

## **Mentors For Williams County – Program Closure FAQ**

### **1. Why is the program closing?**

After careful consideration, we determined that we no longer have the volunteer capacity and organizational resources needed to operate the program effectively. We believe it is important that mentoring programs have the proper support structure in place, and at this time we are unable to sustain that.

### **2. When will the program officially close?**

We expect to complete the closure process and resolve all remaining matters by the end of March.

### **3. Can mentors and mentees continue their relationship?**

Yes. If both the mentor and the family are comfortable, and the parent/guardian approves, mentors and youth may continue their relationship independently outside of the formal program.

### **4. Will Mentors For Williams County continue to supervise or manage matches?**

No. Once the program closes, Mentors For Williams County will no longer supervise, manage, or be responsible for mentoring relationships.

### **5. What happens to background checks and program records?**

Background checks and program records were conducted solely for participation in the Mentors For Williams County program. They will not transfer to other organizations. Any records will be handled and retained according to our organizational policies.

### **6. Can mentors use their background check for another mentoring program?**

Typically, no. Most organizations require their own screening and background check process.

### **7. Will families be referred to another mentoring program?**

At this time we do not have a direct program to transition matches to, but we encourage families to explore other youth-serving organizations in the community that offer supportive opportunities.

### **8. What will happen to remaining program funds?**

Any remaining funds will be donated to another organization that supports youth in need so the resources can continue benefiting young people in our community.

### **9. Who should we contact if we have questions?**

If you have questions during the closure process, please contact:

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We are deeply grateful to the mentors, families, and community partners who made this program possible and for the positive impact created for youth in Williams County.