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Mentoring Coalition of San Diego County

A Project of the Children's Initiative

Program List

Academy Neighbors Program

San Pasqual Academy

This is a one-on-one and group Intergenerational Mentor Program. Senior mentors live both on campus and in the community. San Pasqual Academy is a residential High School for foster youth. On campus mentors do group mentoring. Community Mentors do one-on-one mentoring.

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Alliance for African Assistance

Youth Mentor Program

The Alliance for African Assistance is a refugee resettlement agency that serves refugees from all over the world. In collaboration with the San Diego BRIGHT Families Project, the alliance offers a mentoring program to refugee youth ages 12-18 that live in San Diego County. The mentors encourage goal setting, intercultural relations and responsible parenting. The program requires a commitment of five hours per month for a period of six months. The program serves all of San Diego County, however the majority of the mentees reside in the City Heights/Metro communities.

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AMIGOS Mentoring Program

Nativity Prep Academy

The AMIGOS Mentoring Program serves underserved middle school students at a tuition-free, private school in the Logan Heights area. Mentors develop a one-to-one relationship with the student by visiting them at school 1-hour per week between 7:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M. to play games, make art projects, do homework, play sports, talk, and have lots of fun! Mentors and mentees also have option of attending program group events such as going to the beach, sports games, and other fun events.

About Nativity Prep Academy:

Nativity Prep Academy provides a quality middle school education to underserved children from southeast San Diego. NPA is committed to each student's total development – academic, emotional, physical, and spiritual – by emphasizing serious study, personal and social

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responsibility. Nativity Prep Academy envisions its students succeeding in high school and college and becoming role models and leaders in their communities. The mentors make a one- year commitment.

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Big & Little Sister Mentor Program

Big Sister League of San Diego, Inc.

The Big Sister League Mentor Program selects, trains and matches adult women mentors with girls ages 6-15. The mentors encourage the girls to recognize and make responsible use of their capacities and strengths to reach their full potential. Mentors agree to spend three to four hours per week with their mentee for a minimum of one year. This program serves all of San Diego County.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County

Community Mentoring

Bigs in Schools

Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County has been serving the community since 1961, professionally matching adults and children in one-on-one relationships. As a national organization, Big Brothers Big Sisters has been matching adults and children for over 100 years. Being a Big Brother or Big Sister is about sharing simple, everyday moments with a child. Community Mentoring is designed for a Big (adult mentor) to be matched with a Little (child mentee). They determine their activities based on mutual interests and their own schedule(s). Bigs in Schools is designed for Bigs and Littles to meet once-a-week at the child's elementary school to share interests, play games or work on school projects.

No training is required. Mentor must have references and be 19 years of age or older. Mentees are between the ages of 7 and 18 (must be 16 at enrollment). Mentors must make a commitment for six to twelve months, depending upon the program. A Community mentor must have a personal vehicle and valid driver's license. A Bigs in Schools mentor must have a valid driver's license.

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C.A.T. Mentoring Program

SAY San Diego, Inc.

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The C.A.T. Mentoring Program provides adult one-to-one mentors for at-risk youth ages 9-12. Mentors develop relationships with young people to guide and inspire them to set goals and make healthy life choices. With the support of experienced staff, mentors meet with their mentee several times a month for a period six months. Before the match begins, volunteer mentors undergo extensive training that focus on program guidelines, understanding youth and positive communication skills.

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Compeer San Diego Mentoring Program

Compeer San Diego

For the past several years, Compeer San Diego has provided a safe, nurturing, mentoring program for children, teens, adults, and older adults living with severe mental illnesses in San Diego County.

The Compeer Program matches 1 trained Compeer San Diego community volunteer with 1 client who is coping with a mental illness. This 1:1 match builds mutual trust, friendship, mutual understanding, and serves as a personal support base for clients to lean on while they are seeking professional therapy toward improved mental health. Trained volunteers give four hours a month for a year to their new friend. Their activities include: movies, looking for a job, going out to dinner, or simply spending some time together. Clients must be referred by their therapist contact Compeer San Diego to receive more information.

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Fatherhood is Forever Group Mentoring Project

Turning the Hearts Center (THC)

Fatherhood is Forever is a yearlong group mentoring project for middle and high school aged young men. Groups are conducted after school with a primary focus on teen pregnancy prevention, life skills development, and health education. The project starts with comprehensive 12-week teen pregnancy prevention curriculum and continues ongoing support services and mentoring to each youth and family based on individual needs and assessments. Mentors must be 21 years of age and older and are required to spend 2 hours per week with their mentee(s) during a weekly group session. Turning the Hearts Center primarily serves the South Bay community, but plans to expand services to other regions of San Diego County in the future.

