



## MENTORS WANT TO KNOW

### Logistics:

- How is a match made?
- What things are considered?
- How much time/how often do I spend with my mentee?
- Will there be training so I know what activities I can do with them?
- What if the match doesn't seem to go well?

### The Mentees:

- What are the mentees like?
- What challenges do they face?
- What are their backgrounds?
- Why are they in this program?

### The Relationship:

- What roles will I play – parent, teacher, friend?
- Am I doing or saying the right things?
- Why am I not feeling satisfied with my work with this mentee?
- What do I do if I'm going on vacation?
- Can I give my mentee money or a gift?
- How do I answer questions about sensitive issues (e.g. sexuality, drug use, etc.)?
- What should we talk about?
- Why doesn't my mentee open up to me?

### The Family:

- How do the parents feel about their child getting a mentor?
- How might the family respond to me?
- Do I contact the mentee's parent?
- How can I know I'm helping them when I feel their parents are telling them the opposite of what I am telling them?

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