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REFUGEE YOUTH MENTOR

Youth between the ages of 15 and 24 are matched with volunteer mentors in the community to build intercultural relationships and help the youth adjust to life in a new country.

Successful mentors serve as role models, advocates, guides, and supportive friends to young new Americans at a crucial time in their development.



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REFUGEE YOUTH MENTOR DETAILS

Time Commitment:

- 1 to 3 hours per week
- Minimum 6-month commitment

Location:

- Greater Springfield Area
- In-person, hybrid possible

Responsibilities:

- Commitment to building a supportive relationship with refugee youth
- Ability to connect every week with your mentee for 1-2 hours
- Ability to explore resources and make connections in response to mentees interests, goals, and needs
- An interest in sharing community, educational, and career-related resources with mentees
- Ability to support mentee(s) to improve English, as needed
- Participation in orientation and training sessions and regular check-in meetings with JFS staff
- Completion of weekly online log to record time spent with mentee and share stories or concerns
- Communication with program coordinator if any concerns or problems arise

Requirements:

- Previous mentoring experience or a strong interest in serving as a supportive friend and role model in a young person's life
- Experience supporting New American learners
- Ability to communicate and empathize with a young person from a different culture
- Ability to respond to the interests and concerns of a young person
- Proficiency with Zoom, WhatsApp, other online platforms (or willingness to learn!)
- **A parent or adult designee will accompany youth under the age of 18 during all mentorship activities**