

BACK TO SCHOOL, BACK TO WORK, BACK TO MENTORING!!

The lazy, hazy days of summer are almost over and school will be back in session all too soon. In order to help school and community-based mentoring programs prepare for starting up in the fall, the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership has **3 Tips for Mentoring** to recommend! The following information is from **Dr. Susan Weinberger's new book *Preparing My Mentor For Me***. Click on the links below for helpful tips and information on the following areas:

1. [Establishing a New Relationship](#)
2. [Conversation Starters](#)
3. [Developing Trust](#)

[See Upcoming Trainings](#)

BACK TO SCHOOL SALE

Throughout the months of September, October and November, The Governor's Prevention Partnership is offering the three *My Mentor & Me* guides, and the **NEW** *Preparing My Mentor For Me*, written by Dr. Susan Weinberger. The books are on sale for **\$5.00 & \$9.00** for Connecticut Programs only. On December 1st, the books will return to their regular price of \$6.00 & \$10.00. Now is the time to stock up on books for your mentors as your programs gets up and running this year.

COMING SOON!

Over the past year, the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership staff has been working closely with the National Mentoring Partnership and our colleagues in other states to prepare for the roll-out of a new on-line data tracking and analysis system, **MentorPRO**. MentorPRO is designed for mentoring programs to better manage their **P**rograms, manage mentoring **R**elationships and evaluate **O**utcomes. MentorPRO provides mentoring programs with standardized measures and a common system for collecting, tracking and analyzing mentoring data. It is the only system available which allows mentoring programs to integrate data derived from the ongoing tracking of mentoring relationships with youth outcomes data, helping them develop best practices to better serve young people. As we all know, collecting and analyzing data and program results, both locally and at the state level, is critical for sustaining resources. The Connecticut Mentoring Partnership is interested in working with a small group of programs to pilot MentorPRO. More information will be available soon. In the meantime, contact [Veronica DeLandro](#) 860-523-8042 ext. 24 for more information.

WHAT'S NEW?

Mentoring Children of Prisoners: Caregiver's Choice... Earlier this year, Eileen Peltier, program manager of the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership, joined with leaders from Nutmeg Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Families in Crisis and Covenant to Care to oversee the launch of the Caregiver's Choice program in the state as part of a national pilot program.

What is Caregiver's Choice? First and foremost, Caregiver's Choice is about mentoring relationships, bringing mentoring programs and children with incarcerated parents together to facilitate quality new mentoring relationships. Caregiver's Choice makes it possible for many more kids in Connecticut to have mentors. This program is unique because it gives the child's parent or caregiver the power to *choose*—to look at the available programs and decide on the best mentoring program to meet their needs and the needs of the child.

How to Get Involved... Mentoring programs participating in the program will receive \$1,000 per child in four installments over a twelve-month period, linked to key milestones in the mentoring relationship. If your program meets quality standards—in mentoring and working with families of the incarcerated—you can apply to the National Mentoring Partnership to participate in the program by [clicking here](#). Once your program is registered, you will be added to the list



SAVE-THE-DATE

Upcoming Trainings

August 21 & 22, 2008

[How to Build a Successful Mentoring Program](#)

September 26, 2008
[Recruitment Training](#)

December 4, 2008
[Maximizing Awareness of your Program through the Media](#)

December 11 & 12, 2008

[How to Build a Successful Mentoring Program](#)

At the touch of a button!



[Online searchable database](#) of Connecticut mentoring programs that meet quality standards

Is your program registered? Contact [Cheryl Yetke](#) or [Veronica DeLandro](#)

MENTORING PUBLICATIONS

[My Mentor & Me](#)
(Elementary, Middle, & High School)
[Preparing My Mentor For Me](#)

that can be accessed by caregivers and parents who will then choose an approved mentoring program that best meets their needs and redeem their voucher. For more information click [here](#) or call Eileen Peltier at (860) 523-8042, ext. 18.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Fall Mentoring Regional Networks

The Connecticut Mentoring Partnership Regional Networks bring together program providers in various regions of the state to identify and discuss common issues, exchange views, support one another and promote common interests in mentoring throughout Connecticut. Contact [Cheryl Yetke](#) or [Veronica DeLandro](#) at 860.523.8042, to register for the next regional roundtable.

****Hartford area Programs:***

Tuesday, September 16, 2008; 9:30am-11:30am, Bristol Board of Education Auditorium, 129 Church Street Bristol, CT.

****Windham /New London area Programs:***

Tuesday, September 16, 2008; 9:30 am-11:30 am, Child and Family Resource Development Center Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham Street Willimantic, CT.

We are eager to hear from you and learn more about your program, your successes and challenges and to discuss how we can assist you. Please call us at 800.422.5422 or 860.523.8042 and ask for a CMP Staff member.

SAVE-THE-DATE!

On Saturday, September 20th, Central Connecticut State University will host **North Carolina Central University for the "Harmony Football Classic."** NCCU, a historically black university located in Durham, North Carolina, is traveling to Connecticut to play CCSU. This game is a part of a week long celebration of diversity and coincides with Connecticut NAACP's 100th anniversary. The events taking place throughout the week at CCSU will focus on diversity and building racial harmony.

Date: Saturday, September 20, 2008

Time: 1:00p.m.

Location: Veterans Stadium, New Britain, CT

Tickets: General admission is \$12.00 each; group tickets are \$10.00 each for blocks of 50 tickets or more.

Contact: For more information about tickets, please call the CCSU ticket office at (860) 832-3052.

The 18th Annual Governor's Luncheon - Leaders in Partnership for Kids

Monday, September 29th, 11:30am – 2:00pm at the Alumni Hall at Central Connecticut State University. Governor M. Jodi Rell will present corporate and media "Partners in Prevention" awards; Peter Yarrow (*of Peter, Paul & Mary and founder of Operation Respect*) will share his thoughts on violence prevention in our communities and schools, and those involved in mentoring, underage drinking and school support programs will share their personal experiences. For information about sponsorship contact [The Governor's Prevention Partnership](#).

Putting Best Practices Into Action - *Fostering Positive Youth Development in CT*

The Governor's Prevention Partnership is launching a new conference this fall focused on positive youth development, to be held November 18, 2008, at the Courtyard Marriott in Cromwell. The conference will provide an opportunity for practitioners of mentoring, school-based services and other initiatives that support young people on their path to the future workforce to exchange "state of the art" information.

Presenters will represent programs that foster sustained, positive adult-youth mentoring relationships, youth life-skill building activities, and youth participation and leadership in community activities. In addition, presenters will represent a host of agencies and organizations, including mentoring programs, school systems, youth leadership programs and educational resource centers. Please save the date and look for more information in the near future!

Mentoring Corporate Honor Roll Celebration - January, 2009

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WEB RESOURCES

[The National Mentoring Partnership](#)

[The Connecticut Clearinghouse](#)