

NIA Mentoring is a mentoring program funded through the OJJDP. The Governor's Prevention Partnership (GPP) and Urban Community Alliance (UCA) have collaborated to offer NIA Mentoring services to New Haven high schoolers for a wide range of supports. NIA's Purpose: NIA was created to **target youth impacted by substance use and in need of guidance**, but also caters to those **impacted by chronic absenteeism**, **disciplinary issues**, **violence**, etc. Mentoring is an efficient way to provide additional guidance and support for youth in need along with educational resources, workshops, and treatment referrals when needed.

MENTEE CRITERIA

In order to become a mentee through the NIA program you have to be in 13-18 years old or 9th-12th grade at a New Haven public school.

MENTOR CRITERIA

To become a mentor, you will have to pass our background checks and go through some training, but most importantly - care about the youth!

BENEFITS OF NIA MENTORING:

Flexibility

Unique to the New Haven Community

Individuality of each mentoring relationship

No confinements, no pressures, just fun & opportunities!

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Program Length: At least a year, with a minimum of four meeting hours per month.
- NIA also has group mentoring & 1 on 1 models. Let us know your preference!
- Where to apply: We're happy you're thinking about mentoring with us. Scan the QR code below or email our program coordinator (contact information can be found below) with your inquiry.
- Once your intake materials are complete, your info will be uploaded into our database where we create the mentoring pairs. We will follow up with you shortly after your intake and we hope to have you paired soon!

FOR MORE MORE INFORMATION

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