

Oregon Mentors Services



Oregon Mentors believes the smartest way for us to connect more children to good mentors is to support effective mentoring programs. We provide the following services that strengthen quality programs:

Training, Technical Assistance & Professional Development for Staff

- **Coaching / Technical Assistance.** Oregon Mentors offers one-on-one, personalized technical assistance and coaching on a wide variety of issues related to mentoring such as program policies and evaluation, how to start a mentoring program, and nonprofit sustainability.
- **Oregon Mentors Conference.** Oregon Mentors partners with leaders in the field of mentoring to create an inspiring (and low-cost) conference for youth development professionals. *Our next conference is Spring 2013.*
- **Trainings and Portland-area Network Meetings.** Oregon Mentors both serves as the trainer and links programs to trainings for staff and volunteers. Oregon Mentors currently offers a wide range of trainings (see our website for the full list of trainings). We offer registered programs access to trainings like the Oregon National Guard's *Mentor 101* workshop for new volunteers. Additionally, we can assist programs interested in coming together to share training and costs. To view a calendar of upcoming trainings, go to: www.oregonmentors.org/calendar.
- **Nonprofit Association of Oregon training scholarship.** Oregon Mentors has a scholarship fund at the Nonprofit Association of Oregon. Registered programs are welcome to scholarships for any class, service, or network at www.nonprofitoregon.org. These scholarships will be administered annually until our fund has no scholarship money remaining.
- **Provider Council.** For professional staff looking for a broader professional development experience, our Provider Council is an excellent opportunity to network across the state and provide Oregon Mentors with creative ideas on improving services. The Provider Council meets quarterly and is a network of 15-20 youth development professionals that offer programmatic advice to Oregon Mentors.

Advocate for Volunteerism through Mentoring

- **Personalized Web page for volunteer recruiting at <http://oregonmentors.org/programs/>.** Every registered mentoring program has a personalized Web page at oregonmentors.org. We drive potential volunteers to our Web site so that they may learn about what programs in their area are looking for volunteers.
- **National Mentoring Month.** Each January, Oregon Mentors joins the nationwide celebration of National Mentoring Month with extensive community outreach. Oregon Mentors offers programs collateral and media materials from MENTOR: the National Mentoring Partnership.
- **Participation on Corporate Volunteer Council and the Oregon Committee on Volunteerism.** Oregon Mentors advocates for mentoring on several statewide commissions on volunteerism.

Distribute Resources to the Field

- **E-news.** All activities, trainings, resources, and grant deadlines are announced in our monthly Program E-news digest for registered programs. If your program isn't registered, but you'd still like to keep updated on Oregon Mentors, sign up for our bimonthly Community E-news at <http://oregonmentors.org/formentoringprograms/e-news/>.
- **Best practice resources.** Oregon Mentors shares best practices and new research with mentoring programs. Oregon Mentors provides programs the most recent Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring™, 3rd edition, released in 2009, along with Webinars to explain these practices.
- **Good Deals for Good Deals.** For community-based mentoring programs in the Portland area: Oregon Mentors will provide you with a quarterly e-mail of great coupon offers and free opportunities for mentors and youth to experience together. This perk is to be shared with mentors, but is completely managed by Oregon Mentors.
- **Evaluation Toolkit.** Oregon Mentors and the National Mentoring Center have created an online evaluation toolkit. The toolkit features more than 60 reliable and valid survey instruments that programs can use to measure youth outcomes on a variety of different indicators. Find it online in our resource library.
- **MentorPRO.** MentorPRO is a web-based database mentoring programs can use to manage matches. The database comes with an evaluation system, complete with surveys for youth, mentors, parents, and teachers. Oregon Mentors will offer assistance and training in switching to MentorPRO.
- **Fingerprinting training, kits and informational services.** Legislation in Oregon allows approved mentoring and tutoring programs to fingerprint volunteers at no cost through a fingerprint-based screening system. Oregon Mentors can guide mentoring programs through

the sign-up, offer fingerprint kits at a reduced price, and train programs on how to take quality fingerprints.

- **Legislative Assistance.** Oregon Mentors advocates for mentoring programs in Salem and in Washington, D.C. We welcome programs' involvement in our policy work through our Legislative Committee and events like our Day in the Capitol.
- **Free tickets for mentoring pairs in your program to sporting and other events.** Our partnership with the Portland Trail Blazers along with other generous corporate partners has provided many youth and mentors opportunities to see live games and events at the Rose Garden. Oregon Mentors is also part of the Portland Timbers *Tix for Kids* program, offering free tickets to games at Jeld-Wen Field.
- **State of Mentoring data.** Oregon Mentors collects the only state wide data on mentoring. We compile information into a State of Mentoring brief, and use the information to advocate to funders about the importance of mentoring. ***To remain active, programs must turn in the annual data.***
- **Scholarships for Youth.** Oregon Mentors invites youth age 12-25 to be a speaker at our annual fundraiser, Oregon Mentors' Awards & Recognition Luncheon. The youth speaker is awarded a \$1,500 educational scholarship.
- **Mentoring Program of the Year and Match of the Year Award.** Every year, Oregon Mentors recognizes the work of one exceptional mentoring program who has received the Quality Member Program distinction and one mentor/mentee match from a registered program at our annual luncheon. The youth who is part of the mentor/mentee match of the year is awarded a \$1,500 educational scholarship. *Nominations of Program of the Year award are due in September.*
- **Funding Support and Letters of Recommendation.** Oregon Mentors can provide your organization with a letter of recommendation to support your grant requests. We can also provide technical assistance on fundraising.
- **Online resource library.** Check out our Web site to find additional information about mentoring: oregonmentors.org.
- **Additional perks.** Oregon Mentors is constantly looking for opportunities for mentoring programs and for the mentors and youth they serve. Check out your e-news for new opportunities.

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