



FY 2022 OJJDP Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative Grantee Profile

National Urban League

Program Overview and Background

Project Ready Mentor prepares African American and other historically underserved youth for college and career, utilizing evidence-based standards, impactful local and national partnering, innovative content, asset-based approaches, professional development, and practical tools specifically designed for and unique to the Urban League Movement. In order to grow into healthy, responsible adults, youths require a range of developmentally appropriate supports, services, and opportunities, only some of which are provided in schools.

Program Services

The National Urban League's signature education program, Project Ready, helps 6th through 12th-grade students progress academically and intellectually and benefit from college culture enrichment and support opportunities to develop essential skills, attitudes, and aptitudes that position them well for success during and after high school. For the National Urban League, readiness means that youth have the necessary skills, attitudes, information, perspective, and intellectual and social capital necessary for success and achievement without needing remediation in the first year of college or career.

Target Population

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

- Single Parent Household
- Academic Challenges
- Juvenile Justice Involvement
- Victimization
- Facing Discrimination based on Race, Ethnicity or Gender

Mentor Recruitment & Training

- 360 youth served under this grant
- 90 mentors recruited under this grant
- 360+ matches
- For mentor recruitment, we target Peers (Youth), College Students, Adult Volunteers, Athletic Coaches, and Law Enforcement Officers
- Duration of program services: 1-4 years



- HQ: New York, NY
- Founded in 1910
- 2,000 – 3,000 Youth Served
- 8 Program Locations
- 8 Sub Grantees

Grant: JJ FY22 Mentoring: Multi-state

Award Number: 15JDP-22-GG-03870-MENT

Award Amount: \$3,000,000

Mentoring Model & Structure

- Site-based, school-based, and community-based
- One-to-one, group, school-based, community-based, e-mentoring, hybrid (1:1 in a group setting), combined (both group and 1:1 mentoring)
- Partnering with schools and the corporate sector
- Programs focus on, Academics, College Readiness, Civic Engagement



- Expected intensity of match contact: Minimum of 2 hours per month
- Expected length of a match: 1 year
- Expected frequency of match contact: 2-4 hours per month
- Number of training hours required before a mentor is matched with a youth: 90-180 minutes

Additional Program Information

The National Urban League has been operating the Project Ready Mentor program for 10+ years.

Additional Resources

- [National Urban League](#)
- [Project Ready Mentor](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Twitter](#)

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