



## What is a Mentor?

A mentor is a caring, compassionate adult who chooses to devote their time to a young person, offering them support, guidance, and encouragement. If you can donate one hour per week, you can change a life by helping a child build a solid foundation of values, establish goals, improve their academic and life skills, while developing their self-esteem and confidence.

## Why Mentor?

Our success rate at Doorways/Take Stock In Children is a result of a comprehensive approach provided by our program. One of the key and proven success factors is the role of the mentor. More and more people want to have a lasting, profound impact in their community. They understand that the commitment of becoming a mentor can change a child's life while helping them grow personally. Can you remember adults who paid attention to you; who believed in you; and who guided you during your childhood? These individuals served as mentors. Wouldn't you like to have someone think of you as their life-changing, trusted mentor?

## Where & When Does Mentoring Occur?

Mentoring sessions range from 45-60 minutes and occur at a school near your home or workplace, during school hours. The days and times of mentoring sessions are arranged between the mentor and mentee depending on their individual schedules and classes. As a result, mentoring is convenient for both students and mentors.

## How Do I Become a Doorways/Take Stock Mentor?

Doorways/Take Stock In Children mentors learn the principles and guidelines of school-based, academic-focused mentoring. They participate in an orientation session and receive a manual that contains tools for addressing the general needs of their students: improving grades, preparing for college, career planning, and developing life skills. Mentors also will be able to use the weekly Mentor Minute, an online resource center, to provide support services that target the specific needs of their students. To become a mentor, please fill out a Volunteer Registration form. Mentors are required to pass a national background check. Please refer to the back of sheet for upcoming training dates.

Mentor Training Workshops at the Pinellas Education Foundation

September 20, 2011	Wells Fargo Room	3:00-5:00 pm
October 19, 2011	Wells Fargo Room	3:00-5:00 pm
November 9, 2011	Aegon Room at Stavros Institute	9:00-11:00 am
January 18, 2012	Wells Fargo Room	3:00-5:00 pm
February 15, 2012	Wells Fargo Room	3:00-5:00 pm
March 28, 2012	Wells Fargo Room	3:00-5:00 pm
April 18, 2012	Wells Fargo Room	3:00-5:00 pm
May 23, 2012	Wells Fargo Room	3:00-5:00 pm

To register for a Mentor Training Workshop at the Pinellas Education Foundation, contact Kimberly Paine at 727-588-4816 x 2123 or send an email to [Painek@pinellaseducation.org](mailto:Painek@pinellaseducation.org) with Mentor Training in the subject line.

For additional Mentor Training Workshops dates in Pinellas County, please visit or contact Michelle Roberge at 727-588-6405 or send an email to [robergem@pcsb.org](mailto:robergem@pcsb.org)