

MONTHLY



UPDATE

A Note from Our Team

Farewell summer and hello fall! Students are entering new classes and some are stepping foot into new schools. Our mentors are ready to roll as they support our students in new goals, nerves, and opportunities. Intentional Mentoring is kicking off this fall working in partnership with a team from RISE in their program called Breaking the Cycle to pair mentors with students in families dealing with the justice system. We are excited to be able to collaborate in this way. We are also excited to share that we are currently receiving a good flow of mentors to be paired and would like to continue that as we go throughout this year. Please continue to show your support by sharing your experiences and this opportunity with anyone you feel would be interested!

Welcoming in New Connections

As we get our school year into full swing, we're excited about some of our new connections! Whether it's connections with students, mentors, coaches, families, or the community, we're excited to engage with these partnerships to help the students in our community thrive!

This month we caught up with our new Lead Mentor Coach, Katie Kenig, who stepped into this role in January. Along with her time with Intentional Mentoring, she also shared a little more about herself

so that we can get to know her better: "My two kids are in kindergarten and fourth grade, so this is my first year with both kids at school full day! I am enjoying the extra time to myself and figuring out how best to spend that time. I love hiking, reading, and gardening."

In her new role with Intentional Mentoring, Katie will "get to coach the coaches and make sure that our mentors are supported and encouraged in their mentorships,"

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Shout-out

To all of the teachers and school support starting off this year to support our amazing students!



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she explained. "I love inspiring and encouraging the coaches to then give that inspiration and encouragement to the mentors. I want to foster a culture that loves students and supports one another to become better mentors." Additionally, Katie is working on supporting more family connections with mentor groups this year. Connecting mentors with families, in addition to their students, can help everyone to be on the same page and provide even greater support for students.

Additionally, now that the school year is underway, we've been able to connect more with schools once again now that we are getting back into the swing of things after the last couple years of the pandemic. Katie noted that "schools and mentors are so excited to really lean into the partnership together to support the students. The past two years

[through the pandemic] changed the way mentors could be involved in the schools, so many mentors are looking forward to coming back into the schools and having a closer connection with the teachers." These connections help to further support students academically and socially by having another person that students trust helping them to navigate the ups and downs of the school year.

Through all of this, Katie noted, "I am really looking forward to the way mentors and teachers will be creative together to support students! I know many wonderful things will occur, and I can't wait to be witness to the ways students will thrive and grow by having so many adults working together."

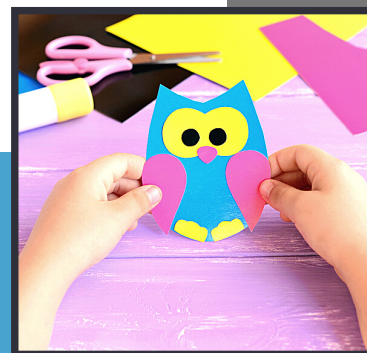
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Interested in getting involved with Intentional Mentoring but not sure you have the skill set or the available time for coaching/mentorship? We still value your contributions! Consider monthly community outreach or helping to organize one of our events. 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.

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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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