



Empowerment

Providing positive one-on-one support, guidance and capacity building



Self-Reliance

Developing problem-solving skills, and self-confidence necessary for a brighter future



Ambition

Laying the foundation needed to obtain a fulfilling and financially-rewarding career

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a Difference**

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**Walking with young
adults transitioning
out of foster care on
a path to life-long
success**



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WHAT IS INDEPENDENT LIVING HOPE MENTORING

Independent Living (IL) HOPE (Hope, Opportunity and Prosperity for Everyone) Mentoring is a voluntary one-on-one mentoring program for young adults from foster care. The Mentor provides support, counsel, guidance, reinforcement and a constructive example by helping the Mentee transition into adulthood and reach his/her academic, career, social and personal goals. Mentors will focus on social and life skills, education, training and employment. The goal is to help young adults from foster care utilize problem-solving skills and achieve life-long success.

Vision:

IL HOPE Mentoring Vision Statement: The vision of IL HOPE Mentoring is to provide opportunities for young adults from foster care to access beneficial resources through the empowerment of a mentoring relationship.

Mission:

IL HOPE Mentoring Mission Statement: The mission of IL HOPE Mentoring is to empower young adults from foster care, inspire self-reliance and cultivate ambition in the young adult's journey to successful adulthood.



WHAT IS MENTORING

Mentoring is coming alongside to support him/her as he/she learns and grows toward success.

Mentors benefit from:

- Gaining awareness and serving their community
- Developing coaching and leadership skills
- Instilling wisdom and sharing insight
- Making a positive difference in another person's life

Mentees benefit from:

- Strengthening problem-solving, social and life skills
- Expanding knowledge of community resources
- Recognizing strengths and encouragement to reach their potential
- Gaining career growth and networking opportunities



GOALS

The goals for the young adult involved in the IL HOPE Mentoring program may include:

- Help with transitioning into adulthood with adequate life and social skills
- Enhancing their ability to navigate community resources and build a positive support network
- Increasing completion of secondary and post secondary education
- Helping them develop a career plan and pursue training and employment opportunities

WHAT IT TAKES TO MENTOR

- Must be at least 21 years old
- Commit to mentor for one year
- Be available to contact the Mentee weekly, and meet at least once per month
- Be able to cultivate problem-solving, social and life skills

HOW TO BECOME A MENTOR

- Complete the HOPE Mentoring application
- Submit a copy of your driver's license and two letters of reference
- Complete an interview with the IL HOPE Mentoring Coordinator
- Attend the HOPE Mentoring program training part 1 and part 2
- Complete the security clearance process and commitment documents