



Requirements to be an FSMP Mentor

The impact that you may have on a child's life is so important that to become a Mentor for the Fulton School Mentoring Program, the following procedure has been put into place. Although the process can be overwhelming, the Mentoring experience is well worth the time and effort needed to become a Mentor and help a child.

1-All potential candidates will be required to submit an **application**. Once your application has been received you will be asked to come for an **Interview**.

*Potential candidates must be willing to commit to meeting with their youth **one hour a week** after school between the hours of 3:30-5:30. The time and place will be on a consistent schedule.

*Potential candidates must be willing to commit to our program for **one year**, research shows that anything shorter than a year can actually do more harm to a youth than good.

2-All potential candidates must submit **three references**.

3-It is a requirement for all employees and volunteers of Oswego County Opportunities, Inc. to fill out a **Driver's Abstract** which allows us to confirm your driving record.

4-Candidates must fill out a **Statewide Central Registry Database Check**. This allows a background check for any charges of neglect or child abuse.

5-Candidates are required to submit **finger prints** to be sent to Safety Net to assure that there is no history of criminal background. Finger prints are done free of charge at the Fulton School District Office on South Fourth Street.

6-All new Mentors are required to attend a **six hour orientation**. The orientation is broken down into two three hour sessions. You cannot start mentoring without this orientation.

7-Once you become a Mentor you will be required to attend **three one hour trainings** in a year, any classes or work oriented trainings relating to Youth will be considered with the proper written certification.

The procedure outlined above helps to assure the safety and success of our Mentoring Program. The end results are a safe, fun and rewarding mentoring experience where you are making a difference in a child's life. Any questions can be directed to the Fulton School Mentoring Program Office at (315) 402-2093.