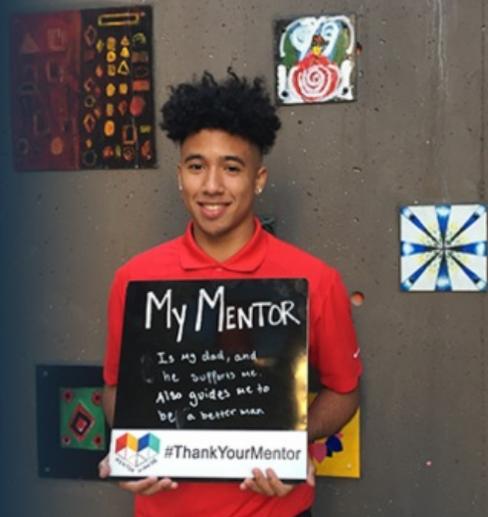




MENTOR KANSAS CONNECTION

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.

NOVEMBER IS
THANK YOUR
MENTOR MONTH
#THANKYOURMENTOR



Thousands of children in Kansas are growing up without someone to turn to. They make everyday choices that lead up to life's big decisions without enough guidance and support - the kind most of us count on. Every child should have someone to turn to.

Mentoring provides meaningful connections that impact the people involved and influence their lives at home, at work, and in their communities. For those who are being mentored, it is linked to improved academic, social and economic prospects. For those who are mentoring, the relationship can build leadership and management skills, expand a mentor's professional network, and provide an empowering opportunity to give back to the community. Join the national conversation dedicated to recognizing the important role mentors play in the lives of Kansas youth. Share your story on social media using **#ThankYourMentor** to show the power of mentoring and inspire other Kansans to become mentors in real life.

Celebrating All Abilities



We believe in uniting our voices to elevate and empower the mentoring movement. Join us in December as we tell powerful mentoring stories on the important topic of "**Celebrating All Abilities.**" During the whole month of December, we want to share stories that highlight the unique intellectual, developmental, and physical abilities of mentors and mentees on our social media pages and the Mentor Kansas Connection! Maybe you have a story about a mentor/mentee pair that utilizes adaptive sports or dance as a shared activity. Maybe you know a program that prioritizes and values accessibility and diversity. The possibilities are endless! If you are interested in contributing content, please contact Mentor Kansas at mentor@ksde.org.

Global Youth Service Day Mini-Grant



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GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY MINI-GRANT

APPLICATION OPENS **NOVEMBER 5, 2018**

APPLICATION DEADLINE **DECEMBER 10, 2018**



Global Youth
Service Day

The **Kansas Volunteer Commission (KVC)** is pleased to announce funds through the **Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)** for organizations to host volunteer projects or service learning activities on or around Global Youth Service Day (GYSD). GYSD is celebrated each year in more than 135 countries, with young people working together - and with schools, youth organizations, non-profits, community and faith-based organizations, national service programs, government agencies, and adults mentors - to address the world's most critical issues and change their communities. **Volunteer projects must be inspired and led by youth.** Applicants can request up to **\$500**. **Application deadline is Monday, December 10, 2018.**

- Application is available [here](#)
- Guidelines are available [here](#)
- Eligible organizations can request up to \$500
- There is a dollar-for-dollar match requirement
- Grant period is from April 1, 2019 - April 30, 2019
- Programs can only operate in Kansas
- For other questions, email Ashley Christiansen at achristiansen@ksde.org

Volunteer Manager Support Mini-Grant



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APPLICATION OPENS
DECEMBER 3, 2018

VOLUNTEER MANAGER SUPPORT MINI-GRANT

APPLICATION DEADLINE
JANUARY 14, 2019



www.kanserve.org

The **Kansas Volunteer Commission (KVC)** is excited to offer up to **\$1,500** per organization for applicants to provide training directly to volunteers and/or to the staff supporting volunteers. Grant activities must take place between March 1, 2019 - July 31, 2019. There is a dollar-for-dollar match requirement.

Funds may be used to hire speakers, purchase training supplies, secure event space, attend professional training or conferences, print materials, or other training-related costs. Possible project ideas include, but are not limited to:

Training For Volunteers

- Organize **Adult or Youth Mental Health First Aid** training
- Organize **Diversity and Inclusion** training
- Organize **First Aid and/or CPR** training
- Organize **Kansas Leadership Center** training
- Organize **Strengths Finder** training

Training For Volunteer Managers

- Earn the **Certification in Volunteer Administration (CVA)**
- Attend the **National Conference on Service and Volunteerism**
- Attend the **Kansas Conference on Volunteerism**
- Attend Nonprofit Management Institute at **Nonprofit Connect**

The application and guidelines are available at www.kanserve.org. For

Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring



Mentoring is more than just helping as many kids as possible - it is also about providing high-quality, safe mentoring experiences, because poor mentoring relationships can do more harm than good. To guide these quality experiences, MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership developed the ***Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring***, which details research-informed and practitioner-approved standards for creating and sustaining quality youth mentoring programs and facilitating impactful mentoring relationships.

The six evidence-based Standards (Recruitment, Screening, Training, Matching and Initiating, Monitoring and Support, and Closure) are intended to be applicable across almost every type of youth mentoring program. Each Standard includes Benchmarks to ensure the safety and effectiveness of mentoring relationships, as well as Enhancements that may be promising, innovative and useful for programs. Additionally, a Program Planning and Management section offers recommendations for designing, building, and strengthening mentoring programs and services.

The new Mentor Kansas Gold Star program will align with the ***Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring, Fourth Edition***. More information about the implementation of the Mentor Kansas Gold Star program will be coming in January 2019.

- Download the ***Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring***
- Download the Elements ***Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)***
- Download the Elements ***checklist for mentoring programs***

To request a hard copy of these materials to be mailed to you or your mentoring program, email mentor@ksde.org.

#MentorIRL: We want to hear from you!



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 as well as on our social media pages, @MentorKansas!

Stay tuned for more exciting updates regarding the Mentor Kansas Gold Star Program!

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