

MENTOR INFORMATION

General Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Employment: _____ Do you work in Baton Rouge? _____

What sparked your interest to attend tonight? _____

Are you familiar with the truancy process? YES NO

Are you currently connected to schools? YES NO If yes, list schools? _____

Are you familiar with 1 on 1 mentoring? YES NO

Do you currently work with a mentor organization? If yes, list the organization: _____

References

Please list two professional references.

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Company: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____

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Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to mentorship, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my release.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

East Baton Rouge Juvenile Court High School Truancy Initiative

East Baton Rouge Juvenile Court and East Baton Rouge Parish School System are working collaboratively with system partners, community-based agencies and individuals *to improve school attendance and educational outcomes* for students, and *to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline*. The innovative court model utilizes best practices and core principles found in mentoring, restorative justice and positive youth development programs. The core theories of this collaborative work consist of:

- Individual Plans: Goals are tailored to each youth and families' unique educational strengths, challenges and needs
- Teamwork: Team of individuals will help youth and families reach their goals
- Parent Partners: Parents are co-designers of their child's individualized plan, and value parenting support through mentoring and training programs.
- Community/Neighborhood-Based Partners and Mentors: Organized effort to bring individuals from the youth's community and neighborhood to guide and support youth and families in addressing truancy and fostering positive education experiences
- Strength Based: Focus on youth's strengths and a positive narrative in addressing truant behaviors
- Unconditional Caring: Commitment to maintain positive interaction with families despite resistance and non-compliance
- Program Integrity: Commitment to maintain consistent professional relationships and ethical practices with youth, families, professional and community partners, and to report accurate hours of engagement

Community/Neighborhood-based partners and mentors work with youth and families to:

- Encourage educational success and stay abreast of the youth's educational status
- Introduce practical skills to improve school attendance
- Increase youth and family's consistent participation in community-based services
- Build a network of community support
- Model advocacy that empowers parents and promotes the best interest of their child

Eligibility and requirements of education mentors:

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Available to spend individual time with youth, family and team of professionals to develop an individualized plan that identifies the youth's strengths, challenges and needs
- Commit to mentoring an assigned youth for a minimum of one school semester that includes consistent contact with youth and attending court hearings, as needed
- Enrolled in an approved community/neighborhood-based mentoring program
- Complete criminal background check conducted by Louisiana State Police in accordance with R.S. 46:51.2 and 15:587.1 and a screening by the State Central Registry Clearance through the Department of Children and Family Services Child Welfare in accordance with R.S. 46:1414.1.
- Complete a Mentoring Attestation Form and Hold Harmless Form
- Complete a 2-hour training on the juvenile court process and confidentiality, a minimum of one Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) session, and refresher trainings
- Complete in-court observation of truancy docket in East Baton Rouge Juvenile Court
- **Mentor shall not personally provide financial or transportation support to youth or families**