

### **Some information for Parents/Guardians about the EYMP and how it works:**

- The EYMP is a community-based one-to-one mentoring program designed to match adult volunteers (Mentors) with youth (Mentees) ages 8-21, who are located in Kitsap County.
- Mentees are matched with trained mentors based on personality, common interests and location, for a minimum of one year.
- Mentors fill out an application, provide three personal references (who are contacted and asked several questions) and interviewed. They go through background checks: WSP Criminal Background Check, CPS Background Check, and the Sexual Offender database.
- Mentors go through mentor and trauma responsive trainings. In addition, a variety of trainings are offered on a regular basis on a variety of subjects relevant to mentoring youth.
- Mentors and mentees choose the activities they both want to do based on their mutual interests and meet on their own schedules. They are encouraged to meet weekly, for at least an hour, with a minimum of four hours per month. However, when they are unable to meet, they are encouraged to still connect in some manner, such as text messaging.
- It is also possible for a mentor/mentee to only sign up for virtual mentoring or a combination of in-person and virtual mentoring.
- Matches can happen rather fast, or they can take months. It is important that the right mentor is found for the mentee referred.
- To refer your child, please fill out the EYMP Referral Form and/or contact Robin.
- If you would like more information, have any questions, would like to refer a child, or you or someone else may be interested in becoming a mentor with the EYMP, contact:

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**There is no cost for your child to be matched with a mentor, and in most cases, the mentor provides transportation, unless otherwise arranged.**