



## *Mentoring Messenger*

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#### OJJDP Mentoring Grant:

Mentor Kenosha and Racine recently received word that we have received a federal grant from the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to fund in-school mentoring of middle school youth over the next 3 years. This is an extremely exciting time for MKR as we will be able to expand our services to many more kids who are in need of a mentor. To read the full press release about the grant, follow this link <http://www.uwp.edu/departments/community.partnerships/Grant.cfm>.

#### Mentor Kenosha & Racine Certifies KABA

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, our advisory board certified the Kenosha Area Business Alliance's mentoring program. As a certified program, they have shown that they operate at the highest levels of best practices of mentoring. KABA's dedication to serving 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders in the Kenosha community was highly impressive, along with their enthusiasm for mentoring. The program, which began in 1997, is coordinated by Diana Ide-Gonzalez who connects employees of KABA members with youth in the Kenosha Unified School District. To learn more about the certification process and our certified programs, visit our website at [www.mentorkr.org](http://www.mentorkr.org).

#### Mentor of the Month:

Do you know an outstanding mentor? If so, you can nominate him/her to be the Mentor Kenosha & Racine Mentor of the Month. To nominate a mentor, you can visit <http://www.uwp.edu/departments/community.partnerships/mentorkr/nomination.cfm> and fill out the online nomination form.

#### Upcoming Trainings and Professional Staff Developments:

##### Mentor Trainings:

Mentor Kenosha & Racine will be holding a training on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 4PM-6PM in Room 182 of UW-Parkside's Tallent Hall. This training is called "Mentoring 101" and will serve as an introduction for new mentors as well as a refresher for more experienced mentors. Presenters will be from our four certified programs, which are Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Kenosha and Racine, Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha - Circle of Hope, John XXIII Educational Center (the former San Juan Diego Middle School), and Kenosha Area Business Alliance (KABA). Topics that will be presented are

developmental assets of youth, working with youth in challenging situations, goal setting, relationship building, and how mentoring is personally fulfilling. An optional toolkit will be available to mentors. New tools will be added at each subsequent training.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Professional staff, mentors, and mentoring advocates are all invited to attend the third annual Mentor Kenosha & Racine Mentoring Conference on Friday, December 4th from 8:00am until 12:00pm. The conference will be in the UW-Parkside Student Union once again this year. More information regarding registration will be forthcoming. Watch the website and emails.

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*Vision - We envision a thriving mentoring community where trusting and supportive relationships are valued and championed.*

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