

## Mentoring Programs in Worcester, MA

*Compiled 11/16*

<b>Program / Agency</b>	<b>Description of Service</b>	<b>Cost / Eligibility</b>	<b>Languages Spoken</b>
<p><b><i>African Community Education Mentoring for Empowerment and Exchange ACE MEE</i></b></p> <p><b>African Community Education Program</b> 24 Chatham Street Worcester, MA 01610</p> <p>Mentor Coordinator <a href="mailto:mentor@acechildren.org">mentor@acechildren.org</a> 508-799-3653</p>	<p>African Community Education Mentoring for Empowerment and Exchange (ACE MEE) works with African immigrant youth, grades 5th-12th, who are part of the ACE Community. The youth meet with their mentors on Monday through Thursday based on the mentor and mentees availability, for a year. The mentors work with the mentees to help them reach their academic and career goals, as well as, give guidance for day to day issues through activities and consistent conversation.</p> <p>Our model is site-based and 1:1 mentoring.</p>	<p>Free</p> <p>For children and young adults currently enrolled in the ACE program (serving African immigrant youth, grades 5th-12<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p>For more information about the youth we serve or about how to become part of the program: <a href="http://www.acechildren.org">www.acechildren.org</a></p>	<p>English and many African languages</p>

*Continued on Next Page*

<b>Program / Agency</b>	<b>Description of Service</b>	<b>Cost / Eligibility</b>	<b>Languages Spoken</b>
<p><b><i>Teen Leadership (Torch) Program</i></b>  <b><i>Belmont AME Zion Church</i></b>  <i>Yes We Care</i></p> <p><b>Belmont AME Zion Church</b>  55 Illinois Street  Worcester, MA 01610  Dianne Langford-James  Program Manager  617-650-7203  <a href="mailto:dljsvp@gmail.com">dljsvp@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>This training is a motivational &amp; leadership workshop for teens between the ages of 13 - 17 to give teens the opportunity to discover and redesign the limiting beliefs they have about themselves and others. It's these self-imposed limitations that keep them from fully achieving their maximum capabilities.</p> <p>This redesign allows young people to pursue their dreams and goals with new confidence, freedom and passion. Participants begin to create a solid foundation of powerful tools that will serve them for their entire life.</p> <p>Mentoring for each student will be for 1 year. These trainings will be held every other month until further notice.</p>	<p>Scholarships Are Available</p> <p>All children ages 13 to 17 are welcome to join.</p> <p>The application can be found on the Yes We Care website under "Upcoming Events."</p>	<p>English</p>
<p><b><i>After School Mentoring Program – Yes We Care</i></b></p> <p><b>Belmont AME Zion Church</b>  55 Illinois Street  Worcester, MA 01610  (508) 754-4539  Anika Romne</p>	<p>Mentoring is Monday – Thursdays with activities on Fridays.</p> <p>Children are matched with high school and/or college volunteer mentors for homework help, mentoring and support. The program runs parallel with the public school calendar.</p>	<p>Free</p> <p>All children in grades K - 6</p>	<p>English</p>

<b>Program / Agency</b>	<b>Description of Service</b>	<b>Cost / Eligibility</b>	<b>Languages Spoken</b>
<p><b><i>Big Brother's Big Sisters</i></b></p> <p><b>BBBS of Central Mass/Metrowest, Inc.</b>            484 Main Street - Suite 360            Worcester, MA 01608            info@bbbscm.org            http://www.bbbscm.org            (508) 752-7868</p>	<p>Provides programs specializing in mentoring services to children at risk. Children are paired with a volunteer in their area with similar interests, and every volunteer is checked for background information to make sure they are the right match for a child</p>	<p>Boys ages 6-13 and girls ages 6-12 in need of mentors are eligible</p> <p>No income guidelines</p> <p>Serves the Following towns and Cities:            Acton, Ashland, Auburn, Boxborough, Boylston, Charlton, Dover, Dudley, Framingham, Grafton, Holden, Holliston, Hopkinton, Hudson, Leicester, Marlborough, Maynard, Millbury, Natick, Northborough, Northbridge, Oxford, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sherborn, Shrewsbury, Southborough, Southbridge, Spencer, Sterling, Stow, Sturbridge, Sudbury, Sutton, Wayland, Webster, West Boylston, Westborough, Worcester</p>	<p>English, Spanish, Creole and Portuguese speaking</p>