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Fishing Mentors, Inc.

Fishing Mentors provides supportive one-to-one mentors and positive fishing experiences for at-risk youth. There are many young people who need positive influences in their lives. Fishing Mentors hopes that participants who complete the six month program will learn more than just how to fish, but how to live better lives, do well in school, and display healthy behaviors.

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Foster Youth Mentor Program

Health & Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services

The Foster Youth Mentor Program matches caring adult with foster children. It is a program under the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services. Foster children are dependents of the Juvenile Dependency Court, and reside in foster homes or group homes. Mentors provide the children with a supportive and enriching one-on-one relationship that will aid in developing self-esteem. Activities may include providing transportation, tutoring, and various social/educational outings.

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Hermanitas

San Diego MANA

The Hermanitas (Little Sisters) Program is a youth leadership program under the auspices of San Diego MANA, a national Latina organization. The mission of the organization is to develop the leadership capabilities of Hispanic women. The Hermanitas Program is one-to-one mentoring that focuses on the development of successful, responsible youth. The program explores topics that include self-esteem, cultural pride, academic goals and career opportunities.

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Home Start's Mentoring Services

Home Start

Home Start's Mentoring Services are for girls in the 4-12th grades and focus primarily on strengthening academic success while eliminating barriers to success. Services are intensive and comprehensive in nature and are provided by interns pursuing degrees in the field of social work.

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Intergenerational Mentor Program

Union of Pan-Asian Communities (UPAC)

The goal of UPAC is to provide a culturally competent mentoring relationship to youth of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage.

The Intergenerational Mentor Program provides mentors for youth at-risk for gang involvement, teen pregnancy, and use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. The project aims to reduce negative behavior, expand career options and build skills that will enable youth to become responsible, self-sufficient and healthy. This will be done through interaction with positive Asian role models from the business, law enforcement, education and health/human services communities.

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Jewish Big Pals

Jewish Family Services

Jewish Big Pals, a one-on-one mentoring program, provides positive, adult Jewish role models for Jewish children ages 6-16 from single-parent homes. "Big Pals" meet with their "Little Pals" at least every other weekend for 3-6 hours to do constructive, esteem-building activities together. Once made, matches are supervised on a monthly basis during the first year and quarterly thereafter. This program serves all off San Diego County.

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Legacy Corps

New Alternatives, Inc

Creates Intergenerational Teams consisting of one foster teen and one senior who will receive training and then will provide up to 10 hours weekly assistance to a caregiver of a homebound person in San Diego County. While service is provided mentoring will take place in the Team. Also youth will be exposed to Health care related professions.

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Mariners Church/Lighthouse Mentoring

We believe mentoring is about changing lives of both our mentees and mentors. We believe mentoring is more about changing convictions and values than behavior. We believe that every human being is hardwired to connect to people and to something spiritual (God). We believe the best thing we can do for those being served is to model Christ so they in time will know and understand how to model that love to others.

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Mentored Community Services Program

The Mentored Community Services Program provides guided community service opportunities to students who are referred to complete requirements for everything from school extra-credit to parole. They participate in Prevention Education focused on drugs, alcohol and other risky behaviors. Students are required to complete a project that addresses their behavior and reason for referral.

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Mentoring Moms

Jewish Family Service

Jewish Family Services is seeking mature women to volunteer for one year to help a teen mom by offering support, friendship, and building confidence to finish school. Mentors meet with **teen** once a week throughout the year. The goal of this program is to help these teens develop into independent responsible adults. Volunteers undergo screening and training, and send monthly reports to program coordinator.

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PCA Mentoring Program

Partners for Community Access

The PCA Mentoring Program provides stable and caring mentors to youth living in rural, under-served areas. Our mentors will guide and support mentees to improve their social, emotional, and educational skills, so that they may become happy, healthy and productive members of their communities. The program is supported by the Department of Education in hopes of improving the children's ability to achieve the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act, and to inspire self-esteem that will enable the students to serve as productive members of their communities.

This is a one-to-one program for underserved rural youth, 4th through 8th grades, 9 to 14 years old. It strictly serves students on the Ramona Elementary, Julian Elementary, and Julian Junior High School campuses. A commitment of one year, 1 hour a week is requested of all matches to best serve the needs of the youth. Optional activities are available one weekend a month, along with ongoing trainings for mentors, mentees, and parents. The program focus is on positive adult interaction that promotes cultural diversity, along with substance awareness and usage prevention. The goal is to establish positive relationships between caring adults and children in need of intervention. Potential mentor referrals, adults 18 years of age or older, are needed.

