

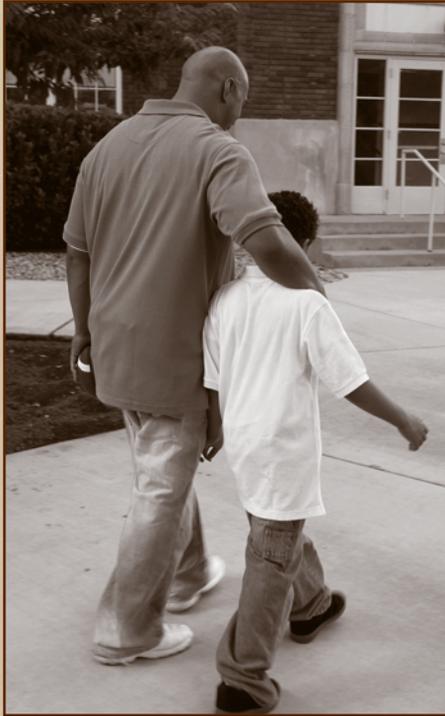
When you mentor a child you help to build a stronger future for them, our communities, and our great state. Mentoring is a great way to share with others the lessons that have helped shape our lives. Just an hour a week can make a huge difference for a child who needs your support.

- Governor Jennifer M. Granholm

Your Mission

As a Civilian Soldier, you can:

- ✓ Be a role model and guide for a child in your community
- ✓ Show that you are deeply concerned and committed to your state and your community through mentoring



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Mobilizing Mentors



Hometown heroes
mentoring hometown kids



THE NATIONAL GUARD AND MENTOR MICHIGAN

The National Guard and Mentor Michigan are partnering to better serve Michigan youth who need mentors. Mentor Michigan is your link to a local mentoring program that can match you with a youth living in your community. The goal of this partnership is to recruit 500 National Guard members to mentor by 2010.

It is important that we do our duty as soldiers and fulfill our obligation in our communities. Mentoring is an excellent way to be a productive community member.

- Master Sergeant Jerred Johnson

WHAT IS MENTOR MICHIGAN?

Mentor Michigan, led by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and First Gentleman Daniel G. Mulhern, works to ensure that all Michigan youth have ongoing relationships with stable, caring individuals. Together with mentoring programs throughout the state, it recruits mentors, develops partners and champions, advocates for mentoring issues and standards, provides resources and training, and recognizes the accomplishments of mentors and the organizations that support them.

Children With Mentors Are

46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs;

27% less likely to begin using alcohol;

52% less likely to skip school;

37% less likely to skip class;

More confident in their schoolwork performance; and

Able to get along better with their families.

*Tierney, J.P., Grossman, J.B., and Resch, N.L. (1995)
Making a Difference: An Impact Study of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Philadelphia: Public/Private Ventures



WHAT IS MENTORING?

Mentoring is a structured and trusting relationship that brings a young person together with a caring individual who offers ongoing guidance, support, and encouragement aimed at developing the competence and character of the mentee.

OUR GOAL

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AS A CIVILIAN SOLDIER YOU CAN

Foster personal courage by believing in a child

Cultivate loyalty by being a friend and companion

Promote duty by being a positive role model

Establish respect by being a limit setter

Aide in the development of selfless service simply by being a mentor

Heighten honor by being a resource and advisor

Grow integrity through listening and coaching

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