2016-2017 Mentoring Opportunities

Make a difference in our neighborhoods. Nationwide Children’s Hospital’s Healthy Neighborhoods Healthy Families initiative offers several opportunities to mentor children who live and attend school in the neighborhoods surrounding the hospital. Mentors can choose any of the four experiences; we ask you choose one location and commit to mentoring for the entire school year.

Connecting ME — Partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus at Reeb Avenue Center
• **Time commitment:** One day per week, any time between 4 – 8 p.m.
• Biggest need is during mandatory homework help hour, 4 – 5 p.m.
• Homework help and group mentor opportunities with activities designed by Boys & Girls Clubs staff
• Serves kids ages 6-18

South High School Senior Mentorship Program
• **Time commitment:** Every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
• Work with off-track seniors on post-graduation plans that align with their individual goals
• **Training:** Receive ongoing support and guidance from Columbus City Schools’ Office of Student Mentoring

Connecting ME — Partnership with Community Development for All People at Lincoln Park Elementary
• **Time commitment:** One day per week, any time between 3:45 – 5:45 p.m.
• Engage with students in first through fifth grade in team building activities, board games and arts and crafts

Livingston Avenue Elementary Reading Buddies
• **Time commitment:** One hour per week, Tuesday – Thursday, 4 – 5 p.m.
• Help students with their reading skills and homework
• **Training:** Receive a free, short training from Columbus City Schools instructors on best practices

Before mentoring, mentors must:
• Attend an information session at Nationwide Children’s Hospital
• Complete a background check for the agency you’ll support (if necessary)
• Complete a mandatory training by Columbus City Schools’ Office of Student Mentoring

For questions, please contact Healthy Neighborhoods Healthy Families manager, Nick Jones, at (614) 722-6183 or Nicholas.Jones@nationwidechildrens.org.
1. **What if I am not sure which opportunity to do?**
   Set up a one-on-one meeting with Nick Jones, manager of our Healthy Neighborhoods Healthy Families (HNHF) initiative, to discuss your interests in more detail and identify the best fit. You may also attend each offering one time to get a feel for each program before making a decision.

2. **Will I be assigned to a specific student?**
   Yes, if mentoring students at Livingston Elementary or South High School. No, if mentoring with children who attend the after-school programs at Community Development for All People or Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus.

3. **Will I still be on the clock when mentoring?**
   No, any flexibility in your work schedule if you’re a salaried employee can only be approved by your direct supervisor. If you’re hourly, you must clock out during the hour you spend mentoring.

4. **What if I want to read more about the outcomes of mentoring?**
   Contact Nick Jones, HNHF manager, at (614) 722-6183 or Nicholas.Jones@NationwideChildrens.org.

5. **Can I attend with a group of NCH employees?**
   Yes, we encourage departments to work together to identify opportunities as a team. We also have a group of past mentors who are willing to serve as mentor “buddies” and attend the first few sessions with you as you integrate yourself at your preferred location.

6. **What support does staff at my mentoring location provide?**
   Staff will: plan all activities, ensure all materials are provided and ready for activities, be in room during the activity, assist in connecting you with mentee(s), handle any discipline issues and check-in with you to work through any challenging conversations or to see how everything is going in general.

7. **What if I’m unsure that I can commit to an hour a week?**
   If you are interested in mentoring but unsure if you’ll be able to commit to once a week, please contact Nick Jones, HNHF manager, at (614) 722-6183 or Nicholas.Jones@NationwideChildrens.org.

8. **Who can I contact at NCH if I have questions?**
   Nick Jones, HNHF manager, at (614) 722-6183 or Nicholas.Jones@NationwideChildrens.org.