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## February-March 2012 E-Newsletter

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### **February Mentoring Tip**

- Know the mission of your mentoring provider organization.
- Always follow the guidelines of your mentoring provider organization.
- Value the diverse economic, cultural, and religious traits of your mentee.



### **➔ Other Resources, Special Events & Announcements**

#### **Celebrating National Mentoring Month with the Pittsburgh Steelers!**

Check out the [Steelers.com](#) story about mentoring and how it impacts their players. You can also view the clips we recorded of players sharing their mentoring stories.

WTAE's Sally Wiggin speaks with Pittsburgh Steeler Ryan Mundy about the importance of mentoring and the life lessons it's taught him.

[View video](#)

#### **The International Mentoring Association (IMA) invites you...**

to attend their 25th Anniversary celebration and Conference in Orlando, Florida on March 14th - 16th, 2012.

The conference provides a forum for mentoring ideas, research, and practice in all fields - education, business, health and human services, community based organizations, government and global organizations. We have also added a mentoring research strand to provide an option for the mentoring researchers that may want to share and collaborate.

[Click here](#) for more information.

#### **Attention Agencies**

##### **It's Time to Update Your Records!!**

Please take a few minutes to review the information about your program that's shared on our website by visiting:

<https://www.mentorpro.org/VRS/RegisterProgram/>

to access the link to update information about your program. Please look for the information for Volunteer Referral Service. If you forgot your password please scroll down for additional instructions.

### **Customer Service Satisfaction Survey**

Please be sure to complete the **Customer Service Satisfaction** survey that was emailed this week. We value your input and use it to evaluate and plan the services we provide. **The first 10 completed surveys received will be entered into a raffle for a gift basket which will be presented at the February Mentoring Leadership Networking meeting.**

### **Save the Date**

NHS Human Services Presents the 2012 KOVEL CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE *MENTORS MAKING A DIFFERENCE*.

Thursday, March 29, 2012 8:00am-4:00pm

Double Tree Hotel, Monroeville

Please save the date and watch for more details.

For more information on NHS Human Services, please visit [nhsonline.org](http://nhsonline.org).

### **100 Black Men celebrate National Mentoring Month**

with their mentees on Saturday, February 4, 2012 11am-2pm. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **An Evening with The Dungys**

Bethany Baptist Church presents an evening with The Dungys.

Come hear Tony speak about his love for God and his investments in Bethany Baptist Church and the Homewood neighborhood.

Click [here](#) for more information.



## **Trainings for Mentors**

### **Join us for Super Saturday**

Mentor Training is a vital part of any successful mentoring program and best practices state that ongoing training is essential for keeping matches connected. **Super Saturday** combines several training sessions into a one-day workshop, making it convenient for participants to attend mentor trainings designed to help them grow their mentoring relationship. Please invite the mentors you know to join us on Saturday, March 10, 2012. They can choose one morning session and one afternoon session to personalize their Super Saturday experience and lunch is provided! **There's no fee, but space is limited and all participants must register by March 2nd!** For more information on the sessions, or to register, visit

[www.MentoringPittsburgh.org](http://www.MentoringPittsburgh.org).

[Super Saturday Flyer](#)

### **Mentor Trainings**

#### **Mentoring 101: What Every Mentor Should Know**

This interactive training program provides participants with an introduction to mentoring and what to expect as a mentor. Topics like Building Trust, Exploring Growth Possibilities and Sustaining the

Relationship will make it easier to navigate the beginning stages of the relationship with your mentee. This is appropriate to both new mentors as an introduction and current mentors that would like a refresher.

Saturday, February 11, 2012 9:30am-12:00pm

Saturday, March 10, 2012 9:30am-12:00pm

[To Register](#)

**REMINDER - registration for each session closes one week in advance of the training.**

## Professional Development

### Happy National Mentoring Month!

On February 14th the Mentoring Leadership Networking meeting will focus on **Risk Management**. We invite you to join us at our new location - 1901 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 (next to the Hill House) to learn more about how to prevent problems within your organization.

Many years ago Benjamin Franklin was quoted as saying that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". That statement is as true today as it was when Franklin said it.

The area of greatest uncertainty, or risk, in a mentoring program involves the potential for harm to the young person being mentored, and organizations serving children and youth should be particularly concerned about risk management.

**All mentoring leaders and staff involved can benefit from this discussion** that will focus on the evidenced based standards that should guide the work of every mentoring program.

We're providing lunch, and the meeting will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. and conclude at 1:00 p.m.

Please visit our website to [register](#) or email

[asparks@mentoringpittsburgh.org](mailto:asparks@mentoringpittsburgh.org) with your name, organization and telephone number.

Since we're serving lunch please be sure to register so we have enough food. We hope to see you there!

### **Are you Looking For More Personalized Assistance With Your Mentoring Program?**

The Elements of Effective Practice Training is offered once each month to assist program managers with the development and ongoing management of their mentoring programs. Join us on Wednesday, February 15th at 2:00 pm for a two hour session that reviews the evidence based standards that should drive your work. There's no fee, but all participants must register in advance. Visit our website at [www.mentoringpittsburgh.org](http://www.mentoringpittsburgh.org) and click on the training tab to register or contact us at [info@mentoringpittsburgh.org](mailto:info@mentoringpittsburgh.org) or 412-281-2535.

Upcoming Elements training dates:  
February 15, 2pm-4pm  
March 21, 2pm-4pm  
[To register](#)

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