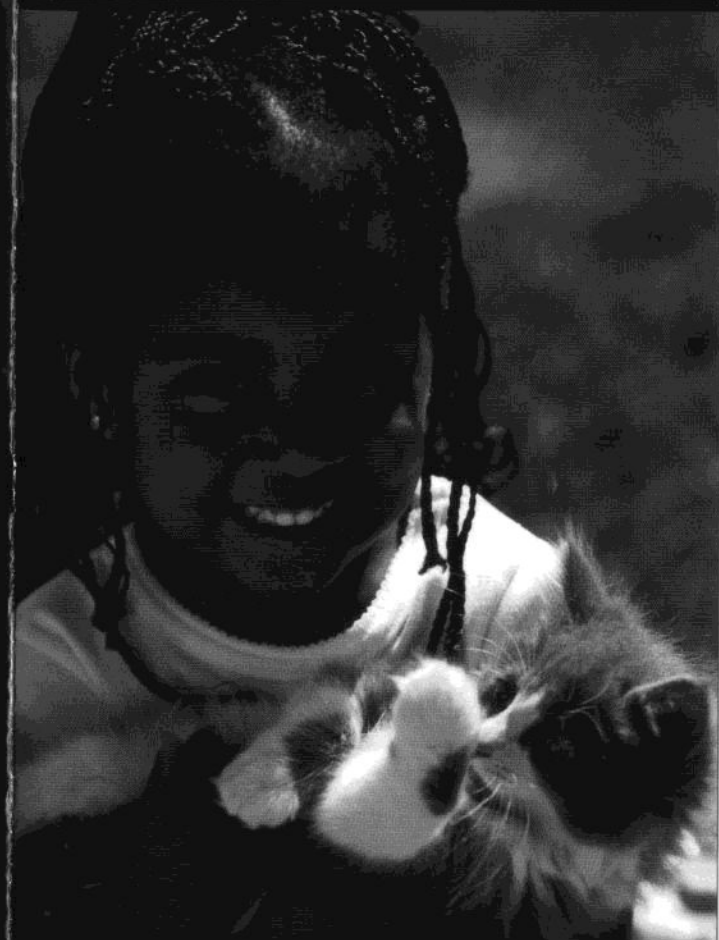
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"In the beginning of our relationship mentee wasn't prepared for class and mentee's teachers indicated that mentee was struggling with basic math concepts. Mentee is now paying closer attention in class and is beginning to grasp the concepts of multiplication, division and converting fractions. Relationship has developed into friendship and mentee has shown some curiosity about college"
- Academic Mentor

"When Mentor first started mentoring one of our kids, mentee wasn't attending our on-grounds school, refused. Now he DOES attend school, getting above C's, joined the basketball and football teams and has an on-grounds paying job. He's also on the highest-level in the program for many weeks."
- Agency Volunteer Coordinator

"At the 'Day of the Child' mentors were paired with two of our children. By the end of the day, mentors had enjoyed spending time with the kids so much they quickly contacted mPLAY to inquire about mentoring. They have been mentoring these children for the last year and a half. They have spent countless hours at the beach, enjoying picnics in the park, restaurants, arcades, movies and learning to ice skate. Honestly, I could go on and on about these mentors. They are the most wonderful people and GREAT mentors!"
- Agency Mentor Coordinator



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MISSION STATEMENT

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Children Uniting Nations (CUN) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality mentoring relationships for at-risk and foster youth. CUN strives to recruit and train community volunteers to help build self-esteem, life skills and improve educational outcomes for youth in our at-risk communities. CUN brings to the table private/public community collaborative partnerships designed by highly regarded experts in the mentoring and foster care communities. Children Uniting Nations aims to bring our global communities together to come to the aid of our children most in need.

MENTORING

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Children Uniting Nations mentoring program, mPLAY (Mentoring Partnerships for Los Angeles Youth), seeks to create and support quality mentoring programs and relationships for at-risk and foster youth. Studies show that mentoring has a positive and significant effect on the likelihood that a young person will avoid negative behaviors and participate successfully in school and community life.

Most of us can remember when a mentor made all the difference - a counselor, a teacher, a neighbor, a family member who inspired you to reach the goals you may have not otherwise accomplished without their positive influence. But you did it! Mentoring can be your opportunity to do the same by assisting a youth to grow into the best person they can possibly be. And all that is required is the simple gift of time.

Though our children are faced with challenges daily, they are some of the strongest most charming and witty children on the planet. Having a mentor can turn the challenging life of an at-risk child to a life of positive achievements and successes for the future.

"Just a little of your time can create a world of difference..."

Become a special part of a child's life! Being a mentor to an at-risk child affords you the opportunity to give back in a very rewarding way. By enjoying the little things in life such as sitting on a park bench, taking a walk on the beach, tossing a football, you and your mentee will have a chance to learn about life together - simply by enjoying each others company.

RELATIONSHIP-BASED MENTORING

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mPLAY (Mentoring Partnership for Los Angeles Youth)

Relationship-based mentoring requires a minimum commitment of one year, ten hours per month, building a strong, healthy bond between mentor and mentee. A constant, caring adult to many of these children helps a child to avoid negative behavior and think more positively about life. Activities include one-on-one outings in the community, designed by you and your mentee (movies, sporting events, museums, libraries, and outdoor activities...whatever you two like to do together) as well as group activities and events hosted by mPLAY.

ACADEMIC MENTOR CENTERS

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Academic Mentoring requires a minimum of one academic year (9 months) two hours per week. Mentoring includes activities designed to boost a child's academic achievement through tutoring and educational games.

SINGLE DAY EVENTS

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If you think you might be interested in spending time with an at-risk youth, but are uncertain...just try spending one day with a mentee at a Children Uniting Nations outreach event. Take part in the Day of the Child enjoying food, rides and games or watch a baseball game with a child at Dodger Day...no further commitment is required. Our hope is that you will want to stay in touch with your mentee.



BE A FRIEND

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If you can't make a long term commitment... simply stay in touch by sending appropriate cards, letters and gifts - like a pen pal. A simple gesture of thought lets a child know that someone is thinking about them.

MENTOR REQUIREMENTS

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Mentor Expectations:

- Compassion, patience, flexibility and understanding for the individual situations of at-risk children
- Commit to working with your mentee for the time specified

Mentor Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be 21 years of age or older to participate relationship-based mentoring
- Must be 18 years of age or older to participate in academic mentoring
- Complete an application and participate in a face to face interview
- Must clear criminal background check and child abuse index check
- Must pass health screening/TB Test
- Provide valid California Driver's License, DMV record and proof of insurance before transporting a child
- Sign an oath of confidentiality
- Complete all screening and training procedures
- A caring heart

Orientations and trainings are ongoing. Please call our mPLAY program office for more information at

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