

EXPERIENCE HEAD START

South Central Child Development, Inc. Program has opportunities for area youth to volunteer their time and talents with Head Start children between the ages of 3-5 years old.

Junior High and High School students, or youth from various community youth programs such as church groups or scouting groups, can spend time in our Head Start classrooms and mini-groups; reading stories to children, assisting with play activities, helping children with daily tasks and spending one on one time with a child.

Junior High and High School youth will make a difference in the lives of small children. The small children will make a difference in the lives of the Junior High and High School students.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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**YOUTH MENTORING
INITIATIVE**

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

- Volunteer in early childhood classroom or mini-group.
- Read to the children.
- Create fun developmentally appropriate activities.
- Work with a mentor to receive child development training.

Benefits

- Receive training in positive child development practices.
- Will develop strengths in internal assets such as:
 - responsibility;
 - culture competence;
 - peaceful conflict resolution; and
 - sense of purpose.
- Will increase strengths in external assets such as:
 - positive adult relationships;
 - positive peer influence;
 - caring neighborhood; and
 - valuing youth as resources in the community.
- Will increase planning and decision making skills.

SCHOOLS INVOLVEMENT

- Recommend youth to be involved in the program.
- Meet with Head Start contact person.
- Meet with youth on a regular basis.

Benefits

- Provides opportunities for students not involved in "typical" school activities.
- Collaboration with community agencies.
- Provides a framework for positive youth asset development.
- School will receive resources on positive involvement.

HEAD START INVOLVEMENT

- Provide a developmentally appropriate environment.
- Consult with staff and youth involved in the program.
- Provide resources and training to youth and schools.
- Collect information through surveys and provide feedback to those involved in the program.

Benefits

- Volunteerism/involvement will increase in the program.
- May create an opportunity for older siblings to participate in the program.
- Create greater community awareness for the Head Start program.
- Collaboration with community agencies.
- Children will benefit from increase support for literacy activities.
- Increase positive role models and to celebrate diversity in the classroom.