



Juvenile Justice Ministry (JJM) Peer Mentor

Peer mentors are short-term volunteers that serve for a specific youth or season during the youth's stay at the facility. Peer mentors are **Christian young people (18 – 21 years)** who engage in relational ministry with the youth under the direction of the JJM Director. He or she may be brought into the relationship at point of entry, or at any time along the youth's stay at the facility as needed.

Pre-requisites:

1. A passion for the mission of JJM; to reach every incarcerated youth in North East Ohio and provide a Christ-centered, one on one relationship to each youth
2. Prior point of entry attendance (i.e. JJM See the Story Tour)
3. Patience, consistency and flexibility.
4. A completed volunteer application and must have completed orientation training

Roles and Responsibilities:

1. Spends time with the youth who are currently staying at the facility
(Important: Must be the same gender as the youth being served. No exceptions)
2. Serves as a positive role model and friend
3. Builds the relationship by planning and participating in activities together
4. Builds up the youth's self-esteem
5. Works closely with the JJM Director to determine level of participation and engagement

Length of Service:

Peer Mentors will provide short term support for an individual youth for a pre-determined time period individually determined by youths' needs and volunteer's availability. Peer Mentors have the option to complete one term with youth, renew another term with the same youth, or to help other ways.

