

# **Comprehensive Juvenile Services Mentoring Program**

The Mission Statement for CJS, Inc. is:

To Promote Family Reunification

To Prevent and Reduce Juvenile Delinquency

To Positively Redirect Youth Behavior

To Prevent a Youth's Entry or Further Advancement into the Juvenile Justice System

**Purpose: To build a trusting relationship with a juvenile that will offer guidance, support and encouragement to aid juveniles that are either at risk of entering the juvenile justice system or are first time non serious offenders.**

## **Requirements:**

- ❖ **Must be 21 years of age or older.** *Exceptions may be granted to 18 to 20 years of age, based on experience, education and maturity. In these instances, the mentees shall be 10 to 12 years of age.*
- ❖ **Be an active listener.**
- ❖ **Recognize and accept the diversity of others.**
- ❖ **Demonstrate the ability to interact with youth between the ages of 10 & 18.**
- ❖ **Enjoy interacting with an array of personalities without being judgmental.**
- ❖ **Seek out appropriate counsel when necessary.**
- ❖ **Have a good sense of humor and a great deal of patience.**
- ❖ **Not under the supervision of any correctional or probationary program.**
- ❖ **Must pass an Arkansas State Police Criminal Records Check.**
- ❖ **Must pass an Arkansas Child Maltreatment Central Registry Check.**

## **Responsibilities:**

- ❖ **Attend training/meetings as provided by CJS.**
- ❖ **Be a role model and resource for mentee.**
- ❖ **Assist mentees in developing problem-solving skills, pro-social behavior, and appropriate coping skills.**
- ❖ **Encourage mentee to become involved in school and community based activities.**
- ❖ **Have contact with mentee for at least 2 hours weekly.**
- ❖ **Sebastian County: Communicate with Mentoring Coordinator Clay Mitchell on a weekly basis.  
Contact: Phone 479-785-4031, Fax 479-785-5354; email [cmitchcjs@gmail.com](mailto:cmitchcjs@gmail.com)**
- ❖ **Polk/Montgomery Counties: Communicate with Mentoring Coordinator Amber Hendricks on a weekly basis. Phone 479-216-4666, Fax 479-394-5088, email [amberhendricksCJS@gmail.com](mailto:amberhendricksCJS@gmail.com)**
- ❖ **Complete mentee contact logs for each encounter.**