

# Change the life of a child. **BE A MENTOR.**

The New York State Mentoring Program (NYSMP) is a statewide provider of mentoring program services. The NYSMP creates supportive mentor relationships for children in schools, foster care, and the court system. Mentors are positive role models who guide youth with respect, structure, and compassion to build positive life skills.



## **WHY SHOULD YOU BE A MENTOR?**

Children can succeed despite overwhelming personal, economic, and structural obstacles. They often do so with the support of a caring mentor in their lives. Mentoring outcomes include greater participation in school, improved attendance, higher graduation and college admission rates, and better overall performance.

Kathy Hochul, Governor



## HOW DO I BECOME A MENTOR?

1. Fill out the Mentoring Application by visiting the New York State Mentoring Program website [www.ny.gov/mentoring](http://www.ny.gov/mentoring) or call **1-518-473-3562** to have an application mailed.
2. After your application has been received, you will be contacted by the New York State Mentoring Program to discuss the required screening process and training.
3. You will be matched with a mentee at a nearby school or community program and New York State Mentoring staff will support you throughout your mentoring experience.



*The New York State Mentoring Program was first launched in 1984 and operated through 1996. In 2015, the program was reinstated and there have been over 12,000 students matched with dedicated, valued mentors!*

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