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Success Mentor Match Support
Focus Group

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• Unifying champion for expanding quality youth mentoring relationships in the U.S. for more than 25 years
• Develops and delivers evidence-based standards, innovative research, and essential tools for youth-serving programs, including the Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring™
• Supports a network of 26 mentoring partnerships and 50+ technical assistance providers who support mentoring programs locally
• Manages the National Mentoring Resource Center, which provides no-cost training and technical assistance to mentoring programs nationwide
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Mentor New York

- Fuels quality mentoring relationships that bring a caring adult to children in need through safe, effective mentoring programs throughout New York State
- Serves New York State by starting mentoring programs, recruiting and training mentors, and expanding the effectiveness and capacity of existing programs
- Works with over 600 mentoring programs in New York, serving 60,000 youth
Agenda

- Introduction to match support
- Q & A
- Match support curriculum
- Feedback
Why Is Match Support Important?

- Longer and stronger benefits for youth
  - The impacts of early closure on youth
- Safety and boundary issues
  - Match support is continued screening
- Modeling a strengths-based approach
- Match support starts at recruitment stage and continues throughout the relationship
Why Is Match Support Challenging?

- Mentors may not share problems right away
- A lot may be going on under the surface
- Many mentors assume that if there is an issue, it’s their fault, when it may not be about them
- Hearing the stories of others can validate mentors’ experiences
Q & A

- Please share some of your supervision experiences.
- What worked for you?
Match Support Toolkit

Match Support Curriculum
Table of Contents

Spring:
- What do I need to know?
  - SuccessMentorsSchoolChecklistAugust2.pdf

Summer:
- How do I prepare?
  - Click here to request TA
  - Success Mentors Request Template.
- What are some materials to help me?
  - Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring TM

Fall:
- Starting the year off right
  - Building the Foundation SuccessMentors PPT.pptx
  - Mentoring 101 FINAL.pptx
  - Success Mentors Webinar Handout 101.pdf

Winter
- Continued Support
  - Mentoring 201, Overcoming MENTOR Challenges FINAL.pptx
  - Match Support Webinar FINAL.pptx
- “What do I do with my mentee?”
  - Activities Guide DOE.docx

Spring
- Trainings and support for Mentors
  - Supporting Young People in the Wake of Violence and Trauma updated 11.16.17.pptx.pptx
Feedback

- What would you like to see in this toolkit?
- What is missing?
- Do you have things from your own programs you’d like to share?

Contact alormer@mentoring.org to share any additional feedback.
What Should I Do Next?

- **Connect:**
  - Check out the OJJDP [National Mentoring Resource Center](#) to access a wealth of free mentoring resources, and for the opportunity to request no-cost technical assistance for your program.
  - Connect with the [MENTOR affiliate](#) in your state or region.
  - Reach out to [dhagan@mentoring.org](mailto:dhagan@mentoring.org) or (617) 303 1804 to request no-cost TA.
Organizations that we work with:

Everyone Graduates Center: [http://new.every1graduates.org](http://new.every1graduates.org)

Attendance Works: [http://www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org)

MENTOR: [http://www.mentoring.org](http://www.mentoring.org)

My Brother’s Keeper Alliance: [https://www.mbkalliance.org](https://www.mbkalliance.org)

Jobs for the Future: [http://jff.org](http://jff.org)

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