

Family Financial Transformations Program

Financial Mentor Volunteer Opportunity

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas and Community America Credit Union are excited to announce a new educational and financial opportunity, the Family Financial Transformations program. This program will provide unique services and supports as we hope to break the cycle of poverty in our community and promote ongoing self-sufficiency. This includes a mentor program which will give selected volunteers an opportunity to build a positive relationship with a family who is working through the program. The mentor will be responsible for meeting with an assigned family and working to continue financial planning (which will be initiated and supported by CACU), work through challenges which may arise, and coach mentees through growth in financial success. Training will provide specific perimeters for the volunteer to operate under. Volunteers interested will be asked to “interview” due to the commitment and nature of the position.

Skills and Knowledge:

- Strong financial literacy and knowledge base- tracking spending, budgeting and sound understanding of credit
- Positive communication skills
- Writing skills for all documentation
- Ability to maintain a professional relationship
- Experience and commitment to working with diverse populations

Time Commitment:

- One year commitment to program
- Initial 4 hour training session and ongoing training as needed
- Regular contact with mentee family: 4-6 hours per month, including 2 monthly in person meetings and phone contact as needed
- Attendance of case conferences for initial 3-6 months of program

Other:

- Confidentiality agreement must be signed and maintained, even after exiting the program
- Communication to program manager about ongoing relationship, including any issues that arise or significant changes that may occur.

A Peer Mentor is ...	A Peer Mentor is Not...
Someone you can go to for advice on things like how budget for a housing, get a job, enroll in college, manage your finance etc.	A therapist
Someone you can go to for support around things like dealing with problems at work, navigating job interviews, budgeting your time etc.	A case manager
Someone who can support you and understand you from the perspective of having had similar experiences	A bank! Please do not ask your mentor to loan you money
Someone who can tell you about his/her experiences and assist you in understanding your options	A crisis line... if you have an emergency, please call 911
	A doctor, which means that your mentor cannot give you advice about medication or medical procedures