

CLARKE COUNTY MENTOR PROGRAM

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WHO ARE WE?

The Clarke County Mentor Program is an independent nonprofit agency that began in 1991 as a joint initiative of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce and the Clarke County School District.

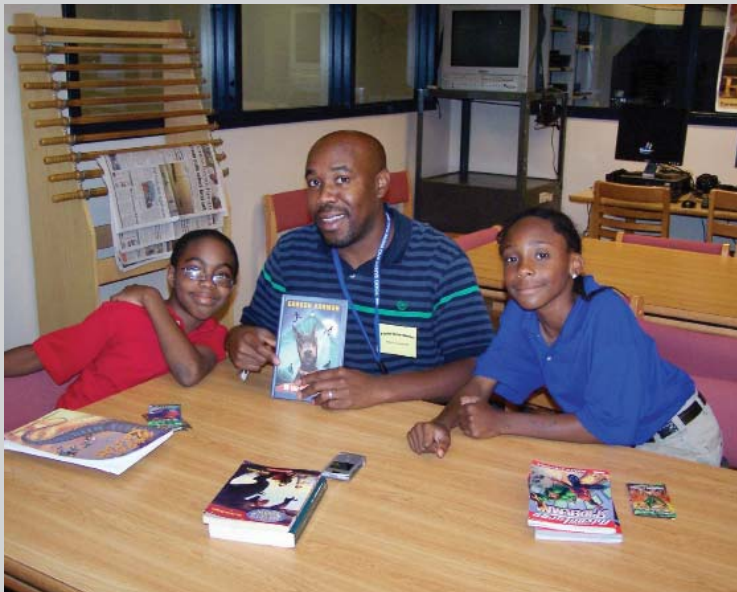
We recruit, train, and coordinate community volunteers to mentor Clarke County School District school children in order to make a positive difference in the children's lives.

Although close to 500 mentors are making visits to their mentees at school, we have a long waiting list. Our goal is to provide a mentor for every student who would benefit from having a listener, role model, and friend to help them achieve personal and academic success.

HOW DO COMPANIES AND EMPLOYEES BENEFIT?

- Create an enhanced community image
- Generate a more educated and community-minded future work force and client base
- Provide a way to "give back" to the community by donating time instead of—or in addition to—funds
- Develop employees who have greater productivity and morale, have increased pride in their company, and accept more challenges

“Children succeed when they have people they can count on.”



HOW DO MENTORED STUDENTS BENEFIT?

- Studies show they are more likely to:
 - complete school
 - have better attendance and better attitudes toward school
 - engage in fewer risky behaviors (such as substance abuse)
- Students have the opportunity to acquire the skills, knowledge, and work habits that they need to succeed in the workplace and in life

Improve the **Return on Investment** of your organization, your company, your employees, and yourself through **Mentoring**.

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HOW DO I BECOME A MENTOR?

- Be at least 18 years old
- Complete an application
- Agree to have CCMP conduct a background check
- Attend an initial training session
- Work with CCMP to choose a school and student that matches your preferences
- Make a commitment to mentor for at least one year
- Visit your mentee weekly at school
- Strive to be positive, patient, dependable, honest, sincere, flexible, enthusiastic, and fair with your mentee

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS FOR OUR COMPANY?

- Contact the Clarke County Mentor Program: mentor@athensga.com or 706-549-6800, ext. 227 for more information
- Set up a mentor information/recruitment session at your workplace
- Consider implementing a policy of Paid Time Off for employees who mentor
- Start meetings by recognizing employees who are currently mentoring
- Profile mentors in internal and external publications

“My mentor gives me constant support, and encourages me to give my best at every task.”



“Our students love their mentors. Not a day goes by that a student does not ask us for a mentor, or about their mentor.”

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