

How you can get involved:

- Help plan and carry out an activity.
- Provide snacks, supplies, and/or rooms for activity.
- Provide transportation for elementary students to and from their elementary schools.
- Provide funding to run our program (which goes towards all of the above).
- Provide supplies/materials for our yearly events including our end-of-the-year parties with our kids' families, our fundraiser 5k, our fundraiser online auction, our buddy pair t-shirts, etc.

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evaluating our impact

We conduct surveys at the end of each school year to measure program success. In addition to survey data, we gather information from elementary schools on attendance, grades, and standardized tests scores.

Some of our greatest results can't be captured in facts or figures. The bond that develops between a mentor and "little buddy" student is a measureless but sure sign of success.

benefiting kids

Many children exhibit better school attendance and improved behavior after joining the College Mentors program. In a survey of little buddies:

- 85% had a close friendship with their mentor
- 77% think more often about what they want to be when they grow up
- 79% have learned about finances, money and savings
- 79% want to go to college

"Before College Mentors I was making bad choices and now I am making good choices and not getting office referrals. I can tell anybody something if I am sad. I can talk to them at College Mentors." —Chris, little buddy, 2nd grade

benefiting families

University campuses become a helpful resource rather than an intimidating institution. Several parents have even begun to pursue higher education on their own as a result of their child's experience with College Mentors.

"College Mentors for Kids is something Ryland likes to do. Some things don't catch his attention and College Mentors is something that does. It seems like he gets a lot out of it. College Mentors is really something he looks forward to." —Parent of little buddy, Arlington Heights Elementary School

benefiting college students

One-hundred percent of our mentors say College Mentors has taught them how to be a role model. College students develop lasting leadership and management skills through the program. Mentors are also more likely to finish their college careers and support charitable causes.

"I was searching for ways to become involved on campus and also to give back to the community of Columbus. College Mentors offered me both. As a mentor, I developed a priceless relationship with a little buddy. He ended up telling me by the end of our year together that I was his best friend and he was so glad that I was his mentor." —Mentor, The Ohio State University chapter

benefiting communities

By promoting educational achievement and professional goal-setting from a young age, College Mentors helps develop productive, motivated adults. A better-educated workforce is more likely to contribute to the economy, vote and volunteer.

"For many students, your program is the best thing they have going for the week. I don't think you realize how many lives you have touched over the years. Keep up the good work!" —Teacher, Anderson University chapter

College Mentors for Kids

Purpose

We are a student organization at Ohio State that brings over 200 1st-5th graders from Columbus City Schools to campus each week. They are paired one-on-one with a college student mentor whom they see every week. We do structured activities focused on higher education, community service, and diversity. We do our best to be good role models and help broaden their horizons.

Impact

Help our children understand the importance of education and understand the opportunities higher education can provide to them.

Help our children understand the benefits of cultural understanding.

Help instill a desire and teach our children ways to give back to their community.



Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College Mentors for Kids at Ohio State

The following have planned activities with us in the past:

