

A LOOK AT THE **MENTORING HOUR**

Kids Hope USA mentors are excited to invest in their community by spending one hour a week with their matched student. This intentional time together is focused on building a transformative, positive relationship. Most mentors spend a full hour with their student.

BEFORE MENTORING BEGINS

Mentors are part of a proven and time-tested program that supports students who may benefit from another positive, encouraging adult in their life.

But before a mentor even begins to meet with their student, they navigate a thorough screening and training process. This is a crucial part of a successful program as it both prioritizes child safety as well as equips the mentor to serve in a thriving program.



SCREENING

Mentors complete the Kids Hope USA five Screening Standards components:

- Application
- Personal references
- Interview
- Background check
- Pastoral review

TRAINING

Mentors complete the Kids Hope USA 3-Step Training Process:

- Online content
- In-person review
- On-site orientation

EQUIPPED TO MENTOR

By completing Kids Hope USA mentor training--including a MinistrySafe component addressing child safety--the mentor has gained knowledge and insight on both what to expect in a mentoring relationship as well as access to age-appropriate resources, activities, and other fun ideas to make the most of their mentoring time with their student.

THE MENTORING HOUR

While the one hour mentoring time may look different for each mentoring pair, there are some common activities students and mentors may engage in, including:



Conversations



Games



Reading





Crafts



Puzzles



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