

Jackson County Family Court



The purpose of the 2CONNECT Mentoring Program is to provide and support positive mentors for the children of Jackson County. The 2CONNECT Mentoring Program encourages a pro-social life style and seeks to deter youth from entering the justice system. This is done by recruiting, matching, training and supporting adult one to one long term relationships.

The 2CONNECT Mentoring Program requires a minimum of a one year commitment from both the mentor and mentee. Mentor and mentee matches that are in compliance with program guidelines will reflect the mentor and mentee meeting for a minimum of one hour a week and both attending a monthly activity provided by the 2CONNECT Mentoring Program. Mentors and mentees are matched based on commonality, similarities, and interest.

A critical part of the mentoring program is the mentors. For the 2CONNECT Mentoring Program to be a success, members of the community must see the importance of the program and volunteer. To become a mentor in the program, an applicant will successfully pass the criminal, child abuse and neglect, as well as sexual abuse background checks. Mentors must be twenty one years of age, have a valid driver's license and current automotive insurance. Mentors will also complete orientation training prior to being matched with a youth.

Mentees who qualify for the 2CONNECT Mentoring Program will reside in Jackson County, be between the ages of four and eighteen.



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FACT SHEET

- The 2CONNECT Mentoring Program mentors youth in Jackson County.
- The 2CONNECT Mentoring Program envisions a community in which every youth experiences a one on one relationship to support them in developing their full potential
- Mentees ages range from 4-18
- Mentors must be at least 21 years of age
- Mentors will complete orientation training before mentoring
- Mentors must pass criminal, child abuse and neglect, sex offender and DMV background checks
- Mentors and Mentees are matched by preferences, similarities, and common goals
- Mentors and Mentees meet for a minimum of an hour a week
- Mentor and Mentee will be provided a monthly activity/training through the 2CONNECT Program

For more information please call Cameron Hardy at (816) 881-6533