

Who can be a mentor?

Anyone with an interest and commitment to youth can be a mentor! You must only be 21 years old, pass a background check, and maintain communication with the program coordinator. Everyone has life and career experience to share with our youth. Think about the impact knowledge and exposure can have on a young person today!

What types of careers interest the youth?

RAMP youth are interested in everything from nursing, computer technology, cosmetology, early childhood, law enforcement, welding, and STEM related fields. Often, our youth have not yet recognized their strengths, yet through the relationship with their mentor, opportunities and career options become available that they never thought possible.

What is the time commitment?

- One Calendar School Year
- Two 1-hour Face to Face sessions
These sessions can occur during the weekly meeting held at the school or a time and day set by program coordinator, mentor and youth.
- Continuous Communication
At least 3 attempts per month to contact youth via phone, email, text, etc.

Where are the meetings?

- Waltrip High School, 1900 W34th Street Houston, TX 77018
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8:20am – 10am
- Austin High School, 3434 Pheasant Creek Drive, Sugar Land TX 77498
Thursdays 10:05am -12:05pm
- Marshall High School held at United Way Fort Bend, 10435 Greenbough Dr, #200 Stafford TX
Wednesdays 3:00 pm -4:30pm

Is there training?

Yes; there is a mandatory two hour training during which we cover Mentoring Basics, Mentor Expectations, Personal Boundaries, Disability Etiquette, and suggested strategies to develop an effective relationship.

What type of disabilities do the youth have?

RAMP youth have a wide range of disabilities from learning disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, intellectual disabilities, emotional disturbance, and Traumatic Brain Injury.

What if I have never worked with someone with a disability?

No problem! Thank you for choosing Easter Seals Greater Houston to begin your experience. We will extensively cover disability expectations and best practices during our training. Mentors are also not allowed to be alone with the youth until they have completed at least one quarter (3 months) of the program.

What is the overall goal of the program?

The RAMP model utilizes a combination of group, peer and one-on-one mentoring to promote the successful transition of RAMP youth to employment, continued learning opportunities and independent living.