

## MONTHLY



## UPDATE

## A Note from Our Team

We are as ready as anyone to have some April showers turning to May flowers. The students are itching to get outside more, and they're working on some transitions to in-person/hybrid learning. Your support is appreciated as we work through these shifts with the students, families, and community. Our mentors are working to support the students in their goals as they finish this school year strong and look forward to the summer.

## Preparing for the Journey: New Trainings to Support Mentors

For our mentees, one of the best parts about having a mentoring relationship is having someone who is there to support them. Though this year has been full of its challenges, we've also been grateful for the time to reflect and adapt some of our practices in order to better meet the needs of our mentors and mentees. As mentors come alongside their mentees in meaningful ways, we wanted to continue to improve our own practices as we come alongside our mentors and support them through their mentoring journeys. As a part of this, we developed a new training program that will soon launch, which will help mentors and staff have important conversations around topics that impact our mentees.

To learn more about this, we caught

up with Franny Rosing, Family Engagement Coordinator here at Intentional Mentoring, who has been with the organization since its beginning. Franny, along with the rest of the training team, has been working on developing a new training model, which will dive into important topics that will help better prepare mentors as they enter into their mentoring relationships.

Franny explained, "Our training team has put in a lot of time and effort to develop meaningful content. Previously, all mentors went through a short, one-on-one training session with their coach when they started the program. After receiving feedback from mentors, mentees, and families, we realized we need to help our mentors

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## Shout-out

To our awesome  
MENTORS  
as they  
SUPPORT STUDENTS  
in their  
SHIFTING SCHOOL  
STRUCTURES.



## Announcements

Eat at MOD PIZZA  
in Fitchburg on  
Thursday, April 15th  
10:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
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## Online

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be better prepared for the challenges they might face when meeting with their student. We talked about issues that come up most often in mentor coaching meetings and decided on the content of the first four modules. We decided to use an online system, so mentors can go through the modules at their own pace and discuss what they've learned with their coach after they've completed the training."

So what will this look like? "We are moving to a streamlined, online training system," continued Franny. "All current and future mentors (and staff) will be required to complete four training modules our team has created, specific to mentoring in our program. The modules' topics include communication with mentees and families, navigating mental health challenges, trauma-informed care, and understanding race and equity. After mentors have completed the required modules, they will have the freedom to explore their own ongoing training

opportunities." These trainings, along with the support from their mentor coach, will help mentors to feel even more comfortable and prepared. "I'm excited to help mentors be better prepared for the work they do with our students. The kids we work with go through some really tough stuff, and it's hard to know how to respond sometimes. I'm hoping these training sessions at least give mentors a place to start and will also encourage them to reach out to staff members when they need something." Together we can create the support network that mentees and mentors need to thrive.

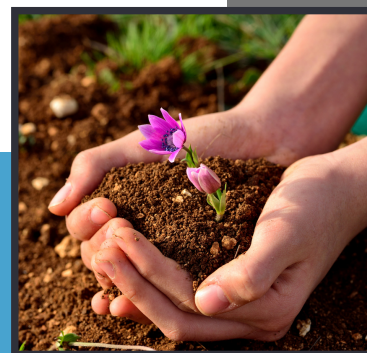
We look forward to the conversations and learning that these new trainings will bring as we continue to support mentors as they continue to support students. If you or anyone you know is looking for a meaningful opportunity to engage with a student in our community, contact us for more information or click the Become a Mentor button to the right on this page!

Interested in getting involved with Intentional Mentoring but not sure you have the skill set or the available time for coaching/mentorship? We still value your contributions! Consider monthly community outreach or helping to organize one of our events. Have questions about what help Intentional Mentoring could use or other ideas for ways you think you could help? Email us at [katiemae@intentionalmentoringmadison.org](mailto:katiemae@intentionalmentoringmadison.org).

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## Our Mission Statement

*With guidance from coaches, mentors interact with school staff, community members, and families in order to strengthen the support network for students facing adversity.*



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