How do I get involved?

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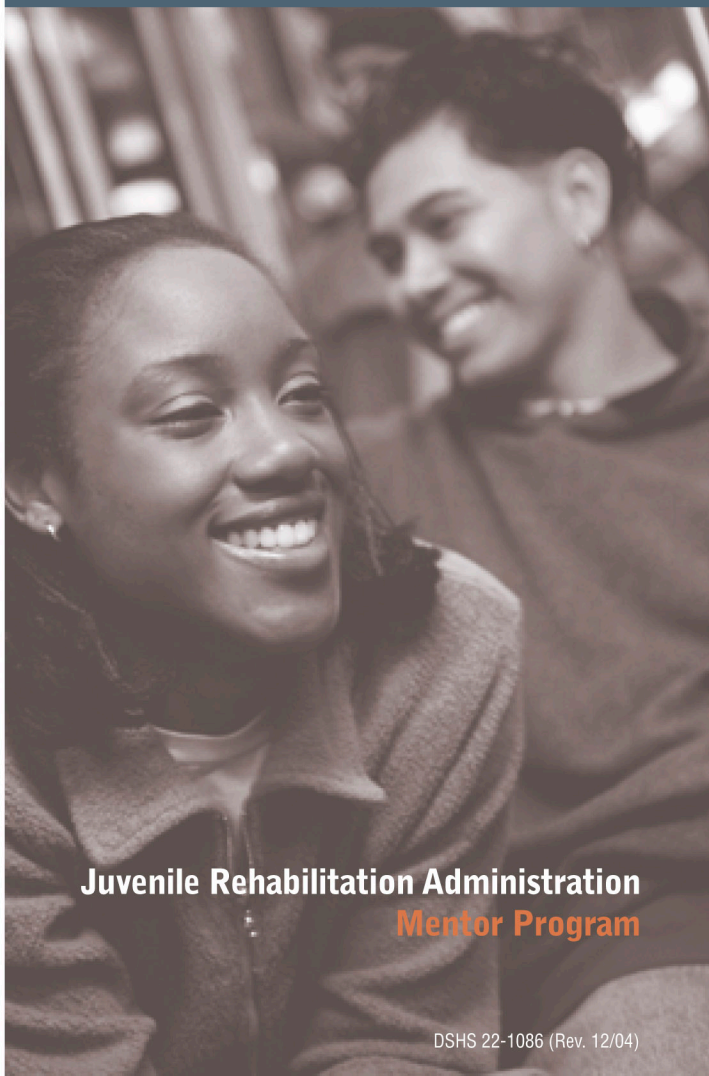

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What is a Mentor?

a role model

a guide

a good listener

a resource

a friend

What is the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (JRA) Mentor Program

The JRA Mentor Program matches adult volunteer mentors with adolescents who are serving time in one of Washington State's juvenile correctional institutions.

What do JRA Mentors do?

- JRA Mentors meet one-on-one with his or her assigned youth at the correctional institution for the last two to four months of the youth sentence.
- Once a youth is released to parole, the mentor and youth continue to meet in the community.
- Mentors help their mentees set and fulfill goals for education/ vocation, substance and crime free lifestyle.

How do I become a JRA Mentor?

- Complete and submit an application.
- Attend an initial training.
- Consent to a criminal background check.

What type of commitment do I have to make to be a JRA Mentor?

- We ask mentors to make a one-year commitment to the program.
- Meet with your youth at least once a month while he/she is still incarcerated. Call or write on weeks you do not visit.
- Meet with your youth weekly once he/she is released to parole.
- Attend mentor seminars as scheduled.