*Continued on Next Page*

<b>Program / Agency</b>	<b>Description of Service</b>	<b>Cost / Eligibility</b>	<b>Languages Spoken</b>
<p><b><i>Boys &amp; Girls Club of Worcester</i></b></p> <p><b>Boys &amp; Girls Club of Worcester</b></p> <p>65 Tainter Street</p> <p>Worcester, MA 01610</p> <p><b><i>College Students &amp; Community Volunteers</i></b> <b><i>please contact:</i></b></p> <p><a href="mailto:volunteering@bgcworchester.org">volunteering@bgcworchester.org</a></p> <p><b><i>Corporate &amp; Business</i></b> <b><i>volunteers, please contact:</i></b></p> <p>Liz Hamilton, Executive Director</p> <p><a href="mailto:lhamilton@bgcworchester.org">lhamilton@bgcworchester.org</a></p> <p>(P): 508-754-2686 ext. 201</p>	<p>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs reach thousands of at-risk and high-risk youth in our nation's most distressed areas. Clubs deliver a proven youth development strategy, access to Club services several days a week, a safe place, life-changing programs, and the opportunity to participate in mentoring experiences and relationships with diverse, trained, caring staff and volunteers, in a supervised and structured environment. Mentoring youth is important to the Boys &amp; Girls Club Movement, and we are uniquely positioned to address the mentoring needs of at-risk and high-risk youth – and to meet their needs based upon who and where they are.</p> <p><b>Program Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Match all participating youth with an appropriate mentor.</li> <li>• Mentors may be volunteers, Club staff or peers. Each mentor may be assigned more</li> </ul>	<p>The Boys &amp; Girls Club of Worcester believes in hope and opportunity for all young people, and is dedicated to serving underprivileged children within the Worcester community. To ensure that all youth are reached, membership costs just \$25 per year/per member. Programs are open to children ages 8–18, and include both school-year and summer programs. A minimal fee is charged to attend the Feb/April school vacations, as well as a minimal weekly based fee for full-day <u>summer programming</u>.</p> <p>At our neighborhood outreach sites, the membership costs are \$10/ per year/per member thanks to the generosity of our funders. Our Kids Club at GBV site serves children ages 5-13. Our PVE Extension serves children ages 7-13.</p> <p>For more information about the Boys &amp; Girls Club of Worcester, please visit our website:</p> <p><a href="http://www.bgcworchester.org">http://www.bgcworchester.org</a></p>	

<p><b><i>Additional volunteering opportunities:</i></b></p> <p>Joanne Fowling, Director of Outreach</p> <p><a href="mailto:jfowling@bgcworchester.org">jfowling@bgcworchester.org</a></p> <p>(P): 508-754-2686 ext. 205</p>	<p>than one mentee. Mentors must be appropriately screened and have successfully passed all required background checks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All mentoring activities and interactions, one-on-one or one with more than one, takes place at the Boys &amp; Girls Club.</li> <li>• Ensure that all participating youth complete a full program cycle of an approved evidence-based program.</li> <li>• Ensure that all participating youth complete at least one additional prevention program that features mentoring elements and addresses mentoring needs.</li> </ul>		
---	---	--	--

