



Family Service, Inc. is...

a community-based, private nonprofit social service agency located in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Its mission, *to strengthen individuals and families by building skills for successful home, work, and community life*, has led the agency to implement a broad range of prevention and treatment programs that are evidence-based and result in self-sufficiency and improved economic and health outcomes for its clients. Over 20 programs are currently offered in the areas of child welfare, parent education, youth development, employee assistance, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and suicide prevention. These services reach over 2,000 individuals from Greater Lawrence annually.

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Mentoring Programs

"A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could"
- Unknown



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The mentoring programs of Family Service, Inc. match children with caring adults who serve as role models and friends. Both mentors and mentees benefit from the one-on-one mentoring relationship. The volunteers help increase their mentee's self-confidence and create a more positive outlook for the future...making a BIG difference!

Mentor Requirements

- Have a good sense of humor
- Use good judgment and discretion at all times
- Are responsible, stable and nurturing members of society
- Are at least 18 years of age (16 for site-based programs)
- Come from different social backgrounds, races and religions

Mentoring one child affects an entire community

The simple truth is, the more positive examples, education, and opportunities young people have in their lives, the more chances they have to succeed. Ultimately, the relationship between the child and their mentors will encourage the child to reach their full potential personally and academically. Research shows that one-on-one mentoring is one of the best ways to have a positive impact on our children and our future. In Massachusetts there are currently 3,000 kids waiting to be matched with a mentors.

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AIM Mentoring Program

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The AIM Mentoring Program matches adult mentors with young people between the ages of 15-20 who are involved with the Massachusetts Department of Youth (DYS), the state's juvenile justice agency. The goal is to support the development of youth and provide opportunities to experience a range of positive activities in their community.

AMIGOS Mentoring Program

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The AMIGOS Mentoring Program matches adult mentors with students from grades 4-8 at the Guilmette, Wetherbee, and South Lawrence East Schools in Lawrence. Mentors and mentees meet weekly at the student's school with the goal of improving student's academic achievement.

Big Friends Little Friends

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Formerly Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lawrence, BFLF matches mentors with young people ages 6-14. Mentors serve as positive role models, provide friendship, guidance and support. BFLF matches one to one, couples or family matches. This program has both site-based and community based options.

GRAD Mentoring Program

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The GRAD Mentoring Program matches adult mentors with young people who are at risk of dropping out of Lawrence Public Schools. GRAD is a community based mentoring-program. A minimum of 8 hours of monthly contact is required. Monthly socials are held for the mentors and mentees.

Mentoring Children of Promise

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Mentoring Children of Promise matches adult mentors with young people who have a parent or family member who is (or was) incarcerated. The MCP program is community based. A minimum of 8 hours of monthly contact is required. Monthly socials are held for the mentors and mentees.

Mentoring Out Loud

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MOL matches a deaf or hard of hearing child with a mentor who is either deaf, hard of hearing, or skilled in American Sign Language. Bi-weekly socials are held for participants.

Stand & Deliver

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Stand & Deliver is an academic mentoring program that matches Lawrence Public Schools students with volunteers from Raytheon, New Balance, and Philips Healthcare. The students are transported to the partner company once a week for an hour to work on homework, MCAS, AP coursework and college readiness.

Who are our Mentees?

- A mentee can be any child who needs and wants a mentor.
- Mentees in our community and site-based mentoring programs are between the ages of 6 and 14.
- Mentees in the Mentoring Out Loud program are between the ages of 6 and 23.
- Mentees in the AMIGOS program are between the ages of 9 and 15.
- Mentees come from different social backgrounds, races and religions.