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Census data informs \$675 million in federal funding for 100's of programs that percolate down to our state and communities. The most at-risk populations often do not respond. The Census is translated into English and 59 other languages. Make sure your clients and community are all included. Best tools ever at this site!

BOOKS

Running Away from Home, An Abandoned Child's Journey to Hope and Healing by Judge Tommy Webb.

– Beaver's Linda Downing, Beaver Duster Mentoring Program

Reaching and Teaching Children Exposed to Trauma by Barbara Sorrels.

– Enid's Carole Wade

Hope and Health for Your Nerves by Dr. Claire Weekes.

– Ponca City's Renee Spears, New Life Trails Program



Dr. Robin Minthorn, University of Washington Tacoma, & Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Jerry Holmes, OU's JHLP

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Sharing what other mentoring programs are doing helps us all. Here are a few examples.

Coach-A-Kid Enid, a program of the United Way of Enid and Northwest Oklahoma, hosted a lunch-and-learn at the Stride Center. Garfield County Child Advocacy Council Director. Carole Wade was speaker for the event, sharing perspectives from her time as an advocate for children and families. **John Gray**.

Enid's First Presbyterian Church Mentoring Program celebrated a clever hands-on Christmas party. Make-and-take activities provided entertainment for mentors and mentees alike. The previous week mentees made snowflakes for their mentors. Some crafts included gingerbread houses, a lighted snow globe, cotton boll angel, clothespin soldier, bird seed ornament, bejeweled popsickle stick snowflake and more. **Gail Wynne**.

Bridges of Norman, empowering high school students in family crisis to pursue education without obstacles, has opened The Spot at 526, a youth day shelter near Norman High School. Bridges offers housing, counseling, mentoring and other services for its on-campus clients. **Bianca Gordon**, Career Coach director, has been promoted to associate director of Bridges and will continue overseeing Career Coaches.

After the Kremlin Post Office received a facelift, **Kremlin's Wildhorse Gang** decided to clean up the parking lot. This act inspired the postal department to repair the parking lot along with marking parking spaces with new paint and repainting the painting. The Wildhorse Gang, a group mentoring program, performs extensive community service in the Kremlin-Enid area. **Gini Zaloudek**.

Lawton Central Middle School's Young Men in Action participated in Teamwork Makes the Dream Work 2020 "March on Washington 1963" event. Lawton's Mayor Stan Booker was among the attendees. **Ken Stallworth**.

The Jerry Holmes Leadership Symposium 2020, University of Oklahoma's Gallogly College of Engineering, focused upon diversity and leadership. Students had private morning sessions. At the plenary luncheon, JHLP mentors and others listened to Dr. Robin Starr Zape-tah-hol-ah Minthorn's "Centering Indigenous Leadership." Dr. Minthorn, (Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Apache, Nez Perce, Umatilla and Assiniboine), is the director of the Ed.D. Program and Associate Professor of Educational Leadership at the University of Washington Tacoma.

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Carole Wade & Mr. Wade



John Gray & Melanie Milacek



Gini Zaloudek & Gail Wynne



Cotton Boll Angel



Popsicle Christmas Ornament

Young Men in Action and Gentleman of Lawton High School are character and leadership development programs serving Central Middle School, Lawton High School and its feeder schools. YMIA and GoLHS provide opportunities for community service, educational and training programs, particularly for minority - underserved students. Mentors/sponsors are Ken Stallworth, De'Andre Swanson and Jeffery Ebert.



YMIA participating in Teamwork Makes the Dream Work 2020 "March on Washington 1963"

World" session, a panel of alumni spoke about their career rise and diversity. The "Creating an Inclusive Culture" session featured experts in their fields. Cheryle Robinson Jackson, the founder of "Grit and Grace, The Movement," spoke from the perspective of her many firsts, spanning international business, politics, civil rights, not-for-profit and media. Terry Kelly, the former CEO of W.L. Gore & Associates, intrigued the dinner crowd with "Maximizing Organizational Potential." **Dr. Kim Wolfinbarger.**

Ponca City's New Life Trails, a faith-based program, uses the outdoors and animals to mentor, tutor, uplift and also teach about Jesus. A new red barn has been built and dedicated in honor of Logan Blakey, a terminally ill 10-year-old boy who wanted to build a barn for the animals he loved so much. Many of the cutest animal babies are being born now, e.g., goats, miniature horses, calves, rabbits and more. **Renee Spears**, founder and director, also hauls animals to nursing homes, schools and other places to brighten lives.

David Harris, 100 Black Men of Tulsa, is bringing new enthusiasm and impact to his organization. Tulsa's program in the last few years has moved more to group mentoring. 100 Black Men of America is a men's civic organization and service club whose stated goal is to educate and empower African-American children and teens.