*Listing continued on next page*

<b>Program / Agency</b>	<b>Description of Service</b>	<b>Cost / Eligibility</b>	<b>Languages Spoken</b>
<p><b><i>Bottom Line Access and Success/Career Programs</i></b></p> <p><b>Bottom Line</b>  40 Southbridge Street  Suite 500  Worcester, MA 01608</p> <p>508-757-3400</p> <p>Tyrone Brown, Access Team  Manager  <a href="mailto:tbrown@bottomline.org">tbrown@bottomline.org</a></p> <p>Ben Cannon, Success Team  Manager  <a href="mailto:bcannon@bottomline.org">bcannon@bottomline.org</a></p> <p>Kira Terrill, Career Team  Manager  <a href="mailto:kterrill@bottomline.org">kterrill@bottomline.org</a></p>	<p>Bottom Line helps disadvantaged youth get in to college, graduate from college, and go far in life. We provide students with one-on-one guidance from the beginning of the college application process (Access Program) until college graduation (Success and Career Programs).</p>	<p>Free</p> <p>For low-income, first generation high school seniors and students attending one of our target colleges. Entry points are end of junior year/summer before senior year of high school and summer before freshman year of college.</p> <p>For more information about the youth we serve or about how to become part of the program:  <a href="http://www.bottomline.org">www.bottomline.org</a></p>	<p>English</p>

<b>Program / Agency</b>	<b>Description of Service</b>	<b>Cost / Eligibility</b>	<b>Languages Spoken</b>
<p><b><i>Transition to Adulthood Program (TAP)</i></b></p> <p><b>Center for Living &amp; Working, Inc.</b>  484 Main Street, Suite 345  Worcester, MA 01608  Phone: 508-798-0350  Toll Free: 800-570-4020  TTY: 508-755-1003  VP: 508-762-1164  Fax: 508-797-4015</p>	<p>Through this MRC state-funded program CLW provides IL services to Chapter 766 eligible youth to prepare them for transition to adult services. Participants are between the ages of 14 and 22 and may have a significant disability of any type. The goal of the TAP Program is to prepare youth with all disabilities, including physical, cognitive, sensory or emotional limitations, for their transition to the community and greater independence through the adult human services system.</p>	<p>Free</p> <p>Youth between the ages of 14 and 22 who have a significant disability of any type.</p> <p>For additional information please visit us at: <a href="http://www.centerlw.org">www.centerlw.org</a></p>	<p>English, interpreters can be provided if needed for certain languages</p>
<p><b><i>Therapeutic Mentoring Services</i></b>  Children’s Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI)</p> <p><b>Offered via various contracted providers</b>  <b><u>SEE BELOW</u></b></p> <p><b>Contact:</b>  Member Behavioral Health Services  (24 hours, seven days a week)  1-888-217-3501</p>	<p>Some children and teens want to get along with others, but need help and practice learning to talk or act in new ways. A Therapeutic Mentor will go with your child to the places where the child has the most trouble and teach him or her new skills, such as better ways to talk or act with other children and adults.</p>	<p>For children under the age of 21 who are on or eligible for MassHealth insurance and who have a mental health diagnosis.</p> <p>**Go to:  <a href="http://www.mass.gov/masshealth/childbehavioralhealth">www.mass.gov/masshealth/childbehavioralhealth</a></p> <p>or</p> <p><a href="http://www.mabhaccess.com/search/search.aspx">http://www.mabhaccess.com/search/search.aspx</a></p> <p>for additional information and eligibility criteria</p>	<p>Multiple languages, depending on the service provider</p>

CBHI Therapeutic Mentoring Service Providers in the Worcester Area: (see cost / eligibility info above)  
**\*\*TO RECEIVE THESE SERVICES FAMILIES MUST HAVE A CHILD THAT MEETS THE ABOVE ELIGIBILITY AND RECEIVE A REFERRAL FROM THEIR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDER**

