

Proven Results

Increased knowledge and a negative attitude toward drug use.

Decreased alcohol and tobacco use.

Increased school attendance, decreased school suspensions and improved grades.



Improved attitudes toward school and the future.

Improved attitudes toward adults, especially older adults.

MENTORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Jasmine 13

"Now that I have Ms. Nancy to be with, I get along better with my mom and my sisters. We do things together that make me feel special"

Neal 62

"I get more out of this than the kids do. I'm having a second chance, just like a kid again".

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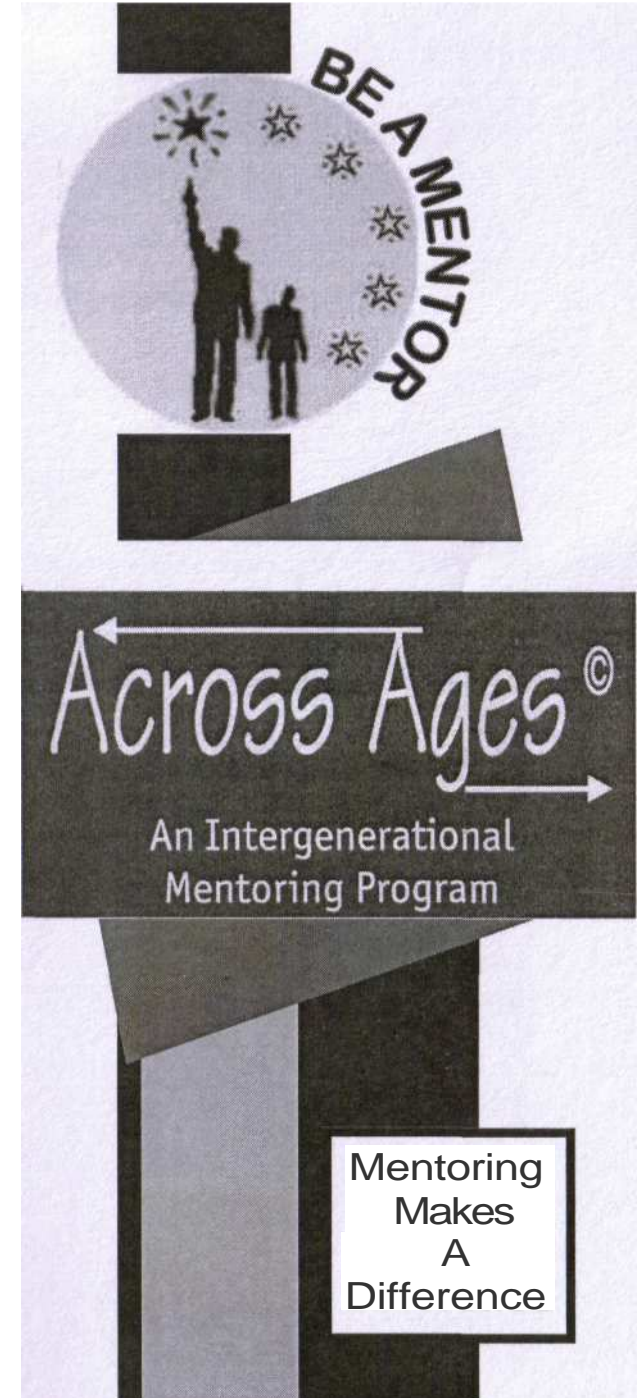
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What Is Across Ages?

Across Ages is a school and community based program for at-risk youth 10-14 years old that strengthens the bonds between adults and youth to provide opportunities for positive community involvement.

The unique and highly effective feature of Across Ages is the pairing of adult mentors 55 and older with 10-14 year-old adolescents. The program uses mentoring, community service, social competence training and family activities to build youths' sense of personal responsibility for themselves, their families and their community.

Young people who have mentors..

Reach out and help others.

Get better grades.

Learn to make better decision.

Feel better about themselves.

The Program Aims To..

- Increased knowledge of health and substance abuse; and foster healthy attitudes, intentions and behavior among targeted youth.
- Improved academic performance, school attendance, behavior and attitudes toward school.
- Strengthen relationships with adults and peers.
- Teach problem-solving and decision-making skills.

The overall goal of the program is to increase the protective factors for high-risk students to prevent, reduce or delay the use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs, and the problems associated with their use

Mentoring Gives Joy to Youths and Adults

How It Works

Mentoring

Adults 45 and older are recruited, trained, and spend a minimum of two hours each week in one-on-one contact with youth.

Community Service

Youths spend 1-2 hours per week performing community service.

Social Competence Training

Across Ages uses the Social Problem Solving Module of the Social Competence Promotion Program for Young Adolescents which is composed of 26 weekly lessons of 45 minutes each.

Family Activities

Monthly weekend events are held for youth, their family members and mentors.