



Lad Lake Inc. Mentor Program

A mentor is a coach, confidant, advisor, a friend, and an advocate. Lad Lake's Mentoring Program offers youth the influence of a positive role model in their life at a critical time they may be struggling. A trusted adult such as a mentor can help redirect a youth's behavior in a positive direction. This is the goal of Lad Lake's Mentoring Program. Lad Lake works in collaboration with case managers and families to best serve youth within the mentoring program. The mentor will build a positive one on one relationship with a youth in the community. The objective is to have the youth experience interactive community activities. During these activities the mentor will focus on measurable goals and outcomes. A mentor can be very effective in helping sustain a young person in their home and in the community. The mentors are trained to be a consistent family focused positive role model. They will usually meet with a client once a week and coordinate with the family what activities they will do. The program is flexible and catered to the needs of the client and family.

The mentoring program recruits professionals in the field of social work, education, and other professions. Mentors are screened consistently with Wisconsin caregiver laws. All Mentors are given orientation and 8 hours of training throughout the year. Training is focused on connecting with various clients in a trauma informed way. Mentors are trained in active listening, coaching, educating, role modeling, etc. They have a supervisor who is assigned to them who is there for support and guidance. Overall the mentoring program can be a great outlet for the youth and the family. It offers a chance for another support to help the youth in a relaxed environment and give the family a few hours of respite. We strive to focus on meeting the needs of the client and work diligently to ensure mentors are following best practices.

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