



## ***Did you know...***

**Being a Mentor to a child can be a very rewarding experience.**

If you are you looking for a way to make a positive difference in our community, Wahkiakum Community Network encourages you to think about becoming a mentor in the St. James Family Center Adult to Youth Mentoring Program.

### **Does Mentoring Work?**

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America** research shows young people with mentors were:

- 27% less likely to begin using alcohol
- 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs
- 53% less likely to skip school
- 33% less likely to hit someone

**In a Lou Harris Poll** 59% of the mentored students improved their grades  
73% of students said their mentors helped raise their goals and expectations.

**Mentor Support.** There are regular group activities and support meetings. The local Mentor Coordinator makes sure that you and your mentee are a good match and a state licensed counselor provides the guidance you need to be a mentor.

If you would like more information, contact Patti Phillips at St. James Family Center, 360-795-8612 or [pPhillips@stjamesfamilycenter.org](mailto:pPhillips@stjamesfamilycenter.org).

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**NEXT PUBLIC BOARD MEETING: August 4, 2008 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**River Street Meeting Room 42 River Street, Cathlamet**

*Supporting community-based changes to improve the lives of children and families*