



2017/2018 Annual Report

Moab, UT



93% of students report that mentoring helps them feel happier.



86% of mentees said their mentor is one of the most important people in their life.

What is Grand Area Mentoring?

Dedicated mentors meet promising Moab youth weekly with the aim of boosting academic and social outcomes. 78 mentors served 91 students in 2017/2018.

Who are the mentors?

Mentors are responsible, kind adults ranging in age from 20 to 82. All pass background checks and complete a thorough screening process, including: written application, in-person interview, 2-hour training, and reference interview.

Who are the children?

Teachers recommend students for mentoring. However, mentored youth voluntarily participate in the program. With parent permission, they commit to relationships that last at least a year. They range in age from 6 to 18.

- 45% are female
- 55% are male
- 13% are of Hispanic heritage
- 8% are Native American
- 95% are on free or reduced lunch
- 100% are considered at-risk for a variety of reasons

How are outcomes monitored?

Student data is tracked annually and compared to prior performance. The program collects student GPA, behavior records, and attendance. Match duration acts as an important indicator of program and relationship quality. Further, the program conducts detailed interviews with students at least

annually and surveys teachers, mentors, and guardians at the close of each school year, which examines a variety of emotional/social domains and program standards.

Who supports the program?

Grand County School District's sponsorship and generous grants from many others have helped the program grow into what a mental health clinic supervisor called "Moab's best prevention program." Major partners include: George & Dolores Eccles Foundation, Laurie Michaels & David Bonderman, Jennifer Speers, Grand County Education Foundation, Red Cliffs Lodge, Carl George Bjorkman Foundation, Moab Sun News, Best Western Plus Canyonlands Inn, Rocky Mountain Power Foundation, HMK Community Council, Moab Valley Multicultural Center, The Synergy Company, Wells Fargo Bank, WabiSabi, Stacey Savelle, Carol Hoggard, Back of Beyond Book, OARS Moab, Moonflower Community Cooperative, Desert West Office Supply, ACT Campground, Moab Points and Pebbles Club, Moab Regional Hospital, Moab Times-Independent, Red Rock 4 Wheelers, Beacon Afterschool Program, www.AWebStudio.com, and many more generous individuals.

What did Grand Area Mentoring accomplish in 2017/2018?

Please see the reverse!