



Do you care about our community? Do you have an hour a week to spare? The Boys & Girls Club of New Haven is looking for you!

As a mentor, the time you spend with a child is a powerful tool to helping them to fulfill their potential. Mentors offer support, advice, friendship, reinforcement and a constructive example.

Mentors must:

- Commit to spend 1 hour per week for 1 year with your mentee
- Attend the required mentor training
- Complete a written application, background check, reference checks, and an interview

Once paired with a child, the Boys & Girls Club of New Haven staff will offer continued support throughout your relationship.

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
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## **Mentor2Win** **Mentoring at the Boys & Girls Club of New Haven**

The goal of the Boys & Girls Club of New Haven's **Mentor2Win Program** is to help young people develop the academic, behavioral and social skills needed to be successful in school and beyond. Mentors are caring individuals who, along with parents or guardians, provide young people with emotional support, counsel, friendship, reinforcement and a constructive example in a structured and trusting relationship. Club staff and volunteer mentors are trained to use strength-based strategies and problem-solving techniques through strong relationships to support young people academically as well as socially. Mentor2Win impacts students through the following three components:

1. **Mentor-Youth Relationship:** a long term one-on-one mentoring relationship that is built on trust and focused on building the youth's belief that they can and be successful in school and in life
2. **Intentional Tracking:** checking on the warning signs of withdrawal from school regularly so that interventions can be timely and focused on problem solving
3. **Partnerships with Schools and Families:** Clubs, schools and families working together

Strong programming and a "culture of academic success" exists throughout the Club and instills in Club Members that they can succeed through education. The one-to-one Mentor/Mentee relationship reinforces the systems & policies of the Boys & Girls Club of New Haven. Mentors are trained to mentor according to the model and the mentor program supervisors oversee and support their efforts.

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