



Mentoring – Careers – Leadership Skills – Vision – Opportunities – Solutions – Possibilities

- ❖ The Goodwill GoodGuides™ Youth Mentoring Program is a national initiative funded by a grant through the U.S. Department of Justice.
- ❖ Research shows that mentoring promotes positive outcomes with youth including increased academic performance, improved self-esteem, and better careers while reducing school failure, the use and abuse of illegal substances, and youth delinquency.
- ❖ GoodGuides™ has been established at 56 Goodwills across the nation.
- ❖ Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Louisiana will target Orleans, Jefferson, and East Baton Rouge Parishes to provide youth services through the GoodGuides™ Program.
- ❖ GoodGuides™ will help youth, ages 12-17, prepare for school completion, develop work skills, identify career paths, and transition to post-secondary and training opportunities over a 1 year period.
- ❖ Eligibility Requirements:
 - Poor school performers who may not have dreams for their future.
 - Chronic truants
 - Living in poverty/working poor
 - Single-parent households that are unsupervised after school and evenings
 - Family violence
 - Witnessed or experienced gun violence
 - Lack of trusting adult relationships
 - In danger of dropping out of school
 - Youth with disabilities, including mental illness
 - Homeless or at risk of homelessness
 - Parents or pregnant
 - In unstable families
 - Substance abusers
- ❖ Chaperoned Career and College Exploration Field Trips.
- ❖ Mentors will work with teens each month assisting with homework, job applications, resume writing, and job interviews.
- ❖ Mentors will facilitate Skills Building and Work/Career Readiness Sessions and Service Learning Projects.

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