<b>Provider / City/Town Covered and Phone Number</b>	<b>Languages Spoken and Specialty Populations</b>
Arbour Counseling Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worcester: 508-799-0688</li> </ul> Referral line: 617-782-0505	Spanish, Cape Verdean Creole, Haitian Creole <hr/> Male and Female Mentors
Centro Worcester, MA 508-798-1900 Ext. 278 <a href="http://www.centroinc.org">www.centroinc.org</a>	Spanish and English Male and Female mentors
Community Healthlink <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worcester (774-312-2722)</li> <li>• Leominster (978-401-3913)</li> </ul>	Leominster - Spanish <hr/> Male and Female Mentors
Counseling and Assessment Clinic of Worcester, LLC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fitchburg</li> <li>• Worcester</li> </ul> 508-756-5400	Spanish English Male and Female mentors
FCP – Family Continuity Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whitinsville</li> <li>• Worcester</li> </ul> 508-234-4181 508-755-0556	Spanish <hr/> Trauma informed care (TF-CBT; ARC; CPP)
The Key Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worcester</li> <li>• Oxford</li> <li>• Fitchburg</li> </ul> 508-757-1880	English <hr/> Male and female mentors



<b>Therapeutic Mentor Provider / City/Town Covered and Phone Number</b>	<b>Languages Spoken and Specialty Populations</b>
Jewish Family & Children's Service- Worcester office Intake Coordinator: (781)296-2756	Female Mentors <hr/> Language currently offered: English
LUK Crisis Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fitchburg</li> <li>• Worcester</li> <li>• Webster</li> </ul> 800-579-0000 1-978-829-2312 Counseling@luk.org	Worc/Web currently just has a male TM that speaks English  Fitch has 2 male TMs and a female. They all speak English.
Massachusetts Mentor, Inc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worcester</li> <li>• North Central</li> <li>• South Central</li> <li>• Metro West</li> </ul> 508-368-2725	Haitian Creole <hr/> Male and Female Mentors  Under the age of 21
MSPCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serves Central MA</li> </ul> 508-753-2967	Male and Female Therapeutic mentors available
Multicultural Wellness Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worcester</li> <li>• Fitchburg</li> </ul> 508-752-4665 / 978-343-3336 (Fitchburg area)	English and Spanish
New Beginnings Wellness Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worcester</li> </ul> 508-754-1141	English and Spanish
Riverside Community Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upton</li> </ul> 508-529-7000	English

<b>Therapeutic Mentor Provider / City/Town Covered and Phone Number</b>	<b>Languages Spoken and Specialty Populations</b>
South Bay Mental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worcester (508-791-4976)</li> <li>• Leominster (978-870-1840)</li> </ul>	English and Spanish <hr/> Under the age of 21
Wayside Youth & Family Support Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Milford: 508-745-6294</li> <li>• Framingham: 508-630-5907</li> </ul>	Spanish, Portuguese, French, Haitian Creole
YOU, Inc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Worcester, Southbridge &amp; Baldwinville:</b>                Central Referral                1-855-4YOUINC/1-855-496-8462  <a href="mailto:centralreferral@youinc.org">centralreferral@youinc.org</a>                Fax: 508-849-5646</li> </ul>	Worcester: English, Spanish*, French* Southbridge: English Baldwinville: English All sites: Male and Female Mentors  (*subject to change based on staff)

*Listing continued on next page*

<b>Program / Agency</b>	<b>Description of Service</b>	<b>Cost / Eligibility</b>	<b>Languages Spoken</b>
<p><b><i>Family Services of Central Massachusetts Mediation Program</i></b></p> <p><b>FSCM Mediation</b> 31 Harvard Street Worcester, MA 01609 508-756-4646</p> <p>Ask for Heidi Doyle, Mediation Director or Lori Carvalho, Intake Director</p>	<p>Offers free mentoring to newly trained mediators who have completed the thirty (30) hour Basic Mediation Training.</p> <p>Newly trained mediators observe three mediations and co-mediate with a senior mediator three times.</p>	<p>Anyone wanting mentoring can contact us</p>	<p>English</p>
<p><b><i>I Too Mentor Program</i></b></p> <p><b>Friendly House, Inc.</b> 36 Wall Street Worcester, MA 01604</p> <p>Danielle Delgado Director of Child, Youth &amp; Family Programs Tel: 508-755-4362 Fax: 508-793-7800 Email: <a href="mailto:ddelgado@friendlyhousema.org">ddelgado@friendlyhousema.org</a></p>	<p>Helps to promote positive growth and development. Focus on youth violence prevention.</p> <p>Program components consist of one on one mentor/mentee time, group activities, career and college readiness, civic engagement and job shadow days.</p> <p>Program works with at-risk teens ages 13-17 in the Worcester Community</p>	<p>There is no cost to participate in this program.</p> <p>To participate, mentees and parent/guarding must complete an application and consent form.</p> <p>To begin Dec. 5, 2016</p>	<p>Special arrangements can be made for mentees who are limited or non-English speaking.</p>

Program / Agency	Description of Service	Cost / Eligibility	Languages Spoken
<p><b><i>Girls Inc. of Worcester, Leadership Academy Program</i></b></p> <p><b>Girls Inc. of Worcester</b> 125 Providence Street Worcester, MA 01604</p> <p>For more information on volunteering, contact: Anne McCarthy, Director of Volunteers and Communication <a href="mailto:amccarthy@girlsincworchester.org">amccarthy@girlsincworchester.org</a> <a href="http://www.girlsincworchester.org">http://www.girlsincworchester.org</a></p> <p>508-755-6455</p>	<p>The Girls Inc. of Worcester Leadership Academy recognizes the amazing leadership potential in young women today. By connecting girls in grades 11–12 with professional women from our community as coaches, this program encourages and inspires girls to challenge themselves and gives them amazing opportunities to learn, grow, and be an effective part of our community.</p> <p>Program Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying and developing leadership skills</li> <li>• In-door rock climbing</li> <li>• Effective communication and conflict resolution</li> <li>• Goal setting and time management</li> <li>• College tour field trip</li> <li>• Public speaking and presentation skills</li> <li>• Making the most of your money</li> <li>• Interview skills</li> </ul>	<p>Girls Inc. Leadership Academy is free to participants – thanks to the generosity of sponsors, and currently available to girls at the following schools, transportation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South High School</li> <li>• Abby Kelley Foster Charter School</li> <li>• Burncoat High School</li> </ul> <p>For more information about Girls Inc. of Worcester or about the Leadership Academy program, visit our website: <a href="http://www.girlsincworchester.org">http://www.girlsincworchester.org</a></p>	

<b>Program / Agency</b>	<b>Description of Service</b>	<b>Cost / Eligibility</b>	<b>Languages Spoken</b>
<p><b><i>LUK Mentoring Program</i></b></p> <p><b>LUK Inc.</b> Offices located at:</p> <p>545 Westminster St. Fitchburg, MA 01420</p> <p>40 Southbridge St. 4th floor Worcester, MA. 01608</p> <p>99 Day St. Fitchburg, MA 01420</p> <p>251 Main St. Webster, MA. 01570</p> <p>1-800-579-0000: contact number for all sites</p>	<p>LUK's one-to-one community-based and site-based programs serve youth ages 6 to 17 living in the 65 cities and towns of Central MA. Adult volunteer mentors meet with mentees for at least one hour per week for at least one year, provide support through friendship, and focus on improving mentees' social competencies, academic engagement and performance and preventing and decreasing offenses.</p> <p>Mentors, youth, parent/guardians are all interviewed and information gathered helps determine who the mentor and youth will be paired with.</p> <p>All volunteer mentors agree to a background check which includes FBI fingerprinting and attend training before they are matched with a youth.</p>	<p>Eligible youth are boys and girls ages 6 – 17.</p> <p>The majority of youth involved in the LUK Mentoring Program may be youth with a learning, emotional or behavioral disability, youth impacted by incarceration of a family member, youth involved in the foster care system and/or youth in need of the extra support of an adult role model.</p> <p>Any youth who would benefit by having additional adult support may be a part of the program.</p> <p>The program is provided free of cost.</p> <p>Our service area is Central Massachusetts: and includes the following cities/towns: Ashburnham, Ashby, Auburn, Ayer, Barre, Bellingham, Berlin, Blackstone, Bolton, Boylston, Brimfield, Brookfield, Charlton, Clinton, Douglas, Dudley, East Brookfield, Fitchburg, Franklin, Gardner, Grafton, Groton, Hardwick, Harvard, Holden, Holland, Hopedale, Hubbardston, Lancaster, Leicester, Lunenburg, Medway, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Northbridge, Oakham, Oxford, Paxton, Pepperell, Princeton, Rutland, Shirley, Shrewsbury, Southbridge, Spencer, Sterling, Sturbridge, Sutton, Templeton, Townsend, Upton, Uxbridge, Wales, Warren, West Boylston, West Brookfield, Westminster, Winchendon, Worcester.</p>	<p>English/Spanish translation available</p>

