



Tiers of Support

Eligibility Requirements

Public Partner

- Complete Mentor Kansas Registration form

Tier 1 Partner

- Complete Mentor Kansas Partner Application form
- Conduct background check 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 Partner

- Complete Tier 1 requirements
- Conduct DCF Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry check for all mentors, volunteers and staff
- Schedule Readiness Assessment with Mentor Kansas

Tier 3 Gold Star Partner

- Comply with all Tier 1 and 2 eligibility requirements
- Complete the National Quality Mentoring System (NQMS) self-assessment
- Complete and maintain customized Innovation and Improvement Plan to provide evidence that the Elements of Effective Practice 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 core training and education opportunities provided by Mentor Kansas – Access to the monthly Mentor Kansas Connection newsletter.

Tier 1 Partner

Access to all benefits previously listed – Inclusion in the Mentor Kansas online program directory – Receive free Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry checks through the Department of Children and Families – Eligible to apply for Mentor Kansas grant competitions (excludes for-profit programs).

Tier 2 Partner

Access to all benefits previously listed – Receive funding priority in Mentor Kansas grant competitions – Eligible to serve on the Mentor Kansas Advisory Council – Access to the National Quality Mentoring System (NQMS) online tool, which includes an in-depth assessment of program's practices – Access to customized training and technical assistance.

Tier 3 Gold Star Partner

Access to all benefits listed – Receive highest priority funding in Mentor Kansas grant competitions – Eligible for the State of Kansas Employee Mentoring Program – Receive Gold Star Partner badge, Mentor Kansas logo lock-up with your program's logo, and recognition on Mentor Kansas website and online program directory – Receive Mentor Kansas Gold Star Partner recognition.

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