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## How to Be a Good Mentor

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Do you have the qualities to be a successful leader? Do you wish to help others with their journey through life? Here's how to be a great mentor and inspiration to those around you.

- **Offer encouragement:** provide safe and an inviting presence for those who look up to you.
- **Give honest feedback:** direction from a trusted source is a great way to improve.
- **Be enthusiastic to share:** give people important information so that they may succeed.
- **Have confidence:** This allows the person you're mentoring to put their trust into you.
- **Be dependable:** the people you mentor depend on you to guide them.



Using these tips, you'll be able to mentor those who look up to you with ease! Will you step up and be a mentor today?



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"The purpose of OMI is to instill resiliency skills through education and developing life skills to "at-risk" youth in hopes that they will become productive members of society. To provide opportunities that will focus on the entire mind, body, soul and spirit."

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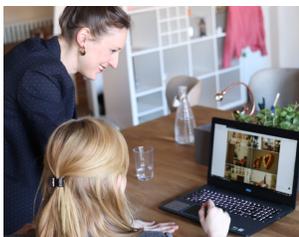
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## What is a Mentor?

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A mentor is an individual who comforts, helps, and renders advice to another, mostly young and unexperienced. They are characterized to be flexible, knowledgable,

non-judgmental, honest, and most certainly a good listener. Based on the aforementioned qualities, it is obvious to say that not everyone in the society is a mentor, but at the same time, **anyone** can be a mentor if only they are willing to embrace the responsibility and act as one.

Due to various scenarios that happen around us, I have come to notice that most of our mentors come from within our own families (basically parents and older relatives that have succeeded in life), the reason being that a mentor should be someone we can trust and feel comfortable around. The primary rules of a mentor is to stand by the mentee even when no one else wants to and provide them with words of encouragement, upliftment, and wisdom.



## Why Youth Entrepreneurship is Important

Fiza Hameed

The world is changing at a very fast pace. Every day, new technologies are changing the way we live. It is very important for youth to be able to navigate the technological culture easily. This is where youth entrepreneurship comes into play. Some of the reasons why youth entrepreneurship is important are:

1. **It improves skills:** Entrepreneurship teaches various valuable skills including financial and managerial skills, communication skills, as well as leadership skills.
2. **It is the best way to experiment:** starting entrepreneurship from a very young age lets them experiment their business-related ideas and knowledge.
3. **They might become successful business owners:** For example, Isabella Weems co-founded her successful multi-million dollar jewelry business Origami Owl at the age of 14.
4. **Giving back to the community:** When these young entrepreneurs become successful, they create jobs, wealth and give back to their respective communities.

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

I am excited to kick off 2022. 2021 had a lot of ups and downs and even though 2022 won't be without its challenges, we have made a decision to be unstoppable!!! January is National Mentoring Month, and I encourage everyone to Mentor someone, even if you feel you have nothing to give. You always have your experiences and life lessons that can help save a teenager's life. We are in a state of emergency for our youth's mental health, so we are asking everyone to help!! In the words of the late Martin Luther King Jr, a great mentor: "Our lives begin-to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Lets make some noise about the crisis we are facing with our youth and encourage healthy relationships.

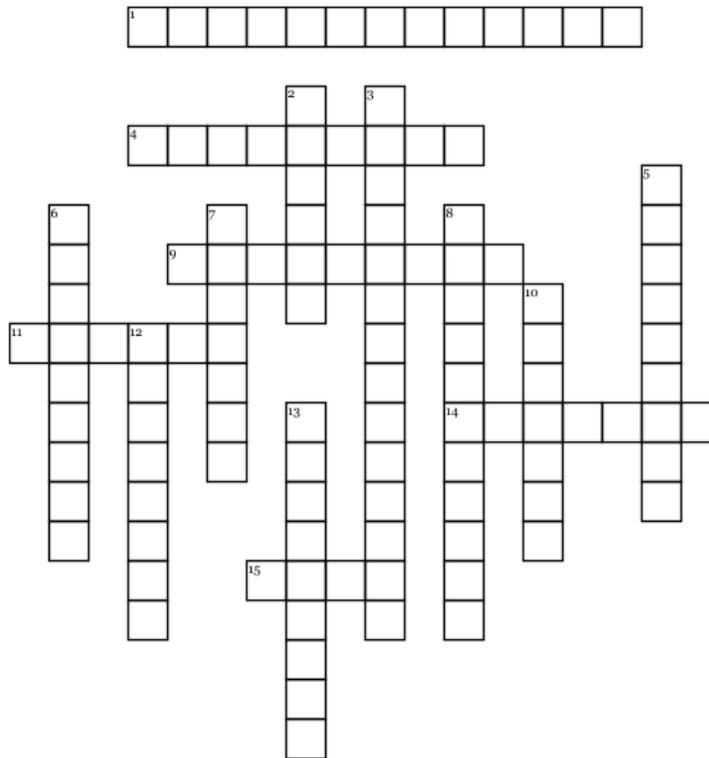


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Mentors are leaders, and they embody many leadership qualities. Complete the crossword puzzle below and tag us @nywusa on Instagram, Facebook, or Twitter.

## Leadership Qualities



### Across

- 1. the imparting or interchange of thoughts, opinions, or information by speech, writing, or signs
- 4. the ability to make a decision, or form an opinion
- 9. This person helps set an example for others
- 11. A trusted coach, counselor, or teacher

- 14. the manner in which one conducts or carries oneself, including posture and gestures

- 15. a keen sense of what is appropriate

### Down

- 2. A person who is responsible, and helps the team keep going
- 3. The state of being answerable or accountable
- 5. A call to take part in a contest or competition

- 6. the quality of being honest and having strong morals

- 7. the quality that enables a person to face difficulty, danger, or pain, without fear; bravery.

- 8. the ability to be depended on

- 10. Being committed and faithful to the group

- 12. The combined action of a group of people acting together as a team

- 13. moral or ethical quality

### Word Bank

Leader	role model	teamwork	loyalty	character
tact	judgement	reliability	Responsibility	challenge
integrity	bearing	courage	communication	mentor