



Communities In Schools

Lakewood

Dear friend,

Thank you for your interest in the **Champions Mentor Program** run by Communities in Schools of Lakewood (CISL). CISL's mission is to "surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life." Our After-school, Mentor, and Readiness to Learn programs are described on our website at www.lakewood.ciswa.org.

We currently have mentors working with students in grades 4-12 at schools throughout the Clover Park School District. Teachers, school counselors and administrators refer students who are struggling in school or who lack a caring adult in their life. Mentors meet with students for one hour a week in a public place on the school campus during regular school hours. We work together with the school to find a time that will work for both you and the student. Consideration is taken in scheduling so that students do not miss essential classes.

What does a mentor do?

A mentor's main purpose is to help a young person define individual goals and find ways to achieve them. By sharing fun activities and exposing a youth to new experiences, a mentor encourages positive choices, promotes self-esteem, supports academic achievement, and introduces the young person to new ideas. We have seen amazing changes in some of the students who have the good fortune to meet with a Champions Mentor once a week. Mentors make a difference!

Training

Please complete the attached forms and mail or fax them to Communities in Schools of Lakewood. We will contact you to schedule a short interview as well as a one-hour training to cover guidelines, boundary issues, and other information about the Champions Mentor Program. Monthly support meetings are held to help support and further train mentors. Participation in these is optional. I look forward to working with you as we strive to ensure that every child in Lakewood has a caring adult in their life.

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Champions Mentor Job Description

Goal:

- To be a supportive role model for a student in grades 4-12 with an emphasis on academic and social growth.

Qualifications:

- Ability to communicate with students openly.
- Strong listening skills.
- Sensitivity to individuals of different economic, cultural or racial backgrounds.
- Practical problem solving skills.

Eligibility Requirements:

Champion Mentors...

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Have not been accused, charged or convicted of a violent crime or a crime against a child.
- Must have no felony convictions in the last 7 years.
- Are not currently using illegal substances.

Responsibilities

- Make one-hour a week commitment (includes travel time).
- Complete application and Washington State Patrol Check.
- Complete 1:1 interview.
- Attend mentor training.
- Sign-in and complete simple paperwork at school site.
- Keep in contact as needed with Champions staff and school contact person

Communities in Schools of Lakewood Champions Mentor Application

Today's date _____

Full Legal Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ Work _____

Cell _____ Email _____

Ethnic background (optional) _____

Emergency contact _____ Phone _____

Have you been a Mentor before? _____ Tell us something about your experience,

Why do you want to be a mentor?

In one word describe yourself _____

Highest Level of education completed _____

Military History: Yes ___ No ___ If yes, entry date _____

Discharge date _____ Branch of Service _____

Have you ever been charged or convicted of a crime in the past? Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, please explain:

References

Your current employer.

Company Name _____

Phone number _____

Personal References whom you have known at least one year.

1. Name _____ Relationship _____

Email Address _____ Phone number _____

2. Name _____ Relationship _____

Email Address _____ Phone number _____

Languages other than English:

Special talents or skills:

Washington State Patrol

Request for conviction criminal history record (RCW 10.97)

SUBJECT INFORMATION

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Maiden and/or alias _____

Date of birth _____ Gender _____

Requestor: Communities in Schools of Lakewood

Please read this carefully before submitting:

By submitting this application you attest to the accuracy of all information listed on this application. You agree to let us contact references and conduct a federal and state criminal records check. Thank you for your application!

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