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GRAND AREA MENTORING COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

“Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them.”

–Lady Bird Johnson

Grand County School District



Providing Opportunity

“I’m so happy! I’ve been waiting and waiting to get a mentor!”

Unfortunately, some children don’t have access to natural mentors while growing up. To combat this, Grand Area Mentoring links promising youth with the best role models of southeastern Utah. As a result, mentored youth in Moab consistently outperform goals set by experts. Last year, Grand Area Mentoring students exceeded all program objectives, including:

	Goal	Actual
GPA Improvement	35%	60%
Increased Attendance	35%	50%
Social Skills Improvement	40%	72%
Sustained Matches >12 mo.	55%	66%

To realize these accomplishments, Grand Area Mentoring follows The National Mentoring Partnership’s *Elements of Effective Practice*. Some key standards and benchmarks include:

- Realistically portraying the mentoring experience to children, volunteers, and families
- Identifying ideal youth candidates
- Carefully and thoroughly screening volunteer mentor candidates
- Training mentors, students, and families in program requirements, goals and expectations, roles and responsibilities, ethical issues, match closure, support resources,

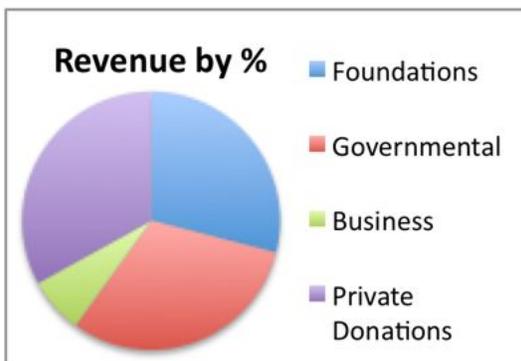
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The Value of Mentoring

Grand Area Mentoring exists thanks to many supporters who recognize the importance of one-on-one guidance for children early in life. Per mentee, Grand Area Mentoring is 35% more efficient than programs nationwide. We do a lot with a little. Contributions from across nonprofit, for-profit, and governmental domains are crucial for keeping the program running at capacity. Your tax-deductible donation will be put to careful use for the

benefit of Moab’s vulnerable children.

This is your money doing good!



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to vulnerable children.
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About GrandAM...

Grand Area Mentoring begins its eleventh year of service to Grand County. The program is generously funded by the Grand County School District, the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, Jennifer Speers, Laurie Michaels & David Bonderman, Four Corners, Carl George Bjorkman Foundation, Grand Co. Education Foundation, Red Cliffs Lodge, and many other kind organizations, partners, and donors.

Adult mentors meet with students in one-on-one settings to encourage growth and bolster self-confidence. Their weekly sessions sometimes include board games, basketball, and computers. Other matches pursue crafts, reading, and talking about life. Mentors and students seek activities that are mutually enjoyable and enriching.

Grand Area Mentoring creates lasting and fruitful relationships using an evidence-based approach. New volunteers are trained in mentoring best practices and always supported with regular staff contact. Volunteers offer one meeting per week and receive the satisfaction of positively impacting a life forever.

Opportunity (continued)

- relationship development, and safety
- Offering advanced mentor training
- Supporting mentors and students while they build healthy relationships of growth over time
- Providing proper relationship closure to mentors, students, and families.

Using best practices in the field of youth mentoring, Grand Area

Mentoring exists as one of Moab's most powerful interventions for at-risk children.

Until every child who needs a mentor has one, until the next generation enjoys a healthy supply of natural mentors, Grand Area Mentoring will fill this gap. Please join us in this mission as a volunteer or as a program supporter.

Learn more at: www.grandmentoring.org

Who Are the Mentees?

Teachers, counselors, mental health specialists, school administrators, and parents recommend students to the program. Grand Area Mentoring's target population includes students who exhibit antisocial behavior, have few friendships, earn poor grades, and/or live in a troubled home or neighborhood. Currently, Grand Area Mentoring's student roster is split 50/50 male and female. Students range in age from 6 to 17. Up to

eighty youth participate in mentoring each year. These students represent the county's most vulnerable populations: impoverished, minority, single-parent, delinquent, abused, second-language, or disabled.

For mentored students last year:

- 85% were from broken families
- 22% were minorities
- 56% were male, 44% female
- 12% spoke a non-English language at home

