



FY 2024 OJJDP Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative Grantee Profile

Elevate USA

Program Overview and Background

Elevate USA’s mission is to build long-term, life-changing relationships with urban youth, equipping them to thrive and contribute to their community. As a part of the project, Elevate will provide mentoring to high-risk middle and high school students in large group, small group, and one-on-one settings. Eighty-five percent of those enrolled will complete the one-year program, 85 percent of mentored high school students will complete the necessary number of required credits to be on track to graduate, and all mentored students will attend a minimum of 90 percent of school days throughout the school year. In addition, Elevate will enhance and implement a multilevel (systemic, agency, and individual) family engagement initiative.

Program Services

Elevate hires full-time, salaried mentors who come from similar backgrounds as the youth. These mentors build relationships with mentees through teaching accredited school classes in the public schools, mentoring outside of school, conducting adventure activities, and assisting mentees with a plan for college or career after high school. Additionally, parents/caregivers/families are engaged through home visits, family events, and local and national family engagement councils.

Target Population

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

- Academically Challenged
- Rural
- Economically Disadvantaged



Headquarters in Golden, CO

Founded in 2014

5,690 Youth Served

1 Program Locations

19 Sub Grantees

Grant: JJ FY24 Mentoring: Multi-State

Award Number: 15PJDP-24-GG-03829-MENT

Award Amount: \$2,200,000

Mentoring Model & Structure

- School-based
- Combined (Mentee receives both group and 1:1 mentoring), School-based
- Partnering with schools
- Programs focus Leadership and Social-Emotional Competency Development



Mentor Recruitment & Training

- 294 mentors recruited under this grant
- For mentor recruitment, we target Program Staff
- Duration of program services: 1 year
- Expected intensity of match contact: 1 hour
- Expected length of a match: 1 year
- Expected frequency of match contact: Minimum 5 times per week
- Number of training hours required before a mentor is matched with a youth: 80 hours

Additional Resources

- Elevate USA Website: <http://www.ElevateTheUSA.org>

this data is accurate as of January 2025.

For more information on our OJJDP grant:

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