



Lake County Youth Mentor Program "Be a Hero"

Informed Consent and Permission Form

Thank you for your interest in the Lake County Youth Mentor Program. The program is a grant-funded program housed at the Lake County Education Service District. The mission of the program is to connect youth, grades K-12, with caring adult mentors to enhance both academic and personal achievement. The program is open to any youth who voluntarily enters the program. Both the youth and the parent(s) must agree to participation.

Adult mentors are recruited to work with youth in one-on-one mentoring relationships. The mentor meets with the youth once a week for one hour for one year. The mentor's responsibility is to listen, offer encouragement, and provide support and friendship. The majority of the time spent together occurs outside of school, participating in mutually enjoyable activities that focus on building positive outcomes for the youth.

An overview of areas of concern will be provided to your child's mentor, but specifics will not be shared. Please initial each area to indicate that you are aware that staff will do the following:

- view grades talk with teachers/counselors
- view attendance records view discipline records

- Please indicate if you will allow your child's photo to be used in promotional material. Yes No
- Please indicate if you will allow your child to be contacted at school by his/her mentee for meetings/appointments. Yes No
- Please indicate if you will allow your child and his/her mentee to communicate via social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, etc. Yes No
- Please indicate if you will allow your child's photograph to be posted in any form of social media on the Internet. Yes No
- Please indicate if you will allow your child's mentor to pick them up at school when arranged. Yes No

The LCYMP is a grant funded program and for reporting purposes we need the following information. Please check the appropriate boxes below.

- Gender: Male Female Non-binary Prefer not to answer
- Ethnicity: White, non-Hispanic Hispanic/Latino Asian- Pacific Islander
- Native American African American Other Prefer Not to Answer

Our program is committed to the safety and well-being of your child. All mentors have undergone criminal background checks and personal reference checks. Mentors who transport students have provided us with a valid driver's license and current car insurance.

It is important for you to realize that there are some slight risks involved with participation in the program. These risks include, but are not limited to, car accidents when transporting youth; injuries arising from participating in certain activities; and potential emotional upset if the relationship ends prematurely. While LCYMP monitors its mentors and provides them with training, parents should realize that LCYMP mentors are not paid professionals.

Your signature below indicates:

- that you have read and understood the parent brochure and give permission for your child to participate in the program
- permission for the mentor to seek emergency medical help if necessary
- that you have read and understood the risks involved in the program
- that you agree not to bring legal action against LCYMP and its mentors for any accidental harm resulting from the identified risks

Name of Student

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

e-mail address

Best Contact Telephone Number

Alternate Telephone Number

Preferred method of contact:
