

Mentoring Agencies

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado, Inc. (BBBSC) is the state's leading youth mentoring organization, helping children reach their full potential through professionally supported one-to-one volunteer mentoring relationships with measurable impact. BBBSC is always looking for more male volunteers. We have 3 types of programs to fit the different needs and schedules of the kids we serve and the mentors who volunteer. Our three types of programs are: Activity Based Programs, School Based Programs, and the traditional Community Based Program. BBBSC has been serving Colorado youth since 1918. In 2008, the agency will provide mentors to over 2,090 young people in the Metro Denver and Colorado Springs regions.

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Bridge Project

The Bridge Project provides educational opportunities for children living in Denver's public housing neighborhoods so they graduate from high school and attend college or learn a trade. The Bridge Project operates in three public housing neighborhoods. Every day over 100 children come bounding into The Bridge Project where they take part in fun and stimulating programs such as one-on-one tutoring, scouting, art workshops, computers, and creative literacy programs.

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Byrne Urban Scholars

At Byrne Urban Scholars, we believe there's a graduate waiting to be found in all students. Byrne Urban Scholars identifies students who have potential, but are at risk of getting lost in the current system. After acceptance in our program, each scholar receives full or partial tuition assistance, mentoring, tutoring, and case management support. Our primary goal is to help each scholar earn a high school diploma from top-performing Denver private and charter high schools with the highest graduation rates.

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Challenge Foundation

The mission of the Challenge Foundation is to enroll economically disadvantaged children in an intensive seven-year program of academic preparation and character building. The goal of the Challenge Foundation is to ensure graduation from a private, college preparatory high school and admission to college. We serve our students through scholarships, adult-mentoring, a summer program, and academic support services.

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Colorado "I Have a Dream"® Foundation

Colorado "I Have a Dream"® Foundation is a long-term drop-out prevention program for youth from disadvantaged communities in the Metro Denver area. We offer the following services to our Dreamers:

- * mentoring
- * tutoring, one-on-one academic assistance & homework help

- * college visits, college prep activities & life skills development
- * community service & service learning projects
- * cultural, recreational & sporting events trips

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Colorado Youth At Risk

Colorado Youth at Risk empowers teenage students to make life choices that positively impact their future through community-based mentoring and intensive training. Colorado Youth at Risk aims to reduce the number of high school dropouts, match students with an adult mentor and provide students with a sense of the future and their place in that future.

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Denver Kids, Inc.

Denver Kids, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting Denver Public School students, grades K-12, who face the personal challenges of higher risk environments, to successfully complete high school, pursue a post-secondary option and become contributing members of the community. Averaging caseloads of 55 students, our educational counselors provide the one on one support and advocacy necessary to empower our over 1,000 Denver Kids, Inc. students to succeed academically, personally, and socially. In addition to the educational counselor, over 300 of the students are matched with a volunteer mentor who provides a stable, positive role model. The educational counseling staff works closely with each mentor - providing them with expertise and guidance "in order to ensure the greatest level of support for our students.

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Friends For Youth

Friends for Youth is a faith-based mentoring program whose mission is to mentor youth through friendship in the spirit of Christ. We offer both long and short term weekly mentoring opportunities through our one-to-one and group mentoring programs. The youth we serve are between the ages of 10 and 18 and are typically involved in the Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare systems. We also serve youth who have an incarcerated parent as well as youth from low income and homeless families. We provide monthly activities and support our mentors through training, resources, and an assigned Match Coordinator.

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Goodwill Industries of Denver

Goodwill Industries has been serving the metro Denver community for 90 years. A pioneer in utilizing a profitable business model to fund an understanding community, the agency's mission is to ensure that every person has the opportunity to attain personal and economic self-sufficiency and live to his or her potential.

Mentors with Goodwill focus on education and future options for high school youth. The only high school based program of its kind, mentors are given platforms and activities and can choose from over 27 schools across the Denver metro area.

Known for providing flexibility in timing and location Goodwill provides a collaborative partnership between mentor and mentee. While mentors are helping teens form a path to their future, mentees often have the opportunity to learn from the new generation. [Learn More](#)

Metro Denver Partners

In 2008 Metro Denver Partners celebrates 40 years of working to empower approximately 15,500 youth in the Denver area. We believe there are two factors that set us apart from other agencies: 1) support and 2) relationships. We offer our volunteers a tremendous amount of support through regular contact, training, and on-going learning opportunities to ensure that they are confident and well-equipped to mentor. We also host gatherings for our mentors to get to know other mentors, provide one free or low cost activity per month for matches, and mail a bi-monthly newsletter highlighting upcoming events. The families of the youth we serve also benefit from our support as we seek to build long-term, trusting relationships with them by maintaining regular contact and by taking youth that are waiting to be matched on monthly outings. This creates an environment of trust and stability that allows for a smooth transition once we introduce the mentor into the situation. We are always looking for volunteers, and our number one requirement is the desire to make a difference in a young person's life. [Learn More](#)

Save Our Youth

Save Our Youth (SOY) is a faith-based mentoring organization that transforms the lives of Colorado's inner-city, at-risk youth through mentoring relationships providing the skills for success in educational, emotional and spiritual development. SOY works closely with many African American and Hispanic churches in the inner-city neighborhoods of Denver to identify potential mentors and youth in need of a mentor. Mentors provide support, counsel, friendship, and positive reinforcement. Through positive SOY mentor relationships, youth become active, responsible, and contributing members of their community. [Learn More](#)

Whiz Kids

We pair kids with caring adult volunteers who tutor and mentor them in the spirit of Christ. Whiz Kids coordinates these one-on-one tutoring sessions for multiple pairs of volunteers and students at host sites - typically in urban churches. These relationships improve self-esteem and foster a sense of accomplishment among the students we serve. Whiz Kids has seen improved reading scores through the tutor/student relationship. Tutoring not only makes a difference, it's also fun!

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YESS Institute

The mission of the Youth Empowerment Support Services Institute (YESS Institute) is to build EmoSmart™ leadership within youth, their role models and the organization's that support them. Our philosophy is based on the belief that peer mentors can, when provided the proper training and support, be highly effective role models for younger students. We believe that through the peer-to-peer contact youth are given in the EmoSmart's program, youth receive effective relationship skills that lead to success in life and school.

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