

# What is The Village Project



The Village Project is a volunteer mentor program sponsored by the Third District Juvenile Court. The project serves court-involved youth in Salt Lake County.

Mentors are volunteers from the community willing to work with troubled youth. Mentors are matched with youth based on common interests and location.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

- 1) Recruit positive adult role models to serve as volunteer mentors.
- 2) Provide regular training sessions for volunteer mentors to help them understand and assist youth at-risk.
- 3) Provide ongoing support for mentors as they participate in activities with youth.
- 4) Participate in court hearings where the progress of involved youth is evaluated.

# Mission Statement

The Village Project Mentor Program helps court-involved youth become contributing members of their community through one-on-one relationships with positive adult role models.

## **Who can Become a Mentor & What is Their Commitment?**

Volunteer mentors must be at least 21 years of age. They must commit to meet with their assigned youth for at least one hour each week for six months to a year. They must be willing to attend orientation training and three in-service training sessions during the upcoming six months. Volunteers are required to pass a criminal record check. Mentors and youth will be provided ongoing support and training by the Village Project staff members.

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## **Who Will I Mentor?**

Court-involved youth who are delinquent, dependent, neglected and abused may be assigned mentors. These youth are ordered to the program by Judges based on referrals from probation/intake workers and referrals from other agencies based on their willingness to participate in the program. Elementary, Middle and High School age youth may participate in the program.

## **How to Get Started:**

Contact the Village Project to get an application, complete a background check, and schedule an interview. Upon completion become a mentor!

# contact information



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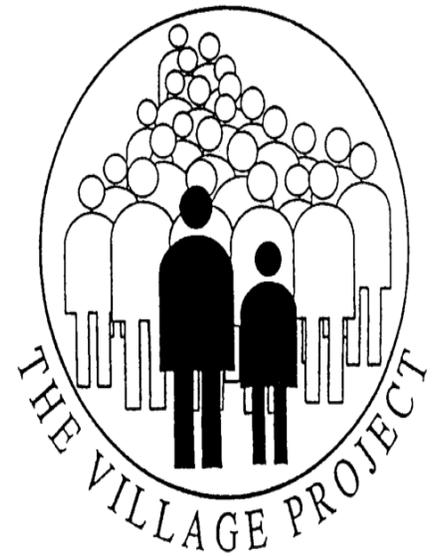
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