



Seneca Mentoring Youth Links (S.M.Y.L.)

Mentoring Programs

Traditional: An adult volunteer is matched in a one-on-one mentoring relationship with a youth.

Couple Mentoring: A couple works together and individually with the child depending on the activity.

School-Pal Mentoring: Volunteers are matched with a child or small group of children within the structure of the School Pal program.

University Matches and Group Pals Program

A volunteer engages in activities with youth from our waiting list. Pals are encouraged to volunteer once per month. Individuals or a business, church, civic, social, community or sports group work with small groups of youth from our waiting list.

Impact Youth After-School Program

Volunteers will assist during the school year at our Impact Youth After-School Program designed to help youth grades 6-12 in their studies, as well as developing skills including resiliency and character. The Impact Youth Center is located at 230 S. Washington St. in Tiffin. (Mon. – Thurs. 3pm-5:30pm)

Volunteer Requirements

1. Be willing to mentor a youth in Seneca County
2. 18 years or older (provide driver's license & copy of insurance to transport youth)
3. Average a minimum of 4 hours of time per month with youth (for Traditional mentoring)
Or Academic Year Commitment (28-30 sessions weekly for 1 hour per class for School Pals)
Or Picking a Day or Multiple Days at Impact to volunteer
4. Display the ability to relate and communicate effectively with youth
5. Be a consistent, positive role model
6. Maintain monthly contact with the child, parent and case worker
7. Follow safety regulations and update driving information annually

Steps to Becoming a Mentor

1. Application
2. Background (paid for by SMYL) & Reference Checks
3. Mentor Interview /Individual Volunteer Training
4. Home Visit (Traditional Matches)
5. Match

Interested? Do you want to make a difference in the youth of our community?

Contact Mentor Coordinator, Matt Coleman at 419-443-0981 or mcoleman@ncoesc.org

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