



Kansas Mentors Connection
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Sending you spring greetings from Kansas Mentors! We hope the warm weather brings new energy and focus to all of your wonderful mentoring efforts.

FREE TRAINING & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

3rd Annual Governor's Conference on Mentoring

Join us Tuesday, April 14 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Topeka's Capitol Plaza Hotel to learn more about "Tools for the Trade: Adding to your Mentoring Toolkit." The conference is an excellent opportunity to connect with professionals throughout the state that are committed to mentoring and youth development. To learn more visit:

<http://www.kansasmentors.org/conference.htm>

Also, don't forget to check out the complete list of conference presenters!

KANSAS MENTORS IS NOW ON FACEBOOK

You can now become a fan of Kansas Mentors on facebook. Simply follow the link below to add us to your list of pages:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kansas-Mentors/41922213183> Don't forget to tell your friends!

THE CHALLENGE CONTINUES...

We are pleased to announce that we will again host the Coaches Challenge event, a friendly wager between Coach Bill Snyder and Nebraska's former head football Coach Tom Osborne to see which state, Kansas or Nebraska, can recruit the most new mentors. We are tentatively set to kick-off the 2009 Challenge late this summer and will provide additional details closer to the date. This year's winner will be announced at the K-State Nebraska football game in Lincoln, Nebraska on November 21.

UPDATES FROM MENTOR/THE NATIONAL MENTORING PARTNERSHIP

Stimulus Package Includes Funds for Mentoring

When President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 into law February 17, it included \$225 million in competitive grant funding through the U.S. Department of Justice for mentoring and other activities. As more information becomes available, we will send it your way.

NEW! Immigrant Youth Toolkit

MENTOR is pleased to announce the publication of the *Mentoring Immigrant Youth: A Toolkit for Program Coordinators*. Developed with the generous support of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, this toolkit is a

comprehensive resource that is designed to offer program staff important background information, promising program practices and strategies to build and sustain high-quality mentoring relationships for immigrant youth. It acts as a supplemental guide to MENTOR's *How to Build a Successful Mentoring Program Using the Elements of Effective Practice*. The toolkit will be available to download at MENTOR's website soon!

When space allows we like to highlight the great work of our partner programs!

Do you have an event or announcement you would like included in the newsletter? Send items to mentor@kdheks.gov and we'll try to incorporate them as much possible.