

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 & FBI Criminal Records Check.**
- ❖ **Must pass an Arkansas Child Maltreatment Central Registry Check.**

Responsibilities:

- ❖ **Attend training/meetings as provided by CJS.**
- ❖ **Be a positive 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 activities.**
- ❖ **Strive to have contact with mentee 1 hour weekly.**
- ❖ **Sebastian, Crawford and Logan Counties: Communicate with Mentoring Coordinator Allen Wright on a weekly basis.
Contact: Phone 479-785-4031, Fax 479-785-5354; email awright@cjsinc.org**
- ❖ **Polk, Montgomery and Scott Counties: Communicate with Mentoring Coordinator Clement Smith on a weekly basis.
Contact: Phone 479-388-3730, Fax 479-769-3283; email csmith@cjsinc.org**
- ❖ **Complete mentee contact logs for each encounter with your mentee.**