

# STUDENT RECOVERY PROGRAM @ GREELEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

TITLE: MENTORS

NEED: 11 male mentors

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The mentorship program that is being developed is one of the most critical components to the Student Recovery Program. It is critical that each student is provided with a mentor from the community that can be a positive role model in his life. Individuals that live in disadvantaged circumstances often do not have the support system or the leadership that teaches the elements of what a healthy relationship is. The students in the program have developed a survival approach to relationships and often times find themselves in inappropriate circumstances that eventually become the norm in their lives. Many of the students that are currently enrolled in the public school system need a stable adult in their lives to teach them social behaviors and those hidden rules of the middle class. Social norms are compared to the middle class lifestyle and the students in SRP are a part of a lower class and often times do not understand the norms.

FUNCTION SUMMARY: The role of the mentor is to become involved in the life of their mentoree. It is required that the mentor spend at least 3 to 4 hours a week with their mentoree. They are to develop a personal relationship, being a constant in the young person's life. This program is not designed for a short term plan. The goal of this program component is to provide a long-term relationship that is consistent and reliable. Short term mentor programs do not work and many times students are abandoned as time progresses. Therefore, a calendar-year commitment must be made by the mentor.

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