

Information for Referrers

Our Service

We are offering FREE trauma-informed, person-centred mentoring opportunities to girls and young women who meet the criteria below.

Eligibility criteria for mentees

Required	Plus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11-25 years old • Female or identifying as female • Living or educated/ working in Gloucestershire or South Gloucestershire 	<p>Considered at risk of becoming involved in the Criminal Justice System, due to one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) • Experiencing adverse community environments • Displaying antisocial behaviour • Being linked to others involved in criminal activity

Making a referral

To make a referral, go to our homepage gloucestershirementoringprogramme.co.uk and select the location where the young person you're supporting lives or is educated/ works – this will take you to information about the Programme provider(s) operating in this locality and the age ranges they are supporting. Once you've considered their respective offers, you can click on a link to your chosen provider's referral form and apply to them directly.

What happens after a referral's gone in?

After receiving a referral, the provider you've applied to will contact the young person concerned and arrange to meet them – this will be an opportunity for the provider to learn more about the young person and assess their suitability for the Programme. If they are considered a good fit, the provider will match them with a trained Programme mentor from their own organisation, making sure both parties are happy with the arrangement. And they'll monitor and support the mentoring relationship throughout.

If, after receiving a referral, a provider recognises another partner would be a better fit for the young person concerned, or if a provider lacks capacity at any point, they will liaise with other providers to offer the young person access to the service. This arrangement ensures the Programme supports as many girls and young women as possible, and there are appropriate data protection measures in place to manage it.

If a provider receives a referral for someone who would be better supported by one of their organisation's other mentoring services, they will offer this service to them. And if they receive a referral for a young person who would be better supported by another agency, they will signpost them to the agency concerned.

I already have a working relationship with a partner – can I just go straight to them?

Yes, but be aware the Programme providers are working in different localities, and supporting girls and young women in different age groups or at particular life stages. And your referral may be passed on to another provider if they are better placed to suit the young person’s needs. So, it’s best to follow the links from our home page for all referrals.

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)



- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Emotional Neglect
- Physical Neglect
- Mental Illness
- Substance Misuse
- Incarcerated Relative
- Domestic Abuse
- Parental Separation
- Homelessness
- Maternal Depression

Adverse Community Environments

- Poverty
- Discrimination
- Community disruption
- Lack of opportunity
- Lack of economic mobility
- Lack of social capital
- Poor housing quality
- Poor access to affordable housing
- Violence



Are there any hidden costs?

Gloucestershire Mentoring Programme is free for both the recipient and the referrer. This may not be the case for other services provided by the partner organisations. You can find full details on their websites.