

## Mentor Volunteers

Street School, Inc. is committed to providing volunteers to meet the needs of the persons served. Volunteers may be utilized, but do not take the place of paid professional staff for the purpose of providing programs or services to the persons served. All volunteers follow the same policies and procedures as paid staff as it relates to confidentiality and code of ethics. No compensation is provided to those who intern or mentor at Street School.

Volunteers shall have:

- A completed application
- A background check
- A complete orientation and training which includes the following:
  - Identification of duties
  - Scope of responsibility
  - Confidentiality Agreement
  - Code of Ethics
  - Policy and Procedures regarding volunteers
- Supervision
- A signed agreement

Volunteers in the program, who serve as mentors to the students, meet with their mentee at Street School for one hour each week. Mentor trainings are held throughout the year, after the potential volunteers have completed an application, and the results of the background check have been made available. Each year, at the beginning of the school year, the mentors meet at Street School to receive updated information and continued training.

When students enter Street School, the assigned counselor informs the students of the mentoring program and the student decides if he/she would like a mentor. The Street School staff meets to determine the requests and interests of each student to assist in a quality pairing of students and mentors. The counselors meet with students throughout the year to gather information to ensure quality of care. Surveys are given to the mentees and the mentors each year to assess the overall program.