

## Why are we doing this?

We want to see young people be successful in life, develop a positive God-centered world view, and become contributing citizens of our community. We believe that life is a shared journey—not an isolated path. We all need people to come alongside of us to help us find the way. **CHAMPS** will encourage us to take the journey together. We will match mature Christian adults with young people in the community to help them develop solid values for success (Developmental Assets).

The program doesn't require expert teachers. It's about people who care enough about youth to share their faith, their journey and their time. It's about being a person who will listen to the needs of youth and help them to find their own way. It's about investing your life experience in the next generation.

We'll help our mentors by providing ideas, materials, coaching, and special events. We'll also train them to get started and continue to grow their relationship with their new student friend. We will match them with a young person that they can positively mentor for a number of years.

This is the passion of the **CHAMPS** program. We desire to pass on life values and faith to young people in a way that will better their lives. This can be done through personal mentoring relationships that span the generations.

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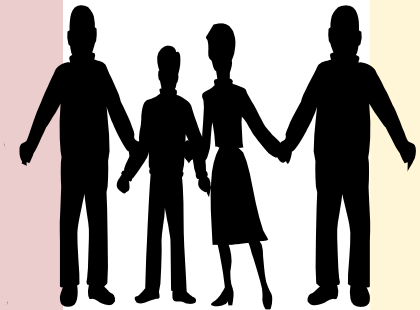
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# CHAMPS

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Schools



CHAMPS is a Faith-Based Initiative birthed from a mutual vision of local pastors and school leaders. It is an independent non-profit organization affiliated with mentoryouth.com and in conjunction with the US Department of Justice.

## Our Objective

CHAMPS is in the business of creating partnerships with area churches and schools, teachers, families, community organizations and other government agencies:

- To provide adult mentors from the faith community for interested young people in the schools of the South Kitsap area.
- To recruit, screen, train, and connect Christian adults with these students.
- To begin the mentoring process at the grade school level (with a focus on the sixth-grade) and have the adult/youth relationship be maintained through high school. We are willing to begin a mentoring relationship at any age that is requested.
- To use mentoring as an avenue to build character and life skills in the lives of SK young people in line with the goals of the Development Assets program.

## Our Organization

CHAMPS is an independent, faith based, non-profit program. We were birthed out of a dialogue between school leaders and local pastors and Christians leaders. The program is guided by an executive team under the leadership of Rick Best, a local businessman and pastor. An advisory group of SK pastors give support and direction to the project. For legal purposes, we operate under the umbrella of Youth With A Mission, a local non-profit organization. Our mentors come from various churches within the historical Christian mainstream. CHAMPS is completely voluntary.

### Q: What do we hope to accomplish?

**A:** Build *Developmental Assets* into the lives of our youth.

### Q: What are Developmental Assets?

The CHAMPS approach to mentoring and positive youth development is based on the Search Institute's Developmental Asset framework. Developmental Assets are 40 essential building blocks for the development of caring and responsible adults. These assets were established through research done with over 200,000 youth across the nation. Both the public and private sectors of our community have embraced this way of looking at youth development. Public schools, non profit social service agencies, faith communities and county government are committed to building assets in youth using this framework.

Developmental Assets clearly show that there is a need to build good character and practical life skills in young people through broad-based community participation. This approach is an affirmation that we need each other to support the next generation --including those in education, law enforcement, youth organizations, and the business and faith community. We will give extra focus on the following areas:

1. **The need for other adults as role models:** Assets 3 and 14 speak of a young person's need for adults other than parents that can be both a support and a role model for responsible behavior.
2. **The need for a religious community:** Asset 19 details the need for young people to be a part of a religious community. We can provide that link to a church of their choice.
3. **The need for character in the areas of caring, integrity, honesty, responsibility, and the resolution of conflict:** Assets 26, 28, 29, 30, and 36 speak to the need of these positive personal values. As a faith community, we place a high priority on character and have the background and experience to teach it to the next generation.
4. **The need for self-esteem, sense of purpose and a positive view of the future:** Assets 38, 39 and 40. We offer a world view that highlights our unique human design and provides hope for the future.

In partnership with area school, teachers, families, churches and governmental agencies, we will target young people that have a low number of Developmental Assets to encourage the full growth of their God-given potentials. We are uniquely positioned to contribute to the goals and outcomes of the Developmental Assets program because of our access to quality mentors who share its perspective.