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Project Hero

Escondido Education COMPACT

Project Hero connects youth to the world by providing mentors who help with career exploration, job shadowing and vocational/college entry. Mentors and on-staff counselors work individually with students on tasks such as portfolio building, tutoring and filling out college applications. This program opens only to students as part of the COMPACT Careers Club.

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PUSD Mentoring Program

Poway Unified School District

The Academic Mentoring Program is a one-to-one school-based mentoring program that targets underachieving students in grades 2-12. Mentors meet one hour per week with students to offer assistance, encouragement, and support needed to help them gain a better understanding of how to meet academic goals. The mentor also promotes the importance of improved attendance and behavior. In addition to meeting at the school site, mentors plan special field trips to sporting events, cultural activities, etc.

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"Road to College" Mentor Program

Barrio Logan College Institute

The purpose of BLCI's "Road to College" Mentor Program is to make one-on-one matches with interested, low-income, first-generation college-bound BLCI elementary, middle and high school students. The mentors are caring adults from diverse backgrounds that have college experience and can share their "college knowledge" with BLCI students, helping them succeed and realize their own potential. The "Road to College" Mentor Program serves 5th-12th graders that participate in BLCI's after-school enrichment program. All have the potential to be first generation college students! These students live in or around the culturally low-income community of Barrio Logan and attend schools all over San Diego County.

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San Diego BRIGHT Families Project

UCSD Dept. of Reproductive Medicine/Division of Community Services

The San Diego BRIGHT Families Project is a mentoring program designed to help youth negotiate through their turbulent teen years. Its goals include building self-esteem, decreasing teen pregnancy, increasing school performance, reducing crime and violence and teaching positive decision-making skills. The program focuses on teaching teens to build self-esteem, and exposing teens to different opportunities for careers and education.

Mentors spend at least five hours per month with their teens for six months. They teach them how to set and achieve goals, help with homework, talk about reproductive health, and form positive relationships. Bright Families trains mentors on the reproductive health curriculum, and also shows them how to effectively work with their mentees. In addition, the project provides mentor support and holds fun, educational group activities every month.

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San Diego Youth & Community Services (SDYCS) – Two Programs

NFL Youth Education Town Mentoring Program

NFL Youth Education Town is a one-to-one mentoring program serving students ages 9-17 and/or are children of prisoners, in the communities of Sherman Heights, Golden Hills, Mid-City and City Heights (Please note that they do accept referrals from any community as long as the youth can arrange for their own transportation). Mentors must be high school graduates ages 18 and older and willing to commit to spending 2 hours per week with their mentees for a period of 9 months. This mentoring program is designed to help youth make positive choices, prevent possible drug use, and deter them from joining a street gang. With the help of a mentor, youth will learn the importance of staying in school and working toward a career. Our goal is to promote academic achievement and prevent delinquency in the lives of our youth. The program is operated out of the SDYCS NFL Youth Education Town Center, allowing all mentees the opportunity to participate in Center activities while they wait to be matched up with a mentor. The Center provides diversion/intervention services, case management, tutoring and homework assistance, computer classes, recreation activities, field trips, gender-specific life choices groups, and community service project/events.

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Vision Achievement Mentoring (VAM)

VAM is a group-mentoring program focused on preventing teen pregnancy.

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Social Advocates for Youth - SAY San Diego – Two Programs

Community Assessment Team (CAT) Mentoring Program

The CAT Mentoring Program provides adult one-to-one mentors for at-risk youth ages 7-16 in the Mid-City community of San Diego. Mentors develop relationships with young people to guide and inspire them to set goals and make healthy life choices. With the support of experienced staff, mentors meet with their mentee twice a month for a period of six months. Before the match begins, volunteers undergo several hours of training that focus on program guidelines, understanding youth and positive communication skills.

Vision Achievement Mentoring (VAM)

VAM is a group-mentoring program that works with youth ages 10-19 from multi-ethnic backgrounds in the Mid-City, City Heights and North Park communities of San Diego. Peer mentors ages 18-25 serve as leaders who work with youth to develop a life vision on topics including teen pregnancy prevention, independent living skills, study skills, time management, conflict resolution and drug and alcohol prevention. Groups meet at the SAY Mid-City site for approximately one and one half hours per week for the duration of one school semester.

