



Legacy Mentor Program COVID-19 Guidelines

The Legacy Mentor Program provides one-on-one mentoring to youth in out of home care. Mentoring prior to the pandemic has been primarily in person meetings in the community. Until further notice, the Legacy Mentor Program will incorporate the following guidelines:

Contact- Contact between the mentor and their mentee should be determined based on local, state, and individual considerations. Most placements at this time are not allowing “outside visitors” (meaning if you don’t live or work directly with the youth, you are not allowed to come into the home). In those situations contact should occur electronically with phone calls, text messages, FaceTime, Zoom, social media, etc.

Health- The health of our mentors and our youth are of paramount concern. Mentors should follow the recommended and required local and statewide guidelines. If they are mentoring in person and taking their mentee out in the community, wear face masks, practice social distancing and frequent hand washing. In person visitation should only occur upon approval of the caregivers and if the mentor and mentee are not currently experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms. As stated earlier, many of the foster placements are not allowing in person visitation.

Reporting- Mentors should continue to keep track of the time they spend with their mentee. An individual plan can be discussed with the Mentor Program Manager to best address the needs of both the mentor and mentee. Should the mentor or mentee experience any COVID-19 symptoms or test positive after a mentor outing, they should report this to the Mentor Program Manager.

Recognizing Symptoms- Information about COVID-19 is constantly changing as our health professionals study and learn more. To help you recognize symptoms, here is a link to the most updated information from the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

In addition, you can find updated information via our website:
<https://embracefamilies.org/your-one-stop-for-covid-19-updates>

Embrace Families takes the health of our staff, caregivers, volunteers, mentors and most importantly our children seriously. During this time of uncertainty we ask that you stay safe and healthy and follow the guidelines outlined by the local, state and national leaders. Please wear your masks, social distance when in public, self-isolate if symptomatic, and wash your hands.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

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