

## "Change the World, One Youth at a Time" Become a Mentor



January is National Mentoring Month.

During this time of year, attention is focused on the need and value of mentors, and the positive effect that mentoring has on young lives.

Through the effort of mentoring individuals, businesses, government agencies, schools, faith communities and non-profits can work together to increase the number of mentors to assure positive outcomes for young people.

To realize positive outcomes of mentoring in our Community, the 100 Black Men of Madison have initiated Project SOAR to expand our ongoing training efforts for both mentors and mentees.

Through the successful implementation and promulgation of our Mentoring the 100 Way Across a Lifetime® curriculum, the 100 Black Men of Madison will endeavor to serve more than three hundred and fifty (350) African American male students, ages 12 -17, enrolled in either a middle school or high school of the Madison Public School District.

If you have interest in participating as a mentor in this effort to change the world, one youth at a time, please [click here](#) to register.

Note, seventy percent of African American youth in the Madison Metropolitan School System (MMSD) are from economically challenged families. Poverty and a lack of reliable resources such as transportation, parents working long hours in poorly paid jobs with little flexibility, unstable and unaffordable housing, inadequate health care and escalating community violence all contribute to chronic absenteeism.

Many children don't have a problem learning as much as they have a problem living.