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STEP UP Foster Youth Mentor Ministry

The Rock Church

This ministry exists to build up foster youth who are going through life lost, and without hope. We have over 7,000 foster youth in San Diego County. These children have been removed from their homes, neighborhood, and communities - all that is familiar to them. This only increases their feelings of loneliness and most fill this emptiness with drug, sex, fighting/anger, and many end up on the streets at 18 with no place to go and no one to turn to for help.

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Mentors are caring people that follow these kids to provide ongoing support. When a kid moves to a new foster home, the mentor is there, when a kid moves to another group home, the mentor is there, when they get into trouble, or kicked out of school, the mentor is there.

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Sudanese Mentoring Center

Southern Sudanese Community Center

The goal of this program is to increase the GPA of all who attend our tutoring center. It was established for refugees, community youth and their parents, to work together on activities, homework, reading and related subjects. For more information, please contact:

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Teen Choices

San Diego Youth & Community Services (SDYCS)

Our Teen Choices Program provides health, legal and educational advocacy services to at-risk youth including dependents of the court. All mentors provide guidance & support to help youth realize their potential & facilitate their educational, social & personal growth. Teen Choices also includes health risk assessments, referrals to health providers, one-to-one mentoring, and comprehensive case management. The target areas include Oceanside, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Linda Vista, Clairemont, Downtown San Diego and Kearny. All referring partners MUST attend an Orientation meeting prior to submitting a referral to the Teen Choices program.

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Together for Success

Sweetwater Union High School District

The purpose for "Together for Success" is to provide studies with a glimpse the world of work prior to leaving high school. Businesses and community volunteers share their work environment with students as

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on-the-job experience allowing adults to mentor topics such as work ethic, soft skills, career specific skills and general knowledge needed for a specific job. Mentor-student matches are done based on student's course of study in high school.

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Vision Achievement Mentoring (V.A.M.)

Crisis House

Vision Achievement Mentoring is a six-agency collaborative effort to reduce teen pregnancy and fatherlessness that specifically targets at-risk youth and their families.

V.A.M. is a unique mentoring program designed to help at-risk youth ages 10-19 and their families in East County. V.A.M. matches youth with trained mentors to guide them through various recreational and educational activities, including the establishment of a personal life vision, career exploration and community involvement.

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What's Next?

The Center for an Accessible Society

What's Next? is a mentoring program for young people and adults with physical disabilities. We meet together two Saturdays a month for fun, sharing and topics on independent living, managing personal care, transit services, driving, vocational rehabilitation, social security and others. We match one student with one mentor, but meet as a group 6-8 hours per month. We serve students from 16-26 years old in San Diego County. The length of the program is two years for mentees and one year for mentors.

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Y-FRIENDz Mentoring Program

YMCA Youth & Family Services

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Y-FRIENDz works specifically with children ages 4-15 who have one or both parents currently incarcerated. There are *at least* 15,000 such children in San Diego County!

The Mission of the Y-FRIENDz Mentoring Program is to provide stable and caring mentors so that these children may be empowered to develop the relationships and social skills that will help them grow up to be happy, healthy and productive adults. Each mentor meets with their mentee for 1-3 hours per week and commit to mentoring for one year. In addition to weekly meetings, the program holds monthly community events for all mentors and mentees that include going to plays, concerts, sporting events, and other recreational activities. Life skills activities and community service are also essential components of the program. Mentors are quality adult role models 18 years and up. Each mentor is required to attend an initial training session and ongoing training is provided throughout the year.

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Youth Empowering Success

YES! Is a collaborative program serving current and former foster youth ages 16-22. The program provides work readiness and independent living skills to assist "aging out" foster youth in becoming self-sufficient, responsible adults. An active relationship with a caring adult role model is the missing link for many foster youth. Mentors provide the friendship and support to these young people that makes a difference.

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Referrals Only

Partners at Learning

University of California, San Diego

The Partners at Learning (PAL) program, through the Teacher Education Program (TEP), provides UCSD undergraduate students several service-learning opportunities to work as mentors and tutors in San Diego's elementary, middle and high schools. The PAL Program strives to:

- Provide academic opportunities that challenge and support motivated elementary and secondary students, and prepare them for success in college preparatory classes.
- Expose San Diego's youth to college role models.
- Encourage and support family involvement in children's education.

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- Immerse UCSD students in a community services experience working with students in local schools.

Every year students in UCSD's PaL course work with hundreds of young people on an individual basis, provide mentoring and tutoring at more than 20 area schools and contribute over 20,000 volunteer hours working with San Diego's youth.

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Other

County Appointed Special Advocates

Voices for Children, Inc.

