



# Kids Count Student Mentoring Program

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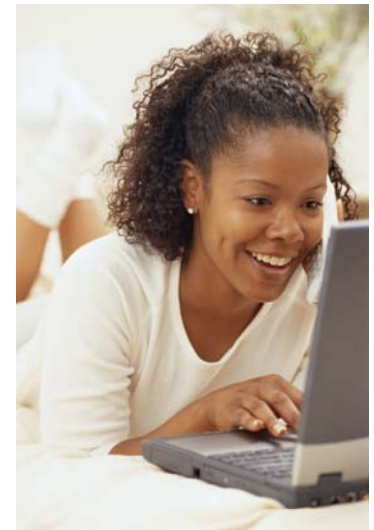
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# Kids Count: Mentoring for Success

## ■ Purpose

- To reach those students who have standardized test scores that are typically below the 25th percentile
- To counsel students with problematic behavior
- To reduce failure rate
- Increase Math, Reading and Science Scores
- Reduce suspensions and detentions
- Provide Positive Christian Role Models
- Reinforce Personal Character Development



# Kids Count: Participants

## ■ Students

- Elementary
- Middle School
- High School

## ■ Mentors

- Business Leaders
- Government Officials
- Clergy
- Parents
- District Principals / Staff / Administrators



# Kids Count: Strategy

- Pilot Program :
- Focus on 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Oak View
  - Brooks
  - BHS (Big Kids Count 2)
- Mentors to be selected and trained
  - Background checks (BBBS)
  - Training Provided
- Principals to Identify Student Participants
- Parent Approval and Participation
- Student Agreement
- Student Participation: Tutoring, Peer Counseling
- Start when background checks are completed



# Kids Count: Structure

## ■ Weekly Mentoring Sessions

- 30 – 45 minutes based on student schedule and mentor availability
- One Student per mentor at a time
- Identify Individual Student Needs

All meetings to take place at the school

- Before School
  - Lunch
  - Study Hall
  - After School
- School to be notified if mentor is delayed or unavailable



# Kids Count Celebrate Success

- Twice a Year

- Mid Year

- End of Year

- Awards / Certificates

- Determine Success Parameters

- General Recognition

- Student Specific / Special Accomplishments



# Sponsors / Next Steps

- BCC & Project Excellence
- Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Will & Grundy County
- Next Steps
  - Interviews & Background Checks
  - Recruit Additional Mentors & Sponsors
  - Additional Informational Meetings
  - Select Students
  - Conduct Training for Mentors

