



# WHO WE ARE

## SAFE HARBOUR MENTORING

works to provide trauma-informed mentoring supports to youth who have been impacted by or are at risk of commercial sexual exploitation in Suffolk County, by matching them with a volunteer mentor. This mentorship is community based and works to promote strength-based goals to assist youth in recognizing their value and help them to grow in their identity as healthy, worthy human beings.

## SAFE HARBOUR AND SAFE HARBOUR MENTORING

are based out of the Suffolk County Child Advocacy Center, or the "CAC", located in Central Islip and Riverhead. We are part of the EAC network.

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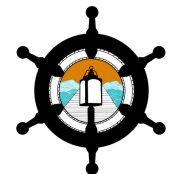
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## SAFE HARBOUR MENTORING

WORKING TO EMPOWER ADOLESCENTS & TEENS IN SUFFOLK COUNTY THAT MAY HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY, OR ARE AT-RISK OF TRAFFICKING TO RECOGNIZE THEIR STRENGTHS, WHILE DEVELOPING CONSTRUCTIVE & HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS!





## SAFE HARBOUR

Named after the NY Safe Harbour Act of 2008, Safe Harbour protects and cares for children that have been, or are at risk of being victims of commercial sex trafficking.

The act issued a system level approach, calling for existing systems to provide efficient responses to youth who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation or are vulnerable to it.

At Safe Harbour we offer an array of services to our survivors and at-risk youth to help them get back on their feet. We assist youth with case management, referrals (including shelters, residential placement, therapy, and more), group counseling and support, education and vocational advocacy (including help with resume building, job readiness, and job placement) potential police intervention and community education.

## WHY MENTORING MATTERS

Mentoring is an opportunity to show young people that there is someone who cares about them. Through mentoring youth can feel like they are not alone in dealing with their day-to-day challenges and be built up in their confidence, self-esteem, and self-worth. Research has confirmed that consistent and committed mentoring relationships have powerful positive effects on youth in all areas of their life including improved academic, social and economic prospects.

Mentoring provides meaningful connections that positively impact all involved and can transform communities. For those who are mentoring, this relationship can also build leadership skills, expand a mentor's network, and provide an inspiring opportunity to give back to the community.

If you want an opportunity to be a role model, support, and encouragement to a youth in need and become more educated and informed about the population we work with, we would love to have the opportunity to connect.



## WE ARE LOOKING FOR MENTORS WHO...

..are committed, compassionate, caring, and consistent.

..want to dedicate time to aid in reducing risk factors and enhance protective factors through their time spent together with their mentee in the community.

..are 21 years of age or older, reside in Long Island, NY, and have a valid NYS Driver's License to provide transportation within the community.

..are from all different backgrounds and are sensitive and respectful to personalities of different educational, economic, cultural, and racial backgrounds.

..can provide a 4+ hour a month- one year time commitment.

..are open to learning more about the population we work with.

## OUR MENTORS...

..are required to go through a screening and thorough background check process, as well as mandatory training prior to being matched.

Ongoing training and supervision is provided.



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