Voices for Children, a nonprofit organization, endeavors to ensure that the abused, neglected and abandoned children who have become dependents of the San Diego County Court, will have a safe and permanent home. Through our work of trained and educated volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), Voices for Children works with key agencies, legal council and community resources to identify and protect the best interests of each child inside and outside of court.

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Father Love

The goal of Father Love is to bring father and mentors together to share their experiences and insights to help children and mentees.

Any father, grandfather or mentor is invited to discuss the pain, joy, conflicts and challenges of being a male role model. Through this group mentoring process, participants are offered support and guidance that will enrich their relationships with their children and/or mentees.

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First United Methodist Church Mentoring Program

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The Mentoring Program at First United Methodist Church of San Diego connects families making a transition from welfare to work with teams of mentors trained by the church. Each mentoring team works closely with a family over the course of a year in an effort job skill development, money management advice, tutoring, emotional support and encouragement.

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Mentor Resources

MentorNet

An e-mail discussion sponsored by members of the Mentoring Coalition of San Diego County, Mentor Net is open to those interested in issues related to youth mentoring as part of San Diego's Promise. This forum provides an opportunity for subscribers to share information on programming issues, upcoming activities, funding availabilities, local and national resources, etc. To subscribe, simply visit www.OneList.com and insert "Mentornet1" into the search engine. Subscriptions are free. Any interested party may join.

The Children's Initiative

The Children's Initiative is a planning and advocacy group that promotes integrated services for children, youth and families. It works toward a countywide collaborative of community-base organizations, government agencies, educational and health institutions, and individuals who come together to encourage and facilitate integrated service delivery. The Initiative may assume the roles of convener, facilitator, advocate, partner and/or participant.

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www.thechildrensinitiative.org

Mentor Management System (MMS)

Mentoring Management Systems (MMS), a private consulting organization, is a recognized leader in the design and implementation of youth mentoring programs. Owner/operator Jerry Sherk works closely with agencies to develop a sound operating structure and mentoring trainings that promote the safety and personal development of their mentees.

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San Diego's Promise- The Alliance for Youth

Website: [Mentoring Coalition of San Diego County \(sdmentorcoalition.org\)](http://sdmentorcoalition.org)

San Diego County was one of the 150 communities to send a delegation to the 1997 President's summit chaired by General Colin Powell. The San Diego delegation returned home inspired and energized, having committed our community to improving the lives of our children and youth. San Diego's Promise, a fluid alliance of corporations, foundations, organizations, public agencies and individuals, is the local response to this commitment. Under the leadership of the Children's Initiative, San Diego's Promise participates in a variety of collaborations to fulfill the "five promises" to youth:

- Mentoring
- Safe places
- Healthy starts
- Marketable skills
- Opportunities to give back

These collaborations include: The Mentoring Coalition of San Diego County, San Diego After-School Regional Consortium, Critical Hours, San Diego Youth Congress, and Comprehensive Strategy for Family, Youth and Community. San Diego's Promise has developed a strategic plan for encouraging businesses to support the youth of San Diego County.

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Volunteer Recruitment Services & Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer San Diego

Volunteer San Diego's Mission is to connect individuals and groups with meaningful volunteer opportunities that meet real community needs. If you are looking for volunteers/mentors, please contact Volunteer San Diego for more information. In addition to providing support for organizations trying to recruit mentors/volunteers (see below), Volunteer San Diego provides an excellent resource for mentors/mentees looking to volunteer during their mentoring activities. We also offer volunteer management training courses several times each year.

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Additional On-Line Resources

California Mentor Initiative

Website: [Mentoring Coalition of San Diego County \(sdmentorcoalition.org\)](http://sdmentorcoalition.org)

This is a mentoring resource center in the State of California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs.
www.adp.cahwnet.gov/cmi_sub.asp

Evaluation, Management, and Training, Inc. (EMT)

EMT is funded by the State of California to give no-cost technical assistance to career-oriented and traditional youth mentoring programs.

www.emt.org

National Mentoring Partnership

This is a comprehensive site on youth mentoring.

www.mentoring.org

Northwest Regional Educational Library

This site often has studies and tips for program managers regarding successful management of mentoring programs.

www.nwrel.org/mentoring

Public/Private Ventures

This site is the leader in youth mentoring program research.

www.ppv.org

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Although the Mentoring Coalition of San Diego County has a goal of helping youth mentoring programs establish safe and effective practices, each listed organization functions as an entity independent of the Coalition. The Mentoring Coalition of San Diego County does not certify or monitor individual programs,

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