



The Mentor Monitor

Developing a Culture of Mentoring in Our Community

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MentorPRO Roll Out Scheduled

On Wednesday, May 13, National Mentoring Partnership (MENTOR) will roll out MentorPRO® in Burlington. MentorPRO® is an online tool that provides a standardized system for collecting, tracking and analyzing mentoring data to "better manage Programs, monitor Relationships and evaluate Outcomes."

According to MENTOR's website, MentorPRO® provides:

- A framework to support adherence to the Elements of Effective Practice™.
- A way to enter and track application, training and screening practices.
- Reminders on key tasks such as mentor referrals, applications and match follow-up.
- A validated set of measures to track the impact of mentoring relationships.
- Reports on the status and activities of matches.
- Downloadable reports that can be generated with aggregated or detailed data.
- Evaluations on both program performance and youth outcomes.

Time and location TBA. Please save the date and RSVP to jenny@mobiusmentors.org



Mentor to Mentor: Spread the Word

Ninety-six percent of current mentors say they would recommend mentoring to a friend, family member, or co-worker. If each mentor in Chittenden County were to find one single friend, family member or co-worker to sign up to become a mentor, we could have over 1,400 of our



community's children matched with a caring adult. We urge you to make this leap, to find one, just one, compassionate adult to mentor. Let's work together to close the mentoring gap in Vermont.

While Mobius has been recruiting in record numbers, we still need your help! One of the most effective ways of finding new mentors is for current mentors to tell their friends. Mentor to Mentor recruitment is so important because people can hear first-hand what it means to become a mentor. Current mentors are able to answer

questions, ease fears, and provide general support for people considering becoming a mentor.

That's why Mobius is challenging current mentors to tell people about their mentoring experiences and to encourage friends, neighbors, co-workers, and acquaintances to become mentors! We can work together to close the mentoring gap in Chittenden County and find mentors for all the children waiting.



Community Science Night at ECHO

The ECHO Lake Aquarium Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain opens its doors to mentor pairs on April 2, 2009 from 6:00-8:00p.m. for the Community Science Night. Join other mentor and mentee pairs for a free night of exhibit exploration, science activities, and a buffet-style dinner. Admission for pairs is free, so RSVP to your program coordinator ASAP and save the date!

Chittenden County Mentoring Third Quarterly Meeting

The Chittenden County Mentoring Quarterly Meeting was held February 11th at the United Way in South Burlington. The Professional Development Topic discussed was how to sustain mentoring programs in these difficult economic times. To read these notes as well as mentoring program and Mobius updates, visit our website at www.mobiusmentors.org.

Race to the Top of Vermont

On Sunday, August 30, 2009, Mobius and affiliated mentoring programs will join the Catamount Trail Association for the 3rd annual Race to the Top of Vermont Fundraiser at the Mt. Mansfield Toll Road. Participants can sign up to walk or race for either Mobius or any participating mentoring program.

The course is 4.5 miles long and climbs 2,550 vertical feet to the summit of the Mount Mansfield Toll Rd in Stowe, VT. The race course starts on pavement for .3 miles before changing to dirt for the remaining 4.2 miles. Walkers will experience a steady incline throughout the course with a 10 degree maximum pitch.

Ask your neighbors, family, friends and other people you know in the community to sponsor you for this enjoyable fundraiser. Participants will be rewarded with one of the most spectacular views in the east overlooking three states and Quebec. Every



walker participating will receive a free tech (breathable, moisture-wicking) shirt. Prizes will be awarded and food will be provided after the race.

Please consider walking for Mobius or a participating mentoring program in order to support mentoring, raise funds, and get some exercise!
For more information, please call 658-1888 or e-mail jenny@mobiusmentors.org

If you have any stories or articles to share with the mentoring community please let us know! The more our community learns about mentoring, the more likely its members are to become mentors. Send in your stories to meredith@mobiusmentors.org or to Burlington Free Press's "My Turn" section to be published (and send us a copy as well). It truly is the stories and real life experiences that get people excited about mentoring, so share your experiences and help Mobius to develop a culture of mentoring in our community!

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