

## ABOUT US

**Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau (LAYSB)** provides support and guidance to youth ages 10-18 and their families. Our mission is to **“Ensure the Success of Youth”** and prevent juvenile delinquency by offering programs and services that reflect our belief that youth will be successful when relationships are strong, communities are caring, families are involved and supportive, harmony is restored and youth have the necessary skills and opportunity for responsible citizenship. Services are offered to residents of Washington, Anoka, and Chisago counties.

Our office is located at 244 N. Lake Street in Forest Lake. Our phone hours are Monday-Thursday 9-5:30 and Friday 9-4.



For more information about  
LAYSB Programs, Services and Events  
visit our website:  
[www.ytblakesarea.org](http://www.ytblakesarea.org)



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## What is the Making Connections Mentoring Program?

- This goal oriented program is designed to provide youth ages 10-17 with an opportunity to build a positive and encouraging relationship with a supportive adult in the community.



## Who is a good candidate for a mentor?

- Adults who:
  - can be a positive role model
  - want to connect with youth in the community
  - are patient and willing to listen
  - like to have fun!

***Both men and women mentors are needed.***

## What is the average time commitment?

- Mentors meet with their mentee at least two times a month for more than six months according to a schedule determined by the mentor/mentee.

## Where do I meet with my mentee?

- We usually recommend that mentors meet with their mentee at LAYSB for the first 4 months. There are many activities to do while meeting with your mentee such as:
  - Learn a new skill
  - Develop a hobby
  - Play Games
  - Bring your own ideas!**

## Why is mentoring important?

- Youth receive many benefits from mentoring such as:
  - additional adult support
  - improved self esteem
  - positive reinforcement
  - someone to look up to
  - increased academic performance
  - improved relationships overall
  - and much more!**



- Mentoring will provide you with an opportunity to get connected to a youth in the community and to make a positive impact.

## How do I become a Mentor?

- Complete a volunteer application
- Pass a criminal background check
- Attend 2 hours of general volunteer & program specific training for mentoring
- Receive ongoing support and supervision

**For more information and to begin your adventure as a Mentor!**

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