



SPOTLIGHT

Mentoring Matters!

Youth with mentors are:

- 46% less likely to begin using drugs
- 27% less likely to begin using alcohol
- 53% less likely to skip school
- 33% less likely to engage in violence
(Source: *The Harvard Mentoring Project*)

January is [National Mentoring Month](#), when attention is focused on how mentoring benefits the child, adult, and society as a whole. It's also a time to thank those mentors who are everyday heroes to their mentees and to encourage others to share the experience and become a mentor.



Visit the [National Mentoring Month website](#) for tools, videos, and "10 Things to Do in January," a list to jumpstart your thinking about getting involved and honoring the occasion. The [MENTOR website](#) has resources to help start a mentoring program as well as support existing ones. And don't forget [Thank Your Mentor Day: January 25, 2011](#), another way to honor those who have a lasting, positive impact on young lives.

RESOURCES

Connecting for Success

Successful mentoring involves trust and connection. The resources below can strengthen relationships between mentors and mentees as well as offer better support to mentors in the field.

[LEARNS: Mentoring Resources](#)



Lending Library

- [Mentoring for Meaningful Results: Asset-Building Tips, Tools, & Activities](#)
- [Elders as Mentors: A Training Program for Older Adults](#)
- [Stand by Me: The Risks & Rewards of Mentoring Today's Youth](#)

Effective Practices

- [Building strong relationships in mentoring programs](#)
- [Using 10 techniques to sustain a successful mentoring relationship](#)
- [See more effective practices on mentoring](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLK Day is January 17, 2011

Get excited about MLK Day 2011, and [start planning!](#)



Lexus Eco Challenge

This challenge will inspire and empower teams of students (grades 6-12), with one teacher advisor, to learn about the environment and take action to improve it. [Watch the "How To" video](#) or [visit the site](#) to register and get details like rules, judging criteria, and prizes. Deadline is **January 19, 2011**.

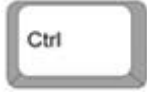
GTECH After-School Advantage

This program provides computer labs to nonprofits and public schools with an existing after-school program that serves disadvantaged youth aged five-15. There are multiple awards of up to \$15,000 worth of computers, online technology, and software. Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis. [Visit their site](#) for more information.

Technology Corner

Simple tech tip:

When online, hold down Ctrl & then press + or -. The font will enlarge or shrink, respectively.



National Service-Learning Clearinghouse

For service-learning resources on youth & peer mentoring, view the [mentoring topic page](#) on the NSLC website.

Resource Center Lending Library

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