COMMUNITY CARES: PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Methacton School District

Year One Program Overview | 2024–2025

In partnership with:

Rep. Joe Webster's Office · Mission Kids · Methacton Education Foundation

Dr. Jamie Gravinese; April 7, 2026

APRIL

Program Launch

Community Partnership

Rep. Joe Webster's Office and Mission Kids provided foundational support and community connections for the program.

Funding Secured

Methacton Education Foundation provided the funding needed to launch the program in its first year.

School Board Approval

Methacton School Board formally approved the program, ensuring district-wide commitment and support.

Teacher Sponsors Selected

Dedicated teacher sponsors were identified and selected to guide and champion the program in schools.

MAY

Student Recruitment

216

Students Expressed Interest

50

Students Selected

A competitive selection process ensured the most motivated and capable peer mentors were chosen to represent the program.

AUGUST

Two-Day Mentor Training at Ursinus College

1. What makes a great leader
2. Communicating effectively
3. Empathy & emotional intelligence
4. Boundaries and mentorship skills
5. Active listening techniques
6. Understanding the adolescent brain
7. Group facilitation skills
8. Leading small groups

AUGUST

Two-Day Mentor Training at Ursinus College

•Ms. Jenn Capone, Mission Kids Community Prevention Educator
•Ms. Pooja Chanda, Methacton School District School Board Director
•Dr. Janine Darby, Montgomery County Coroner
•Ms. Meredith Frank, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies at Montgomery County Community College
•Dr. Gundolf Graml, Provost of Ursinus College
•Dr. Jamie Gravinese, Methacton School District Director of Pupil Services
•Dr. Robyn Hannigan, President of Ursinus College
•Ms. Fran Held, Director of Mitzvah Circle Foundation
•Mr. Todd McKinney, Senior Director of Inclusion and Belonging at Ursinus College
•Ms. Angela McFarland, Founder and Director of Coffee Closet with Barista Jake
•Mr. Jacob McFarland, Founder and Manager of Coffee Closet with Barista Jake
•Ms. Carly Morris, Mission Kids Community Prevention Educator
•Ms. Shannon Peffer, President of the Methacton Education Foundation
•Ms. Kimberly Plummer, Director of Children's Services at Central Behavioral Health
•Ms. Lola Quigley, Mission Kids Community Prevention Educator
•Dr. Che Regina, Methacton School District Assistant Superintendent
•Ms. Amy Smith, PA State Representative Joe Webster Chief of Staff
•Ms. Veronica Trejo, Mission Kids Bilingual Community Prevention Educator
•Dr. Josh Weikert, Policy Director for PA State Representative Joe Webster
•Dr. Ashley Wilkerson, Physician at Nemours Children's Hospital
•The Reverend Mayor Aidsand Wright-Riggins, Mayor of Collegeville Borough

SEPT – DEC

Fall Semester: Program Presentations

SEPTEMBER	**Program Introduction** Pre-program survey for grades 6 & 7. Cultural respect lesson delivered by Montgomery County Community College
OCTOBER	**Internet Safety** Presentation on Internet Safety delivered by Mission Kids
NOVEMBER	**Respecting Differences** Building Connections presentation by the Arc Alliance
DECEMBER	**Conflict Resolution** Conflict Resolution presentation by Victim Services

FEB – MAR

Spring Semester: Program Presentations

FEBRUARY

Interpersonal Skills & Social Norms

Presentation delivered by Laurel House

MARCH

Communication, Kindness & Team Building

Presentation by Montgomery County Community College

📋 March also includes the post-program survey, student video testimonials, MHS debrief sessions, and teacher post-survey.

APRIL – MAY

Program Completion & Looking Ahead

APRIL

Celebration!

Celebration of program completion for Year 1 mentors and students. Kickoff to Year 2 — recruitment begins.

MAY

Year 2 Planning

Finalize schedule for next year, ensuring Year 2 content does not repeat content from Year 1.

MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Students complete two years of programming — Year 1 in grade 6, Year 2 in grade 7 — with non-repeating content across cohorts.

	2025–2026	2026–2027	2027–2028	2028–2029
Grade 6	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2
Grade 7	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2

Grade 6

Grade 7

Year 1 = new cohort entering the program | Year 2 = returning students with advanced content

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