



Tiers of Support

Eligibility Requirements

Public Partner

- There are no eligibility requirements to be a public partner
- Recommend completing the Registration Form

Tier 1: Bronze Star Partner

- Complete Partner Application form
- Conduct background checks through the KBI or FBI as well as sex offender registry for all mentors, volunteers and staff
- Have a valid Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- Carry liability insurance

Tier 2: Silver Star Partner

- Complete Tier 1 requirements
- Conduct Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry check for all mentors, volunteers and staff
- Register on the Mentor Connector free online database
- Align to the Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring (EPPM Standards)

Tier 3: Gold Star Partner

- Complete Tier 1 & 2 requirements
- Complete the National Quality Mentoring System (NQMS) self-assessment
- Complete and maintain customized Innovation and Improvement Plan to demonstrate that the Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring are met and being implemented correctly

Programs must align to Mentor Kansas' definition of mentoring:
A consistent, structured, stable relationship between youth and a caring role model(s) that involves regular, ongoing and ideally face-to-face meetings; and is focused on developing the character, capabilities and confidence of the young person(s).



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Partner Benefits

Public Partner

Access to all online resources available through Mentor Kansas, the National Mentoring Resource Center (NMRC) and MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership – Opportunity to participate in training and education webinars provided by Mentor Kansas – Access to the monthly Mentor Kansas Connection e-newsletter

Tier 1: Bronze Star Partner

Access to all benefits previously listed – Bronze Star logo for your website – Inclusion in the Mentor Kansas online program directory – Receive free Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry checks through the DCF – Eligible to apply for Mentor Kansas grant opportunities (excludes for-profit programs) – Access to no-cost national mentoring month promotional items

Tier 2: Silver Star Partner

Access to all benefits previously listed – Silver Star logo for your website – Receive funding priority in Mentor Kansas and Kansas Volunteer Commission grant competitions – Eligible to serve on the Mentor Kansas Advisory Council – Access to the National Quality Mentoring System (NQMS) online tool – Access to no-cost EEPM webinars – Support letters for grant opportunities, if requested

Tier 3: Gold Star Partner

Access to all benefits previously listed – Receive highest priority funding in Mentor Kansas and Kansas Volunteer Commission grant competitions – Eligible for the State of Kansas Employee Mentoring Leave Program – Receive Mentor Kansas logo lock-up with your program's logo – Receive Mentor Kansas Partner Recognition, including partner badge – Access to customized training and technical assistance

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