



## New Mentor Application Packet Mentor Me Petaluma

Dear Friend:

**We are delighted that you are considering becoming a mentor!** Our mission is to match every Petaluma child who needs one with a mentor – a caring adult role model and friend - your decision will help us reach our goal. Mentoring is not therapy or tutoring. Mentors provide a listening ear, non-judgmental guidance; they act as good role models for their mentees, helping them learn to set healthy boundaries and become happy, resilient people.

**New mentor application steps are outlined on the next page. Attached are a mentor application and three reference forms.** Once we have had a chance to review the information on the application and references, we begin the process of matching you first with a school and then with a child. Taking the time to make a good match is the most important component of mentorship partnerships that last.

**The magic of mentoring lies in the relationship and trust that flourish over time,** therefore Mentor Me Petaluma hopes that our mentors will remain in their mentoring friendships for at least two years. Mentors meet with their mentees once a week for an hour, on school campus, during the school day and during the school year. We understand that flexibility may be necessary from time to time!

**Orientation and training** will provide information about good mentoring practices. Safety and support for mentors, students and families are of utmost importance. Ongoing training and mentor support meetings occur throughout the school year. Go to [www.MentorMePetaluma.org](http://www.MentorMePetaluma.org) and click on “Calendar” for upcoming Orientation and New Mentor Training dates.

**It is required by law that all volunteer mentors have a background check, including fingerprinting, and, if the school district requires it, a TB test.**

Thank you for your commitment to the children and the future of Petaluma! If you have any questions at this point, please call me or our Mentor Recruitment Manager Don Riley at the office at 778-4798 or email use at [vrichman@mentormepetaluma.org](mailto:vrichman@mentormepetaluma.org) or [driley@mentormepetaluma.org](mailto:driley@mentormepetaluma.org) .

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