



NATIONAL
MENTORING
RESOURCE CENTER
A Program of **OJJDP**

Credible Messenger Mentoring

A Community-Centered
Approach to Youth
Justice Transformation



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- The NMRC builds on OJJDP's history, leadership, and investments in quality youth mentoring.

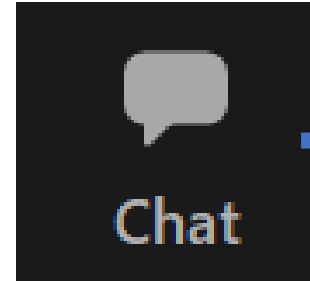
National Mentoring Resource Center Overview

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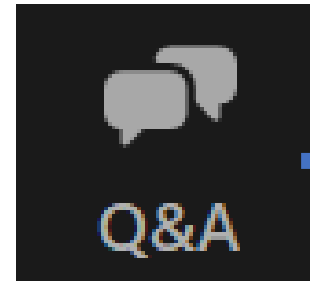
- National Mentoring Resource Center Website
 - Practitioner Focused Blog
 - Grantee Dedicated Part of Site
 - Numerous Research-Based Resources
 - Evidence Reviews on Programs, Models, and Populations
- Research Board
- Training and Technical Assistance!
 - No-Cost Assistance For Your Mentoring Program

Remember!

- Please take **3-4 minutes to complete the anonymous survey** to let us know how we did at the end of the webinar.
- In about a week, you will receive an email with information on how to download the **slides, recording, and resources** on the OJJDP NMRC website, at www.nationalmentoringresourcecenter.org



- Introduce yourself!
- Talk with one another
- Share resources
- Respond to presenters



- Ask the presenters questions
- Upvote questions you'd like to see answered

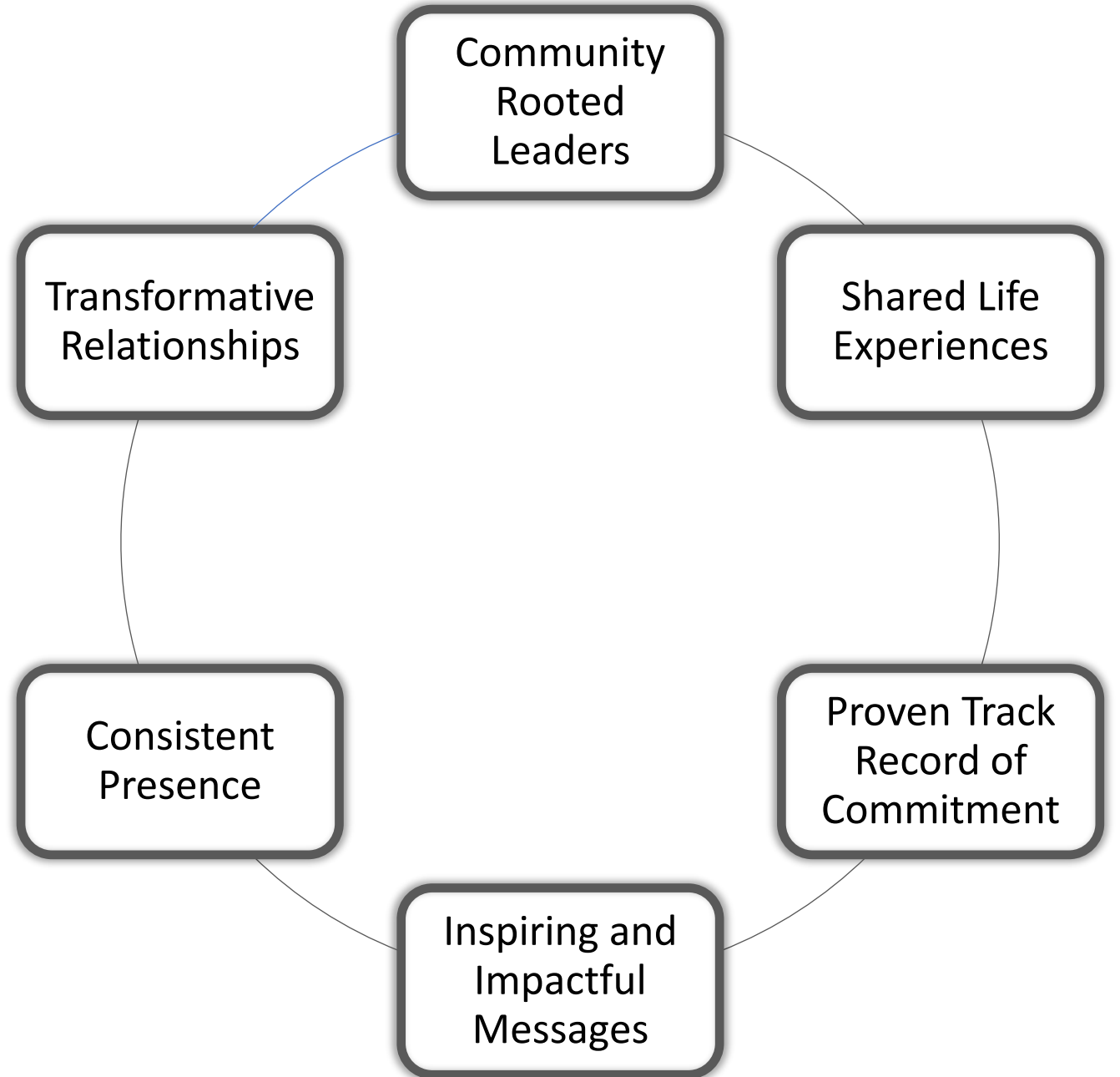
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Answer the poll!

