A monthly newsletter that aims to strengthen the connectivity of the statewide youth mentoring network and to educate programs on the resources and technical assistance available through Mentor Kansas.

Apply for the 2019 Summit Fellowship Program!

The 2019 National Mentoring Summit will take place January 30th through February 1st in Washington, DC. If you are unable to attend due to financial barriers, you can apply for the Summit Fellowship Program, a professional development and scholarship program for mentoring practitioners who are making a deep impact in the field.

Eligible applicants must be a full-time employee for a mentoring program that is a
501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Organizations must be based in the United States, in operation for at least 3 years and have an annual mentoring program budget (not organization budget) of $150,000 or less.

Only one applicant per organization will be selected. Approximately 15 Fellows will be selected pending funding for the program. Applications are open and will close on September 1, 2018.

Apply Here!

National Quality Mentoring System (NQMS)
Become a Pilot Program!

The National Quality Mentoring System (NQMS) helps programs adopt evidence-based mentoring standards and procedures through a guided self-assessment and coaching process. Similar to the previous Gold Star Program, this self-assessment is based on the guidelines from MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership’s Elements of Effective Practice™. Initiation and progress through the NQMS process yields recognition and badges denoting continuous quality improvement that is nationally recognized.

Mentor Kansas is currently working towards implementing NQMS and we would like to provide the opportunity for mentoring programs to pilot the NQMS self-assessment for a mutual learning opportunity.
To find out more information about the nationally recognized NQMS, go [HERE](#)! If you are interested in piloting NQMS, please email [mentor@ksde.org](mailto:mentor@ksde.org) or call us at 785-368-6211.

**Collaborative Mentoring Webinar Series**

The Collaborative Mentoring Webinar Series is a monthly webinar series focused on strengthening mentoring practice, sharing new resources, and helping the field put research into practice. The webinars are held every Thursday from 12:00 to 1:15PM CST. Take advantage of this resource today to strengthen your program’s services to youth! Click [HERE](#) for more information and archived webinars.

**Mentoring Connector**

Register your program on the Mentoring Connector!

The Mentoring Connector is national database of mentoring programs that helps quality youth mentoring programs across the country recruit more local volunteers while greatly increasing visibility for their organizations. It is FREE to register!

[Read more](#)
Content Contributions Wanted

If you have mentoring stories and/or photos that you would like to share with the mentoring program network in Kansas, please forward your content to Mentor Kansas at mentor@ksde.org. We would love to share these in future editions of the Mentor Kansas Connection!

Stay tuned for more exciting updates!

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