



FY 2021 OJJDP Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative Grantee Profile

Governor's Prevention Partnership

Program Overview and Background

REAL Mentoring (Realizing Excellence, Achievement and Leadership) proposes to improve youth outcomes through quality community-based mentoring for 200 youth ages 12 to 17 and to enhance mentoring services by implementing a prevention and youth mentoring strategy based on research and evidence-based practices. The model will incorporate opioid use disorder prevention/teaching roles for mentors in established community-based organizations.

Program Services

The REAL Mentoring model has three primary components:

- 1) a web-based mentee referral portal;
- 2) enhanced community-based mentoring services that incorporates the adolescent version of the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT-A) to identify the level of substance use prevention strategy to use; and
- 3) community awareness campaigns that focus on opioid misuse and provide opportunities for mentor and mentee volunteer activities.

Target Population

Youth ages 12 to 17 who reside in the communities of Windham, Torrington, Waterbury, Hartford, and Bridgeport, the communities most affected by the opioid epidemic in Connecticut.

Additional Resources

- Governor's Prevention Partnership Website: www.preventionworksct.org



 **Headquarters:**
Wethersfield, CT

 **Number of Youth Served:**
100

Grant: JJ FY21 Mentoring:
Opioids

Award Number:

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Award Amount: \$1,217,477

Program Mentoring Model:
Community-based

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