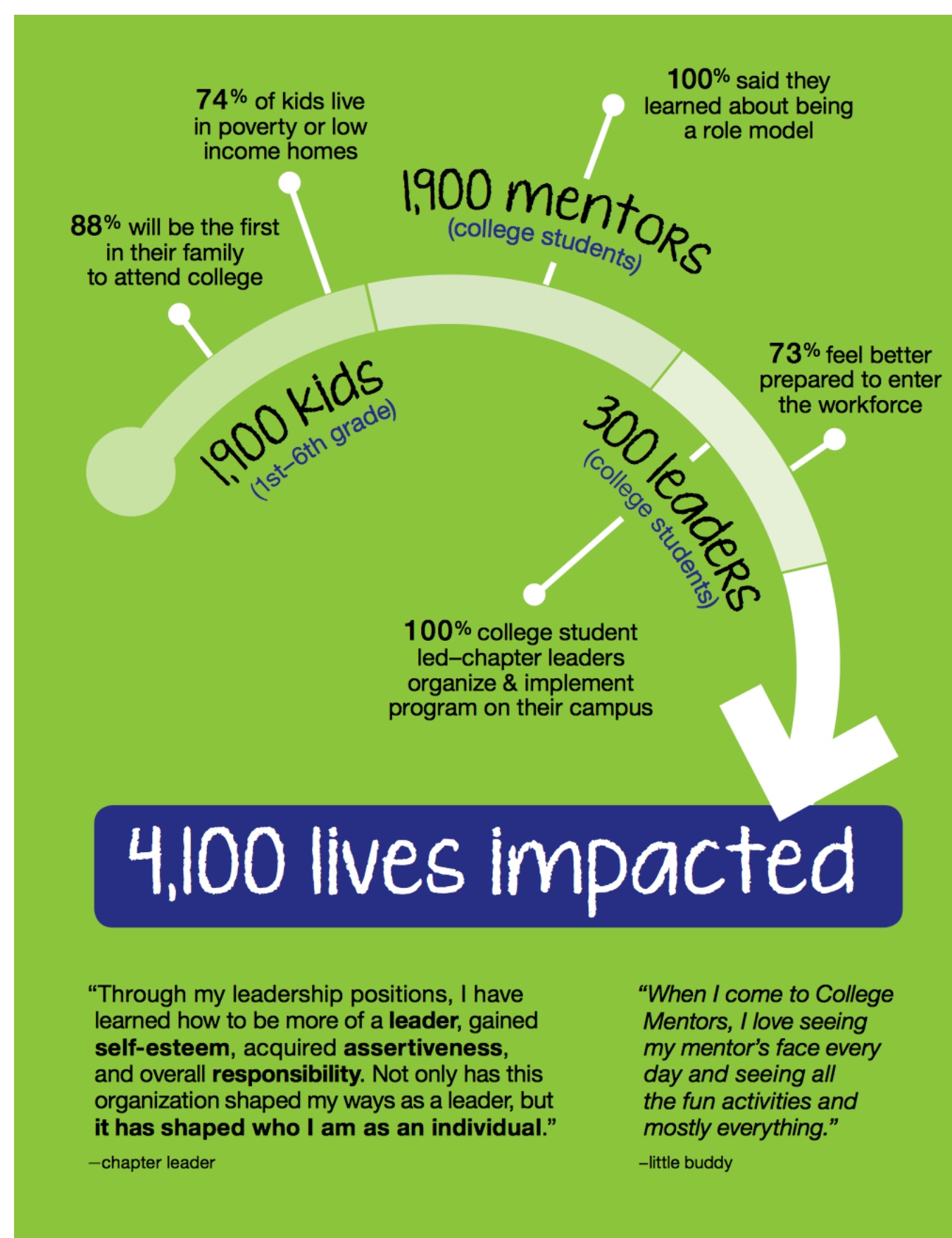
- Department of Physics
- Department of Chemistry
- Department of Neuroscience
- Katy's Kids and Poison Smart (College of Pharmacy)
- Smiles4Schools (College of Dentistry)
- OSU Police
- OSU Planetarium
- The Lantern
- Orton Geological Museum

We hire:

CABS (Campus Area Bus Service)

Community Partners Involved

- Linden STEM Academy
- Hamilton STEM Academy
- Windsor STEM Academy
- Weinland Park Elementary
- West Franklin Elementary



8/10 graduated high school; 85% did so in 4 years

The national graduation rate for low-income youth is 73.3% and for all students is 81.4% (Building a Grad Nation Report, 2016).

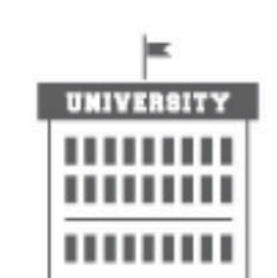


95% successfully avoided the justice system

The US Department of Health and Human Services reports that 20% of youth from low-income families are charged with an adult crime by the age of 24, higher than the number of youth from middle- and high-income families—16% and 12% respectively (2009).



98% said their mentors inspired them to succeed



3/4 followed the path to post-secondary education

In 2012, only 60.9% of recent low-income high school completers were enrolled in a 2- or 4-year college (National Center for Education Statistics).



100% said their mentor was a role model for them



2/3 reported volunteering for their communities

The volunteer rate among 20- to 24-year-olds is 18.7% (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2014).



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