

ANTICIPATED



- ◇ Increased self-esteem
- ◇ Increased awareness and modeling of socially acceptable behaviors
- ◇ Expanded goals for lifetime achievement
- ◇ Development of Soft Skills
- ◇ Assistance with Education and Career Planning
- ◇ Gain Skills for Employment Opportunities.

Opportunity Youth is a term for youths aged 16-24 who may not have followed the standard education trajectory, but their life experiences have shaped them to be motivated, loyal, and resilient .

PARTNERSHIP

In Partnership with:

**Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children and Families
and**

100K Opportunities

and

Character Counts!



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CommUNITY Mentoring

CommUNITY Mentoring matches a team of highly trained Mentors with an Opportunity Youth (16-24 year old) to assist them with building soft skills to maximize their employment potential or help them with achieving their educational goals.



**REACHING OUT AND UP
to
Young People Ages 16-24
Who are not in school and
unemployed**

MISSION

There are 4.9 million American youth aged 16-24 year old who are out of school and not working.

That's one-in-seven young people who are disconnected from our economy.



*Young Adults Who Need
a Chance to Succeed*



PROGRAM DESIGN

- ◇ Mentors and mentees participating in the CommUNITY Mentoring Program meet on a weekly basis for several hours .
- ◇ Mentors and mentees commit to the program for 12 months.
- ◇ Mentors are screened through an application and interview process. References are required.
- ◇ Mentors are required to complete a criminal background checks/drug testing provided by the county government.
- ◇ An orientation training is provided with opportunities for ongoing training. There is a resource library and the coordinator emails/mails appropriate resources as well.
- ◇ The mentor coordinator works with the mentors in providing the opportunity for building of positive mentoring relationships.
- ◇ Mentors must be 18 years of age.
- ◇ Mentees are partnered with local businesses to gain skills and potential employment opportunities.
- ◇ The CommUNITY Mentoring Program is using the 100K Opportunities Initiative and collaborating with local business to hire “opportunity youth.”

PARTNERS

- ◇ Queen Anne’s County Local Management Board
- ◇ **CommUNITY** Mentoring Partnership Advisory Board
- ◇ Character Counts!
- ◇ Queen Anne’s County Public Schools
- ◇ Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake
- ◇ Department of Juvenile Services
- ◇ Queen Anne’s County Sheriff’s Department
- ◇ Queen Anne’s County Human Resource Department.
- ◇ National MENTOR
- ◇ QAC Department of Social Services

