

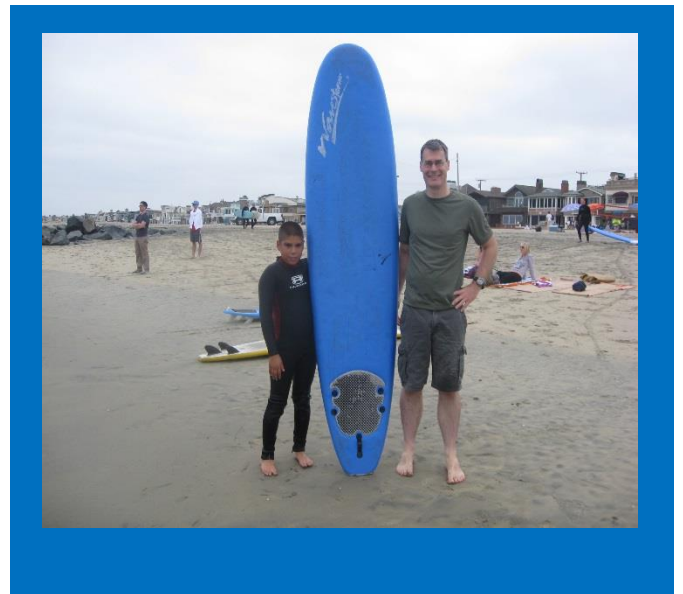
BECOME AN ORANGEWOOD MENTOR!

The Mentor Program is designed to create meaningful mentoring relationships that enrich the lives of both the mentor and mentee and to increase the odds of future success for the young person. The Mentor Program Coordinators will match you with an Orange County current or former foster youth between the ages of 12 and 25 based on a variety of factors including gender, common interests and location.

The Mentor Program has a growing number of youth with special needs and disabilities (including depression, anxiety, ADHD, vision impairment, and autism). Our youth need a consistent adult to assist them with their transition to adulthood. Mentors typically introduce their youth to cultural and community events, help them develop life skills, provide direction with education and career goals, and generally provide a listening ear for them.

MENTOR REQUIREMENTS:

- Be at least 21 years of age
- Complete a mentor application and interview
- Submit a copy of driver license and auto insurance
- Pass a background check, reference check and fingerprinting (**fee for new mentor is \$60**)
- Submit a signed confidentiality agreement
- Attend a New Mentor Training
- Commit to a match for a minimum of one year. While a longer commitment is not required, many of our mentors develop life-long relationships with their youth.
- Have a desire to help a young person
- Have no major moving violations in the past four years such as a DUI or reckless driving



APPLICATION PROCESS:

- 1) Complete an application. You can request one from Mentor Coordinator: Shane Panther (contact information below). If you would like to mail or drop off the Mentor Application you may return it to Orangewood Foundation, 1575 E 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92705, Attention: Mentor Program. Applications are accepted year-round but it is ideal to submit your application a few weeks prior to the next New Mentor Training.
- 2) After your application is received, you will be contacted for an interview at our office. We are currently conducting interviews.
- 3) Following your interview, you will be notified by email whether or not you have been accepted to become a mentor. If accepted, you will be given further instructions and will need to attend the mandatory New Mentor Training.

NEXT NEW MENTOR TRAINING TBA

***Please note that our Mentor Program
is NOT an academic internship
opportunity**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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