



The Mentor Monitor

Developing a Culture of Mentoring in Our Community

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MentorPRO Roll Out Comes to Vermont

Kim Jessup of the National Mentoring Partnership (MENTOR) will be in Burlington on Wednesday, May 13, to roll out MentorPRO, the new program management software for local mentoring programs. 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; and
- Evaluations on both program performance and youth outcomes.

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

Race to the Top of Vermont: Join our Team!



On Sunday, August 30, 2009 at 9a.m. the race begins! The Catamount Trail Association (CTA) is hosting the second annual Race to the Top of Vermont (RTTOVT) fundraiser in which participants can sign up to run, walk or bike along the 4.5 mile-long trail, climbing 2,550 vertical feet to the summit of the Mount Mansfield Toll Road in Stowe, Vermont. Participants may race in support of Mobius or any participating mentoring program. Mobius is challenging its registered racers to raise \$100 in support of finding caring adult mentors for kids in Chittenden County.



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. Everyone participating will receive a free tech (breathable, moisture-wicking) shirt. Prizes will be awarded after the race. There will be a \$40 entry fee in order for CTA to provide this incredible fundraising opportunity. This will also get you an 8th Edition Catamount Trail Guide Book, entry into a large raffle, and a post-race BBQ.

Please consider walking for Mobius or a participating mentoring program in order to show your support for mentoring, raise funds, and get some exercise!

To register please call 658-1888 or e-mail Kris Reihnhardt, the event coordinator, kris@mobiusmentors.org



Mobius Updates on Vermont Mentoring Partnership Website

The Vermont Mentoring Partnership website as seen some recent activity as members are posting blogs, sharing videos and networking with other members. This website aims to create a unification for mentoring programs, mentors, and mentoring advocates throughout the state of Vermont.

For program coordinators, this site allows you to create a group in which you can post photographs, keep in contact with current and

past mentors, and post events. Those interested in finding out more about your program can request to join the group and will then have an additional way of keeping in contact.

Current mentors can join different groups, network with other mentors in the area, share inspiring stories, and stay up-to-date with news and mentor/mentee events offered by their mentoring program.

People who are interested in learning more about mentoring can use the Vermont Mentoring Partnership website as a tool to learn more about individual mentoring programs in their area. They can watch videos, including Public Service Announcements and testimonials and ask questions of current mentors and program coordinators in order to find a program that meets their needs.

As with all networking websites, the more people involved, the more effective Vermont Mentoring Partnership will be in providing purpose to each individual member. Watch your inboxes for an invitation to join this growing local mentoring network or visit www.vtmentoring.org to be part of a growing network of mentors and mentoring advocates!



Mentoring In the North End

About half a year into the grant year, the new additions of mentoring programs at Lawrence Barnes and H.O.Wheeler Elementary Schools in Burlington's North End have grown significantly. RSVP School Buddies, Foster



Grandparent Program, UVM's Big Buddies, Mentors for Kids and Everybody Wins! were added to these schools in the fall and have really taken off. There are currently 27 active matches at Barnes and 23 active matches at Wheeler--that's 50 matches total!

"Every time I go to see my mentee, she grins and runs up to me for a hug (and I do mean runs). I can't tell you how amazing it is to know that I have such an effect on her," Jennifer Pritchard, a Mentors for Kids mentor, said. "Just by being there I bring a smile to her face and for that hour that I'm there she is worry-free."

Recruitment and trainings are ongoing as we continue to find mentors for kids currently on waiting lists in these unique and diverse schools. Are you ready to make a commitment of just one hour per week to change a child's life? Contact meredith@mobiusmentors.org or call 658-1888 to find out more about becoming a mentor.

Are you already a mentor? Mobius is looking for a matches with compelling stories who to volunteer to be interviewed for an upcoming series that we will publish. The final product will help in recruitment, securing grants, and public awareness opportunities. It is also a way to showcase the indescribable impact that you have on your mentee's life as well as on the community. Contact your program director if you would like to participate in this fun experience and help Mobius to develop a culture of mentoring in Chittenden County.

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