## Tiers of Support
### Eligibility Requirements

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<td>Complete Mentor Kansas Partner Application form</td>
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<td>Conduct background check through the KBI or FBI as well as sex offender registry for all mentors, volunteers and staff</td>
<td>Conduct DCF Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry check for all mentors, volunteers and staff</td>
<td>Complete the National Quality Mentoring System (NQMS) self-assessment</td>
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<td>Have a valid Employer Identification Number (EIN)</td>
<td>Schedule Readiness Assessment with Mentor Kansas</td>
<td>Complete and maintain customized Innovation and Improvement Plan to provide evidence that the Elements of Effective Practice are met and being implemented correctly</td>
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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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