<b>Program / Agency</b>	<b>Description of Service</b>	<b>Cost / Eligibility</b>	<b>Languages Spoken</b>
<p><b><i>After School Mentoring Program</i></b></p> <p><b>St. Peter's Church</b> 929 Main Street Worcester, MA 01610 Sister Maryann Azanza 508-793-1954</p>	<p>Mentoring is every Wednesday and Thursday 2:30-4:45pm in the St. Peter's meeting room</p> <p>Children are matched with college volunteer mentors for homework help, arts and crafts, sports in the gym, games and much more!</p>	<p>Free</p> <p>All children ages 6-15 are welcome to join</p>	<p>English and Spanish</p>
<p><b><i>Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts and (SEAC) and Worcester Refugees Assistance Project (WRAP)</i></b></p> <p>484 Main Street, Suite 400 Worcester, MA 01608 508-791-4373</p>	<p>Local mentoring programs for ESL and English speaking students</p>	<p>K-12, adults, and college students</p> <p>Youth mentoring program for at risk and low income American Asian Youth</p> <p>Mentoring program for adults *Specifically serves refugees from Vietnam, Bhutan, Nepal, Burma and Arabic Speakers</p>	<p>English, Vietnamese, Burmese, Nepalese and Arabic.</p>

*Listing continued on next page*

Program / Agency	Description of Service	Cost / Eligibility	Languages Spoken
<p><b><i>Brothers &amp; Keepers Program</i></b></p> <p><b>Quinsigamond Community College</b> 670 West Boylston Street Worcester, MA 01606</p> <p><a href="mailto:brothersandkeepers@qcc.mass.edu">brothersandkeepers@qcc.mass.edu</a></p> <p>Ricky Frazier Program Advisor <a href="mailto:rfrazier@qcc.mass.edu">rfrazier@qcc.mass.edu</a></p> <p>Geovanni Cruz MACC AmeriCorps VISTA Worker <a href="mailto:gcruz@qcc.mass.edu">gcruz@qcc.mass.edu</a> 508-854-7413</p> <p>There's no <b>KEEPER</b> like a <b>BROTHER</b></p>	<p>Brothers &amp; Keepers is an innovative, male mentoring initiative designed to increase retention and educational success of male students at Quinsigamond Community College (QCC). Participants in the Brothers &amp; Keepers Program will work with peers, faculty, and staff to learn how to successfully navigate the college experience and to prepare for life, work, and education after QCC.</p> <p>Brothers &amp; Keepers exposes students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational and social tutoring</li> <li>• Career development counseling</li> <li>• Interpersonal skills coaching</li> <li>• Interview and presentation skills development</li> <li>• Health and wellness counseling</li> <li>• Strategies for resolving conflict with peers, faculty, and/or staff</li> <li>• Coping strategies for managing social, academic, and financial hardships</li> <li>• Self-confidence and self-esteem building exercises</li> <li>• Student leadership and community engagement opportunities</li> <li>• Social outing and peer bonding experiences</li> <li>• Celebrations of ethnic diversity and immigrant experience</li> </ul>	<p>Free</p> <p>Our mission is to motivate, empower, and encourage Quinsigamond Community College's male student population through mentoring and leadership to equal success. We seek to improve the academic achievement, self-esteem, social competence, and avoidance of problem/high-risk behavior by providing a positive relationship to help male students achieve their potential.</p> <p>For more information about Brothers &amp; Keepers, please visit us at: <a href="http://www.qcc.edu/BK">www.qcc.edu/BK</a></p>	<p>English</p>

