

WHAT DOES MENTORING FOSTER YOUTH MEAN?

“It’s important to know that people really do care, not simply because they are getting paid to care.” Keisha, age 17.

“Foster care is like a tornado. It picks you up and drops you down in a strange place. Having a mentor would be someone helping you find your way.” Keith, age 17.

“We need someone we can look up to ... someone who believes in us.” Josh, age 18.

“Sometimes in foster care, we experience fear and lack of control. Having someone who is straight with you and can listen ... that would be tight.” Tiffany, age 18.

“I need a mentor to help me not be so scared of leaving the system.” Anna, age 18.

“Every child needs someone who holds high expectations and sees a better life in the future, and YOU can be that person.” Dr. Jim Kooler, Director, Governor’s Mentoring Partnership.

“Mentoring – a unique experience, from one human being to another; starting as strangers and showing them that you care and will stand by them through life’s difficulties.”
Nancy Kardon, Asst. U.S. Attorney.

“All too often our county’s at-risk youth have no reliable and permanent anchor in their lives. Mentors have an invaluable opportunity to fill that void and to play a meaningful and lasting role in crafting a positive future for these youth.” Miriam Aroni Krinsky, Executive Director, Children’s Law Center of Los Angeles.