



Virginia Mentoring Advocacy Network

Help close Virginia’s “mentoring gap.” Using the national formula, it is estimated that 10% of school-age children do not have access to responsible and caring adult mentors through family and friendship networks. In Virginia, when that estimate is applied to the 2002 school census it suggests that 143,623 young people could benefit from being matched with a mentor.

Closing the mentoring gap requires a concentrated, coordinated effort to influence public policy for the purpose of bringing about the resources and public support necessary to expand the world of mentoring. Virginia Mentoring Partnership has created Virginia Mentoring Advocacy Network to do just that. **The primary purpose of VMAN is to:**

- 1) Prioritize the issues of concern for the mentoring field;
- 2) Develop a cohesive, effective public policy agenda for the mentoring field; and
- 3) Implement that agenda at the federal and state levels.

To achieve the goals and initiatives of Virginia Mentoring Advocacy Network:

- Part A: Build an Advocacy Network - Identify grassroots supporters who are willing to be successful mentoring advocates.
- Part B: Influence State Public Policy - Once the network is established and functional, together we will implement a state Public Policy plan that complements the national **Mentoring Public Policy Agenda**.

Together, we can close Virginia’s mentoring gap!

Members must acknowledge in writing their agreement to be part of the Virginia Mentoring Advocacy Network. So, please sign below and thank you in advance for helping us increase effective mentoring across the commonwealth. **Fax to us at (804) 828-1418.** For more information, please contact us at (804) 828-1536 or vamentor@vcu.edu. THANK YOU.

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