

YOUTH COUNSELOR/MENTOR

The youth counselor/mentor is responsible for providing emotional and spiritual nurturing to one teen and for being a positive role model and influence in that teen's life.

Ministry Area/Department	Youth
Position	Youth counselor/mentor
Accountable To	Youth pastor
Ministry Target	Teens
Position Is	Volunteer
Position May Be Filled By	Church member
Minimum Maturity Level	Stable, maturing Christian
Spiritual Gifts	Pastor/shepherd • Mercy-showing • Exhortation • Teaching
Talents or Abilities Desired	Heartfelt concern for teens • Accessible by telephone • Training or experience in counseling desired, but not required • Student of God's Word • Must understand the maturity levels and characteristics of teens and the challenges they face today • Good role model • No criminal record
Best Personality Traits	Dependable-expresser or expresser-leader
Passion For	Spiritual and physical well-being of teens
Length of Service Commitment	One year minimum

ANTICIPATED TIME COMMITMENTS

1. **Doing ministry/preparing for ministry:** one hour a week (more during times of special need)
2. **Participating in meetings/training:** yearly workshop

RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES

1. Provide a good role model for a teen who desires a counselor/mentor.
2. Be available for phone calls from the teen throughout the week. Sharpen your listening skills!
3. Plan times to get together with your teen for ice cream or lunch and a chat or some simple activity to show that you care.
4. Regularly pray for and with your teen.
5. Share life experiences and lessons.
6. When asked for advice, provide it based on biblical principles and wisdom gained from experience.
7. Send cards when appropriate: birthday, get well, sympathy, congratulations, etc.