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#### Hope and Strength for our Hispanic Communities





# HISTORY



Founded in1987 by the Rev. Luis Cortés, Jr. and the Hispanic Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity





#### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT





# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### ADVOCACY





#### **AREAS of FOCUS**

# EDUCATION





# CAPACITY BUILDING



STRENGTHENING OUR HISPANIC COMMUNITY

#### **SINCE 2010**























-Establish & Improve education & Social outcomes for youth in programs through use and focus on best practices in mentoring.







# **Best** Practices

- 1. Mentor Screening Background Checks
- 2. Low ratio 1:3
- 3. Contact of a least once per week for 2 hours
- 4. Role as friend rather than authoritarian or disciplinarian
- 5. Relationships = at least 12 month
- 6. Minimum of 6 hours of training for mentors
- 7. Established case management protocol
- 8. Matched based on hierarchy of matching criteria
- 9. Written, administrative, and program procedures
- 10. Orientation for mentors



# **Best Practices**

- Comprehensive orientation for mentors includes:
  - What is a mentor?
  - How the mentoring relationship develop
  - Communication Skills
  - Goal Setting
  - Understanding the impact of parental absence
  - Understanding development issues of at-risk children
  - Mentoring special needs children
  - Expectations of participants
  - Guidelines of faith-based mentoring
  - Mandated reporting



# **Targeted Behaviors**

Antisocial	Family	Social
Behavior	Relationships	Competence
Gang Resistance	Substance	School
Involvement	Use	Attendance
GED	GPA	Perception of Social Support





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