

# Mentoring Works

## Mentoring Works Organizations

**Beech Acres Parenting Center**  
513-231-6630  
[www.beechacres.org](http://www.beechacres.org)

**Big Brothers Big Sisters**  
513-421-4120  
[www.bigforkids.org](http://www.bigforkids.org)

**Boys Hope Girls Hope**  
513-721-3380  
[www.cincinnatihbgh.org](http://www.cincinnatihbgh.org)

**Cincinnati YOUTH Collaborative**  
513-475-4148  
[www.cycyouth.org](http://www.cycyouth.org)

**College Mentors for Kids**  
317-921-1798  
[www.collegementors.org](http://www.collegementors.org)

**Covington Partners in Prevention**  
859-392-3166  
[www.partnersinprevention.us](http://www.partnersinprevention.us)

**EndZone Youth Club**  
513-418-7697  
[www.endzoneclub.net](http://www.endzoneclub.net)

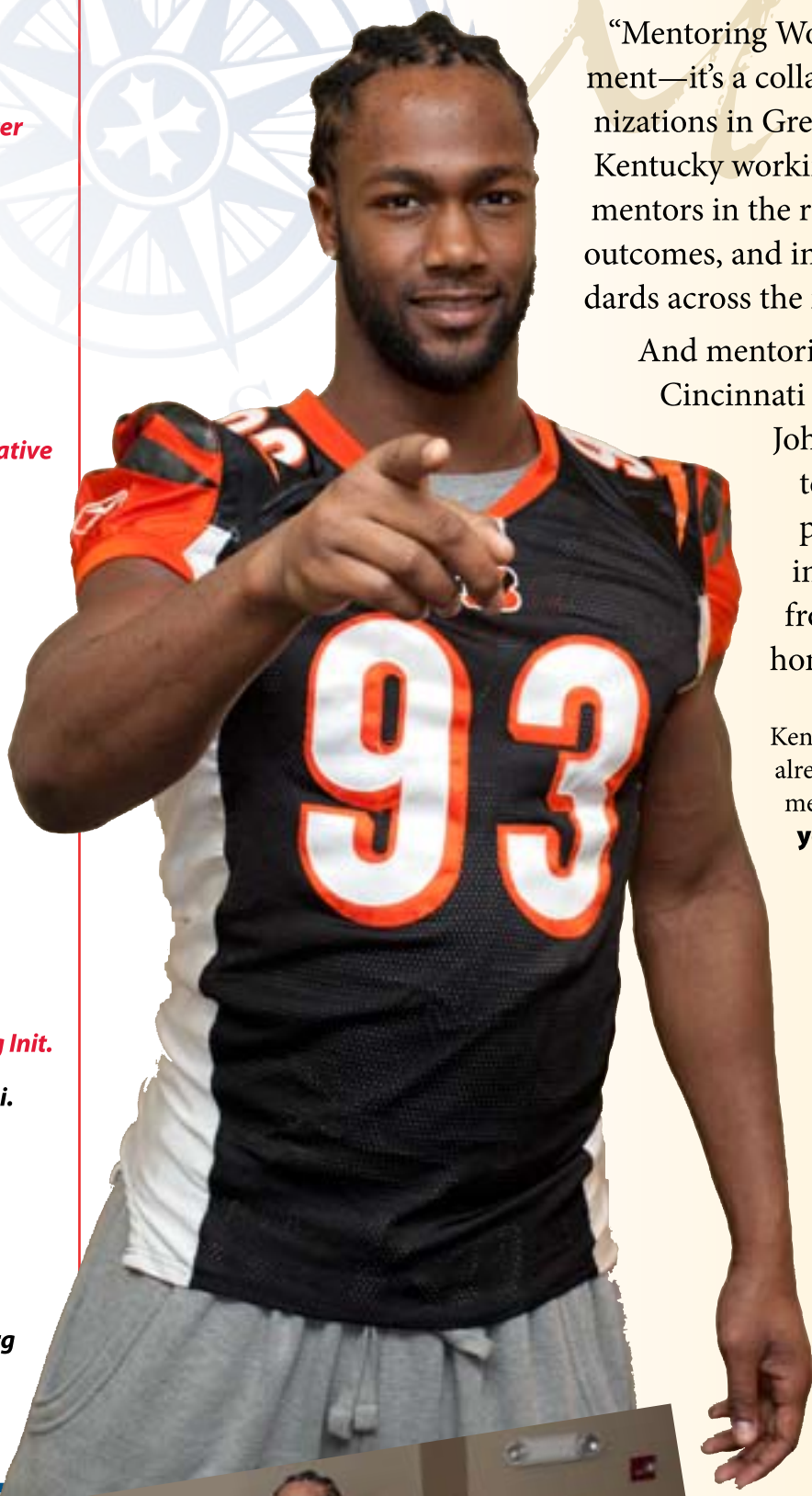
**Friends of the Children**  
513-244-6306  
[www.friendcincinnati.org](http://www.friendcincinnati.org)