Program / Agency	Description of Service	Cost / Eligibility	Languages Spoken
<p><b><i>The Clergy Police Youth Partnership</i></b> (formerly the <i>Faith Leaders – Police Partnership</i>)</p> <p><b>Worcester Police Department</b></p> <p>9-11 Lincoln Street Worcester, MA 01608</p> <p>Mentoring takes place at 7 local places of worship</p> <p><b>Program Contact:</b></p> <p>Sgt. Miguel Lopez</p> <p>Program Supervisor</p> <p>508-799-8696</p>	<p>The mission of this collaboration is to reach, assist, and transform youth, especially those whose lives have been affected or influenced by alcohol and other drugs, crime, and/or violence. Through a collaboration of faith leaders and police, the aim is to improve the personal development of youth, build a system of community support and create healthy and safe neighborhoods.</p> <p>Some examples of how mentors can help youth include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Help them succeed academically by helping with homework and special projects or helping them to learn new study skills.</i></li> <li>• <i>Guide through the world of employment and help them explore possible careers well suited to their interests and abilities.</i></li> <li>• <i>Broaden their experiences by providing opportunities to experience new places, new situations or different cultures.</i></li> <li>• <i>Develop a sense of community through community service projects- cleaning, landscaping, raking leaves, painting, serving the homeless, etc.</i></li> </ul>	<p>No cost</p> <p>Serve any 5-18 year olds</p>	<p>English, Spanish,</p>



Program / Agency	Description of Service	Cost / Eligibility	Languages Spoken
<p><b><i>Urban Revival BlaQ Ink'D art program</i></b></p> <p><b>Worcester Common Ground</b>            5 Piedmont Street            Worcester, MA 01610            Charise J. Canales            508-754-0908 x22            www.wcgcdc.org</p>	<p>Students work with a mentoring artist on creating murals to beautify the neighborhood.</p>	<p>Free, Age 16-24</p>	<p>English</p>
<p><b><i>Leaders Club</i></b></p> <p><b>YMCA</b>            766 Main Street            Worcester, MA 01610            Leaders Club</p>	<p>A leadership incubation program that helps teens improve their individual leadership and social skills while also experiencing new ways to give back and grow as human beings. Teens meet on a weekly basis in small groups to develop and implement projects aimed at providing valuable service to their local community.</p> <p><b>So if you are up for the challenge so are we!</b> For more information and to register please contact John Brown at <a href="mailto:jbrown@ymcaofcm.org">jbrown@ymcaofcm.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Monday and Tuesdays: 2:00-7:00pm</b></p>	<p>Youth ages 13-17</p>	<p>English</p>

Program / Agency	Description of Service	Cost / Eligibility	Languages Spoken
<p><b><i>YWCA Girls CHOICE Program</i></b></p> <p><b>YWCA and Big Brothers Big Sisters</b>            One Salem Square            Worcester, MA 01608</p> <p>Jessica Diaz            Program Manager            girlschoice@ywcacentralmass.org            508-767-2505 ext. 3073</p>	<p>Girls CHOICE fosters long term mentoring relationships between professional women and middle school aged girls. The program aims to empower girls to achieve their aspirations through education and financial independence.</p> <p>Girls participate in one-on-one mentoring and weekly programming. Weekly programming is held during the school year and includes topics such as: stress management, bullying, body image, violence prevention, community service and group mentoring events. Girls also receive academic support services as needed.</p>	<p><u>Cost/Eligibility</u>            There is no cost for participating in Girls CHOICE.            Eligibility:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Applicants must be entering or enrolled 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls attending Worcester Public Schools.</li> <li>2.) Applicants must be able to attend regular weekly programming and occasional events.</li> <li>3.) Applicants must be willing to be matched with a one-on-one mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters.</li> </ol>	<p>English &amp; Spanish</p>

*While our intent was to include accurate data on local human service agencies, some inadvertent errors or omissions may have occurred and some changes will undoubtedly take place between printing and distribution.*