"The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image but giving them the opportunity to create themselves."

- Steven Spielberg

El Reno's House of Healing for the Teenage Soul is a non-profit, Christ-centered environment where hurting young women can experience unconditional love, acceptance and restoration of broken relationships, continues growing. Major programs are the Authentic Girl Mentor program and Tools for Change for parents. **Kathy Boeckman.**

The University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma's Pathways Alumni Mentoring Program is graduating its first group of mentees. This program supports the principals of co-curricular learning by connecting mentees with established alumni who serve as mentors and guides for professional career development. **Misti McClellan.**

Life Launch, a program of **Stand in the Gap Ministries, Tulsa and Oklahoma City**, has a high mentoring success rate, although it works with at-risk young adults ages 16-24. Two or more mentors are matched with one mentee. A major factor of success is changing the perspective of the mentors. In early March, Life Launch mentor training was filmed. The team has incorporated the training into its Women in Transition program. More innovations are coming. **TJ Warren.**

The **Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence** honored 2020 outstanding mentors. See ofe.org, "Honoring Oklahoma Mentors."

Building Futures and Relationships



Career Mentoring At least seven presentations at the National Mentoring Summit 2020 focused upon career development for mentees. The Oklahoma State Department of Education's **Individualized Career Academic Plan (ICAP)** has assembled plans, strategies and resources with the input of Oklahoma businesses and tribes. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, OSDE and Oklahoma Department of Career Technology have united in this

endeavor. Mentors can access these tools. **Chelsea Hunt**. okedge.com



The Boys and Girls Club of Oklahoma County has expanded innovative, quality programs and satellite sites at an unprecedented rate. Pathways focuses upon careers. **This Way Ahead** This Way Ahead provides the next generation with their first jobs, mentoring, skills, and confidence they need to succeed.

Career Launch The goal of Career Launch is to help members explore a variety of careers, make educational decisions, and prepare to enter the workforce. **Dream Pitch** BGCOKC has partnered with the Chickasaw Nation Corporate Development Office to provide members with an opportunity to pitch a new business idea. **Boeing UFO: Unlimited Flying Opportunities** BGCOKC has developed an innovative unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) program called Unidentified Flying Opportunity (UFO). **Jane Sutter**. bgcokc.org

Pre-K - First



Tornadoes in Mentoring Excel (T.I.M.E.) Mentoring Program, Nance Elementary School, Clinton



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The Mentoring Connector

is the only national mentoring program database on which to post a program. See on mentoring.org.

Free Mentoring Resources



MENTOR, the National Mentoring Partnership – mentoring.org

Starting a program, campaigns, training, webinars, resources...*The Elements of Effective Mentoring Practice* and its targeted supplements



National Mentoring Resource Center – nationalmentoringresourcecenter.org

Evidence-based practices, sharing practitioner innovations & applying for technical training



The Chronicle of Evidence-Based Mentoring – evidencebasedmentoring.org

Resource for summaries of mentoring research and practice



MENTOR Colorado – comentoring.org

Our neighbor offers a vast array of free technical assistance.

- Auditing your evaluation practices
- Updating your policies and procedures
- Learning more about mentoring innovations
- Analyzing your mentor recruitment and retention
- Refreshing your mentor training
- Adding a mentee training component
- Exploring new partnerships
- Convening stakeholders
- Co-boarding new staff
- Identifying new funding streams
- Analyzing your screening practices
- And much more!



Bianca Gordon,
Bridges of Norman



David Harris, 100
Black Men of Tulsa



TJ Warren, Life
Launch, Tulsa



El Reno's House of Healing uses horses and 25 acres of nature in its mentoring program for girls. Kathy Boeckman.



STARBASE Oklahoma, Department of Defense, offers STEM mentoring. Activity instructions posted at starbaseok.org, under "Resources," and then "Activities," include an eggdrop, foam flyer, nanotechnology, chemical changes and "Colorful Candy Chromatography."

Rita Miller.



Congratulations to the Muskogee (Creek) Nation and its **Muskoke Nation Youth Services** for launching its pilot mentoring program in **Wetumka**. Leaders from the community helped plan the middle school program.
Nancy Mason.



Students Striving for Success Mentoring Program, El Reno-



Loving Tweedey, the cow, from New Life Trails, Ponca City



Cache's Building Extraordinary Success Today (B.E.S.T.), a middle school mentoring, coaching and leadership program

Oklahoma has and needs many forms of mentoring. Quality mentoring helps a diverse range of people reach their full potential. Some mentoring domains: elementary, middle and high school; college; CareerTech; entering the workforce; within the workforce; corporate; leadership; mental health; incarcerated and recently released; foster youth and alumni; and others. We just need more quality, well-funded programs reaching Oklahomans.