

Mentors Committee
Wednesday, February 13th, 2008; 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Olivia, MN

Present: Amber Mitchell, RCW Student
Lori Clasemann, MentorWorks Too-Kinship Coord.
Lynn Kuehn, ECHO Charter School
Donna Whitcomb, LAMP-Kinship Board Member.
Tonya Hastings, LAMP-Kinship Board Member
Maureen Mitchell, RC parent

Committee Mission Statement: The PACT 4 Families Collaborative Mentor Committee's mission is to enhance, expand, support and sustain quality mentoring in the PACT 4 Area.

Agenda Items/Topics for Discussion:

Recruitment of mentors-Materials were shared. Question about how do you deal with a possible mentor who would not be a good mentor?

Recommended that the application process be the tool to eliminate the possible mentor. Remember that the program is for the child not the mentor. You may never have a child appropriate to be matched with a certain mentor even if they pass the application process.

Discussion:

✓ Group activities that involve the youth's family and mentor's family foster positive relationships between the mentor and youth's parent/guardian. The strength of that relationship determines the success or failure of the mentor match. (Research based)

✓ Important to have youth parent referred for the acceptance of the program. Social workers, teachers, etc. can recommend the program to a parent but the parent should send in the referral.

Action Taken/Recommendations:

Developed a Mission Statement

Training Needs Identified:

Future Agenda Items/Unfinished business/Topics for further discussion:

Summer opportunities for our youth.

Highlight Three Items to be shared at Collaborative meeting/brought to Board's attention:

- ✓ Welcomed new mentor program
- ✓ Developed a mission statement
- ✓ Shared Recruitment ideas

Next Meeting Date/Location/Time:

March 14th, 2008; 10:30 am; Willmar KCHHSB