Radical Possibilities Mentoring Program School-Based Mentoring Information Sheet

Radical Possibilities creates intentional mentoring relationships in order to promote young people's personal empowerment, positive engagement, and overall ability to thrive in their daily lives and beyond. Through a combination of school-based one-on-one mentoring and monthly group activities, Radical Possibilities provides an opportunity for mentors and mentees to connect, bond, and grow in a supportive, inclusive, and fun environment. Mentors are provided with comprehensive training and on-going guidance to help them build meaningful connections with their mentees that have long-term positive impact.

Criteria:

- Grades 4 & 5 (exceptions for 3rd grade students are considered on a case-by-case basis)
- Youth who would benefit from a relationship that promotes behavioral health, social-emotional development, and increases protective factors

Referral Period:

- Referrals begin in September and matches are ideally made in October
 - o Additional referrals are accepted throughout the year and may be accepted depending on student need and mentor availability.

Program Components:

- Weekly one-on-one or group meetings with mentor and mentee (1-2 hrs/wk)
- Monthly group activities with all program participants (2 hrs/month)
- Mentor supervision: 1 hour a week

Program Guidelines:

- Acceptance into the program is dependent on an intake process and availability of a suitable mentor
- Entirely voluntary
- Free of cost
- Transportation provided by mentor/LPYS
- Time, place, and activities for one-on-one meetings are determined by mentor and school staff

Radical Possibilities offers youth an opportunity to:

- Create meaningful connections with adults and peers
- Discover a sense of belonging in the world
- Identify and increase personal strengths
- Challenge personal growth
- Pursue special interests
- Increase self-awareness
- Learn new life skills

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