



The Campaign for Mentoring at the Center for Youth Development of the United Way of Southeastern PA would like to announce it will be highlighting quality mentoring work in the region in its' new quarterly feature: The Mentoring Spotlight! Congratulations to our new winner: Mothers in Charge. Check out our interview with Gloria Bryant and for more information on the program, or to volunteer, email or glorybryant@hotmail.com.

1. Tell us about your program. Where are you located? What population are you providing services to?

Mothers In Charge has partnered with United Way to launch 1000 WOMEN For 1000 GIRLS Mentorship Program. Mothers In Charge on site mentorship program offers group mentorship for girls from the ages of 12-17 that are currently in placement at Carson Valley Facility.

2. Is there a special story about a mentoring pair you would like to share? A Mentor or Mentee who's life you have seen improve since joining the program? Tell us about them.

I have seen a special bond between Mentor Carla Martin & Mentee Nadira. Since the conception of our program Nadira has been released from Carson Valley and now participates with her mentor by helping her host the program.

3. What activity do your mentoring pairs like doing most?

All our activities are done in groups and we've become so connected by starting our sessions with a Sharing & Caring Moment. Our mentees during this time are able to give advice to help the mentors.

4. Have you reached a benchmark or significant mile stone recently? Are you employing any new and innovative techniques?

We have recently implemented a component where newly released inmates from Riverside Women's Correctional Facility "Give Back" to their communities. The ladies come in and share with the young ladies their life stories, including obstacles along with their new start on life. Helping the girls identify crisis areas they struggle with but teach them how to overcome.

5. In your opinion, what makes mentoring such an asset to the community?

Sharing and Caring, finding the time to stop and share with someone that may have lost their parents, Giving back to the younger generation along with showing love to someone that may have never experienced it before, showing a person that we accept them as they are without judging them. It creates a caring atmosphere and the community benefits by having young people that grow into caring adults.

If your mentoring program would like to be highlighted, please email Kwilson@uwsepa.org .