**Higher Education Mentoring Init.**  
513-556-4368  
[www.uc.edu/cechpass/hemi.html](http://www.uc.edu/cechpass/hemi.html)

**Junior Achievement**  
513-346-7100 ext. 107  
[www.japartners.org](http://www.japartners.org)

**Leadership Scholars**  
513-861-5323  
[www.leadershipscholars.org](http://www.leadershipscholars.org)

**YMCA Mentoring**  
513-246-3230  
[www.myy.org](http://www.myy.org)



“Mentoring Works” is not only a true statement—it’s a collaborative of mentoring organizations in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky working to increase the number of mentors in the region, create positive youth outcomes, and implement best practice standards across the mentoring field.

And mentoring *does* work! Just ask Cincinnati Bengals defensive end Michael Johnson. He—and many of his teammates—support youth programs and mentoring initiatives all over the country, from the Tristate to their own hometowns.

In Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, more than 4,000 young people are already benefiting from a Mentoring Works mentor. But it’s not enough. **Over 1,000 youth are still in need of mentors.**

Research shows mentored young people have better attendance, engage in less risky behaviors (such as substance abuse) and have more positive social attitudes and relationships than their peers. They also have a better chance of graduating high school and going to college.

The benefits of mentoring include: improved self-esteem, better academic skills, increased ability to find and keep jobs, and more positive behaviors, attitudes and ambitions.

Join us in helping our local youth raise their goals and expectations. **Become a mentor or host a recruiting event at your place of business.**

To volunteer or to find out more about area mentoring programs, please contact any of the Mentoring Works organizations listed at left.



Many Cincinnati Bengals players are active supporters of youth mentoring programs. Posing with several University of Cincinnati Gen-1 residents are (left to right) Dan Skuta, Brandon Johnson, Michael Johnson and Clinton McDonald. To find out how you can get involved, contact any of the Mentoring Works organizations listed above.



## Mentor MATH

### By the numbers:

What is a mentor? A friend? A coach? Someone to help get a young person motivated? Maybe an advisor? A supporter? Or even a career model? A mentor can be any of these. A mentor can provide advice to help a child evaluate options and make better decisions. A mentor can also give a child access to a new world of ideas and experiences. Depending on the relationship, a mentor can also provide advocacy. Research suggests many positive benefits in mentoring relationships.

A Procter & Gamble study showed that of **133** Cincinnati students with mentors:

- **All stayed in school**, and their average attendance improved.
- Grade point averages were almost half a unit higher.
- Seniors were almost three times **more likely to go to college**.
- More trusting of parents or guardians and less likely to lie to them.

Of 400 high school students with mentors participating in a Louis Harris poll:

- **73** percent said mentors helped them raise their goals and expectations.
- **87** percent went to college or planned to attend college within a year of graduation.
- **59** percent improved their grades.
- **87** percent said they felt some benefit from their mentoring relationship.

Mentoring is making a difference across Ohio. Look for the Ohio Statewide Mentoring Network on Facebook and “like” the page to join three hundred advocates for mentoring.

Look for a complete list of all Ohio and Northern Kentucky pledges – visit [www.strivetogether.org](http://www.strivetogether.org)

