



FY 2024 OJJDP Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative Grantee Profile

Volunteers of America, Utah

Program Overview and Background

The Amplified Mentoring Program, facilitated by Volunteers of America, Utah, aims to augment mentoring services for youth between the ages of 10 and 17 in Salt Lake County, focusing on those impacted by opioid misuse and drug addiction. With over 25 years of experience in prevention and substance abuse treatment, Volunteers of America, Utah leverages its expertise to address risk factors related to substance misuse and delinquency through proven mentoring strategies.



Program Services

The program will sustain and grow its group and one-to-one mentoring services, employing evidence-based practices to further reduce substance use and juvenile justice involvement among the youth. Currently conducting 40 group mentoring cycles yearly across 16 community sites and supporting 40 individual mentoring pairs, the program is set to expand these offerings. Over the proposed three-year project period, the program aims to serve approximately 1,200 youth and maintain 60 active one-to-one mentoring matches annually by enlisting additional volunteer mentors.

Target Population

We aim to provide mentoring under this grant to young people with any one or more of the following:

- Academically Challenged
- Juvenile Justice Involvement
- Race/Ethnicity
- Single Parent Household
- Substance Misuse/Impact

- Headquarters in Salt Lake City, UT
- Founded in 1986
- 400 Youth Served
- 1 Program Locations

Grant: JJ FY24 Mentoring: Opioids

Award Number: 15PJDP-24-GG-02590-MENT

Award Amount: \$650,000

Mentoring Model & Structure

- Community-based
- Combined (Mentee receives both group and 1:1 mentoring), Community-based, School-based;
- Partnering with Substance Abuse Provider, School
- Programs focus on Substance Misuse/Impact, General, School



Mentor Recruitment & Training

- 60 mentors recruited under this grant
- Peer Mentoring included in programming
- For mentor recruitment, we target Adult Volunteers
- Duration of program services: 9 months
- Expected intensity of match contact: 6-8 hours per month
- Expected length of a match: 9 months
- Expected frequency of match contact: 6-8 hours per month
- Number of training hours required before a mentor is matched with a youth: 4 hours

Additional Resources

- Volunteers of America, Utah Website: <https://www.voaut.org>

this data is accurate as of January 2025.

For more information on our OJJDP grant:

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