

Mentoring in Action Newsletter

Getting to Know Us



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Cobb County School District's Success for All Students is pleased to announce the launch of Cobb Mentoring Matters! The movement towards the district's very own school-based mentoring program is a very exciting endeavor through the Social Work Department. This is our first quarterly newsletter and our vision is to create a community in which every youth experiences nurturing one-to-one relations and community support. Join us as we seek to make a difference in assisting our youth to develop into their full potential. Visit our website for more information: www.cobbmentoringmatter.org.

Paulette's Corner

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" This is a compelling question to answer. Many children have no one to look up to and no one to give direction in their lives. I have been a social worker for many years and it can be discouraging to experience what some children must endure as they navigate into adulthood. I have seen the right mentor turn a child's vision around and open doors and opportunities never imagined. This is a relationship of reciprocity because as a mentor, you begin to see yourself differently—a contributor to not only the future of a child, but of society. As we begin this new mentoring initiative for the children of Cobb County Schools, I am excited about the future of not only our children but our mentors. The power is in the relationship and each of us can make that happen. Join us for this exciting new venture of impacting the life of a child—there is nothing more personally gratifying.



Dr. Paulette Herbert
Supervisor, School Social Work

"Mentors impact eternity because there is no telling where their influence will stop!"

Momentous Quarterly Events

- ◆ Naming contest—Cobb Mentoring Matters
- ◆ Completion of our Policies & Procedures Manual
- ◆ Hired a Mentor Assistant
- ◆ Established an Advisory Committee of a diverse group from the District and community
- ◆ Implemented sophisticated software to recruit, monitor and evaluate matches
- ◆ Development of online recruitment and referral forms
- ◆ Held first mentor orientation training session
- ◆ Received our first referrals for students
- ◆ Completion of our logo and website
- ◆ Completion of marketing tools

Contest Winner

Congratulations to Latusa for coming up with our name—"Cobb Mentoring Matters"!