What is your role in the mentoring field? (staff, mentor, program director, etc.)



Credible Messenger Characteristics

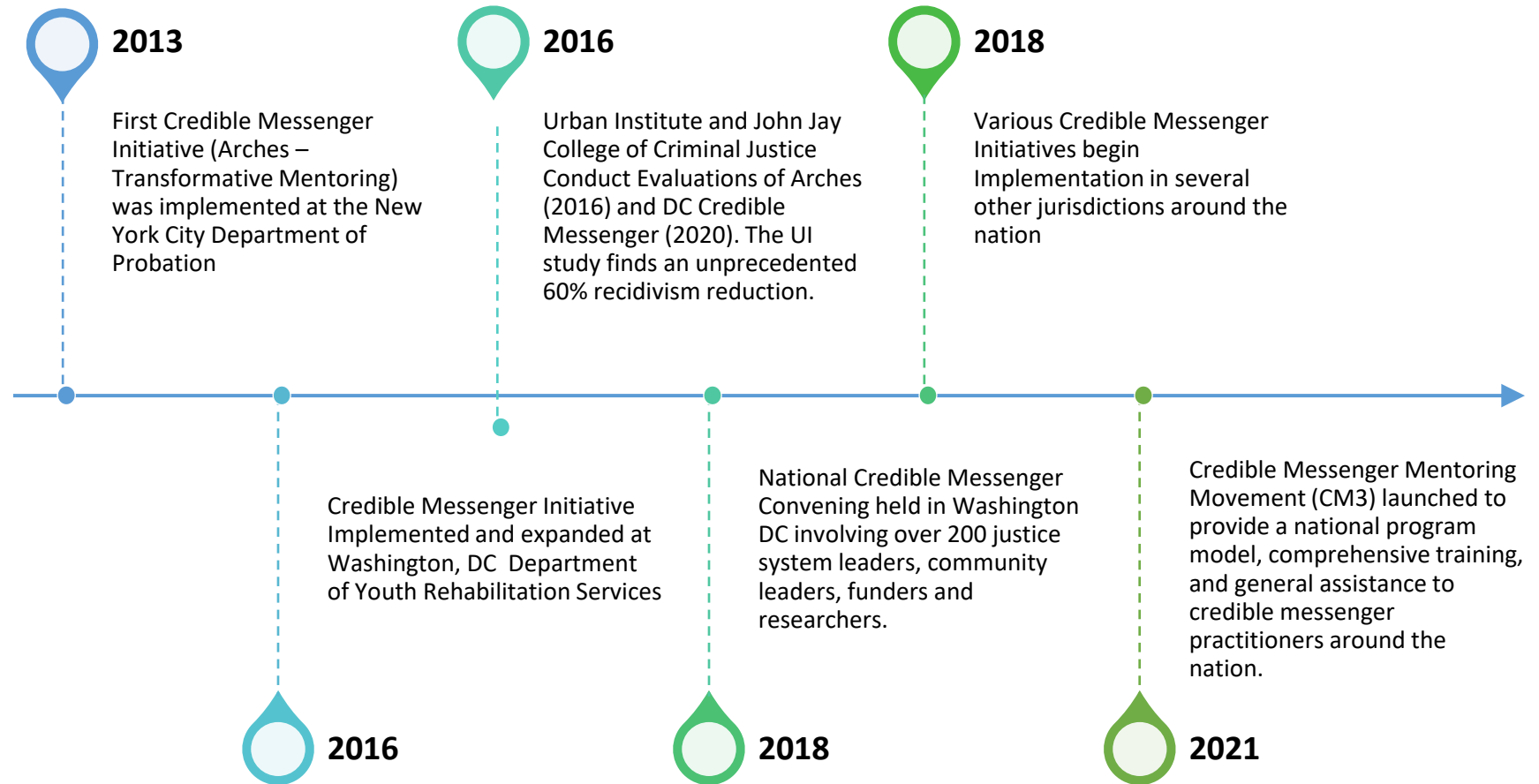


Credible Messengers Practice Transformative Mentoring, Which is:

- Focused on Healing, Restoration, and Positive Youth Development
- Intentional, Structured, Systemic
- A Long-Term Commitment
- Focused on Transforming Thinking and Behavior
- Built upon Healthy, Trusting Relationships
- Leverages Trusting Relationships to build and execute plans for ongoing progress and success



History & Evolution of Credible Messenger Mentoring





Credible Messenger Roles & Responsibilities

- Form Trusting Relationships and Lines of Communication with Youth
- Provide Individual Transformative Mentoring Sessions
- Facilitate Restorative Focused Group Activities
- Provide 24/7 Crisis Intervention and Response Services
- Provide Life Coaching and Co-navigation Supports
- Connection to Services, Resources, and Opportunities via Government and Community-based Organizations
- Document Interactions with Youth in Designated Database

Key Questions

- How do credible messenger mentors come to this work? How are they recruited?
- In what ways do you screen and vet credible messenger mentors?
- What types of training do you provide to credible messenger mentors? What does match support look like?



An Overview of Credible Messenger Mentoring

