



FY 2024 OJJDP Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative Grantee Profile

Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation

Program Overview and Background

The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation (CRSF) helps to strengthen America’s most underserved and distressed communities by supporting and advocating for children, building Youth Development Parks, partnering with law enforcement and youth service agencies, and addressing community needs through its national program initiatives. CRSF creates safe opportunities for youth to develop valuable life skills, build character, connect positively with local law enforcement, and learn how to make productive choices for their future. By partnering with youth-serving organizations and schools across the country, we provide educational life skills curriculum for adult mentors to use to better engage and teach the children we serve. Using team sports as the hook, youth gain knowledge in topics such as leadership, work ethic, personal responsibility, and healthy living.



Headquarters in Baltimore, MD

Founded in 2001

11,000 Youth Served

50 Program Locations

50 Sub Grantees

Grant: JJ FY24 Mentoring: National

Award Number: 15PJDP-24-GG-03831-MENT

Award Amount: \$1,860,000

Program Services

The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation mentoring programs include group activities that focus on team sports, leadership development, and college readiness. The Ripken Foundation provides hands-on experiences such as sports clinic and College Experience Days.

Target Population

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

- Single Parent Household
- Academically Challenged
- Gender
- Juvenile Justice Involvement
- Rural
- Youth with Disabilities

Mentoring Model & Structure

- Community-based, Site-based
- Group, Community-based
- Partnering with School, Law Enforcement Agency, Youth Serving Organizations
- Programs focus on STEM, Sports, Youth with Disabilities, College Readiness



Mentor Recruitment & Training

- 500 mentors recruited under this grant
- For mentor recruitment, we target Adult Volunteer, Athletic Coach, College Student, Law Enforcement Officer
- Duration of program services: Minimum of 12 weeks.
- Expected intensity of match contact: 1-2 times per week for at least an hour
- Expected length of a match: Minimum of 12 weeks
- Expected frequency of match contact: 1-2 times per week for at least an hour.
- Number of training hours required before a mentor is matched with a youth: 3 hours

Additional Resources

- Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation Website: <https://www.ripkenfoundation.org/>

this data is accurate as of January 2025.

For more information on our OJJDP grant:

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