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# GRAND AREA MENTORING COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

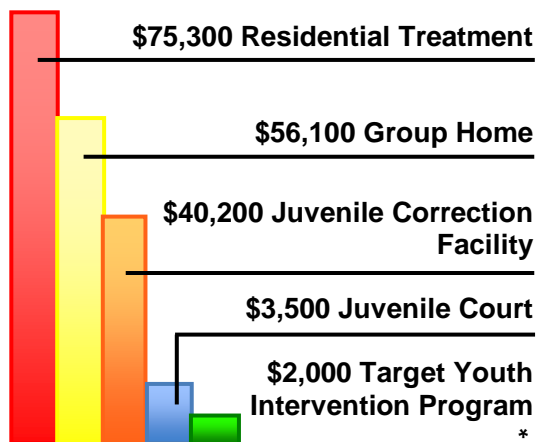
**“The best way to predict the future  
is to create it.” –Abraham Lincoln**

## Grand County School District



## The Cost of Intervention

According to the University of Minnesota\*, the annual rate per child for common interventions to help vulnerable youth can be staggering. However, Grand Area Mentoring’s per participant cost is only \$2,000. The program enrolls youth *before* they are in need of more costly interventions. Mentors act as advocates, guides, and coaches in multiple domains.



Grand Area Mentoring uses your gifts to recruit and train mentors, complete background checks, supply art and craft materials to participants, provide presenters for advanced trainings, compensate staff, cover educational field trip fees and transportation costs, and measure outcomes. This is a cost-effective strategy to support vulnerable young people. Your money doing good!

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## From Elementary to Early Graduation

Mentoring helps young people navigate years of childhood challenges. For example, this match (started in fourth grade) saw Garion to early graduation in October. Upon completion of school and enrollment with the Army, he won a scholarship from Grand Area Mentoring that provided a laptop to aid in his post-secondary pursuits. From tennis to handshake practice to serving our country, this is mentoring!



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### About GrandAM...

This is Grand Area Mentoring's 19<sup>th</sup> year of service. Adult mentors meet with promising students one-on-one to provide care, offer opportunities, and encourage growth. Their weekly sessions might include homework, basketball, and computers. Other matches pursue crafts, reading, and talking about life. Under Grand Area Mentoring's supervision, mentors and students build relationships that usually last for years, pointing youth toward promising futures.

Mentored young people earn higher grades, attend school more regularly, get along better with others, and report being happier.

Grand Area Mentoring is dedicated to expanding the reach of mentoring in Moab. The program's waiting list of students is still substantial. Donations of money, time, goods, and experiences make new matches possible. Please join us as we:

- Recruit and screen mentors
- Provide top-notch training and match support
- Focus on proven, data-driven mentoring strategies
- And work with mentors, youth, families, and teachers to get the most out of every session.

## Violence Prevention

According to FBI statistics, violent crime in Utah rose 16% in the ten-year period from 2012 to 2022. 20% of violent crime was committed by young people aged ten through nineteen.

Caden Fabbi at the National Mentoring Partnership writes, "The clearest indicators of violence come from when basic human needs are unmet. Unstable housing, stunted economic opportunities, poor education, lack of nutritious food and clean water, or inaccessible healthcare services – and any

combination thereof – create conditions from which violence often erupts."

Some of these conditions plague families in Moab. Fabbi continues, "...studies have shown that mentoring can serve in both prevention and intervention roles in addressing violence, making it a unique and broadly applicable strategy."

Grand Area Mentoring makes Moab safer and healthier for all by matching vulnerable youth with responsible adult role models.

## Teacher Feedback (May 2023)

100% AGREE

"Mentoring supports vulnerable youth who exhibit antisocial

behavior, have few friendships, demonstrate low commitment to school, earn poor grades, and/or live in a troubled home or neighborhood."

100% AGREE

"I appreciate receiving mentoring newsletters via email each month."

100% AGREE

"Program staff are knowledgeable and easy to reach."

100% AGREE

"Most mentored youth demonstrate better social skills."

100% AGREE

"Providing positive adult mentors to vulnerable Moab youths makes this a safer community."

### Verbatim

"I have seen a major difference in my students' attendance,

academics, and overall social and emotional well-being due to mentoring. They look forward to it and ask about it EVERYDAY! They LOVE it! I also have had a lot of positive feedback from their parents as well who also have noticed a difference at home!"

### "The social-emotional areas where I've seen mentees benefit include..."



### Verbatim

"Grand Area Mentoring is a one-of-a-kind program that makes real, lasting difference in the lives of Grand County students. Well done!"

### Verbatim

"I think having someone special who they can connect with makes all the difference. It allows them to be seen and feel understood and loved by somebody. They have positive role models outside their family."