



## Griffin-Spalding County Mentor Program

*Connecting mentors and mentees;  
monitoring and supporting the  
relationship over time*

### WHEN THE PROGRAM STARTED

The Griffin-Spalding County Mentor Program began in October 2012 in partnership with:

Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce  
Griffin Housing Authority,  
Spalding Collaborative,  
Griffin-Spalding County School System.

The school-based program pairs caring adults with students who would benefit from having the extra time and attention that a mentor relationship can bring.

**“Nothing has more impact in the life of a child than positive relationships.”**

*“...the biggest thing is that we are seeing huge improvements in the students who do have a mentor. They are more confident, less disruptive, and more motivated now that they know they have someone coming to spend time with them and that they want to share good news with!”*  
~School point of contact.

### WHY MENTOR?

*Studies show that mentoring helps to:*

- Improve academic success
- Increase high school graduation
- Better attitude about school
- Correct behavior
- Enrich communication skills
- Lower juvenile delinquency/gang involvement
- Reduce likelihood of tobacco, drug, and alcohol use
- Boost self-esteem and self-confidence
- Recognize healthier relationships and lifestyle choices
- Raise aspirations of “higher education
- Build stronger relationships with parents, teachers, and peers
- Increases resiliency to challenging situations

### WHAT MAKES A GOOD MENTOR?

- Eagerness to invest in others
- Active listener
- Value diversity of perspectives
- Genuine, honest
- Nonjudgmental
- Able to network and find resources
- Provides guidance and support
- Willingness to share skills, knowledge, and expertise

**Mentoring is a truly two-way experience. The mentor and mentee come out of the experience feeling fulfilled! Mentoring offers benefits such as developing leadership and communication skills, enhancing professional networking opportunities, creating lasting impact for generations, and gaining satisfaction from helping others reach their goals.**

*“...it was heartwarming to see how she (mentee) has matured in the last year. I'm looking forward to our continued meetings for tutoring, fun, guidance and virtual educational travels. Please extend appreciation to all who had a hand in making this possible.”*  
-- A Happy Mentor

## HOW TO GET STARTED

### Requirements...

- ✓ Have an interest in speaking into the lives of children
- ✓ Complete the online application at [www.gscmentor.org](http://www.gscmentor.org)
- ✓ Attend a mentor training session
- ✓ Submit to a background check/ fingerprinting
- ✓ Present a valid driver's license or ID
- ✓ Complete Stewards of Children Training online
- ✓ Complete Youth Mental Health First Aid course
- ✓ Commit to a one -year mentorship
- ✓ **Contact the Program Coordinator today!**

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Children are waiting!

### A CALL FOR MEN MENTORS:

Boys need men as positive role models to teach them real strength and courage. They



need men who will understand them. Mentoring is more than curriculum; it is providing boys the tools and resources to develop into and respectable men

Become a super hero today!



The Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children, Inc., a Georgia 501(3)c non-profit organization, serves as the administrative agency.

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**Griffin-Spalding County Mentor Program**

DARE TO BE THE DIFFERENCE.

