

Collaborative Community: Teen Mentoring in Schools (South Cohort)

Presented By: **Meghan Cox & Caroline Gosling**

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Date(s) & Time(s)

September 16, 2020: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

October 23, 2020: 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

December 01, 2020: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

March 10, 2021: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

May 11, 2021: 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Venue:

Online -

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To be determined -

About the Session

Audience: Middle & High School Administrators, Educators and Counsellors are encouraged to attend.

Are you looking for a way to develop healthy relationships and leadership for your students? As we return to schools many students will be feeling disconnected and disengaged. Teen mentoring can help to create connections and has been shown to increase academic achievement and decrease unhealthy behaviours in both the 'mentor' and 'mentee'.

The objective of this Collaborative Community is to support regional and provincial networks of school-based mentoring educators and mentoring organisations and to provide the framework for a sustainable teen mentoring network.

For this purpose, supported by a 3 year grant from an anonymous donor in partnership with the Alberta Mentoring Partnership (AMP), AMP will offer the following opportunities to develop and strengthen teen mentoring in schools:

- A provincial webinar to launch the year in September
- October North and South virtual workshops
- North and South virtual workshops in November/December
- A provincial webinar in March
- North and South meetings in May (Face to Face if possible)

Participants are invited to register at any time and do not have to have attended previous webinars or workshops.

The September provincial webinar will include:

- A review of the Teen Mentoring Collaborative Community project
- Work done to date
- Mentor/mentee engagement
- Next steps/topics

Through ongoing engagement in the Collaborative Community, participants will come together to share their experiences, successes, challenges and recommendations in regards to school-based mentoring.

About the Presenter(s)

Meghan Cox, currently on secondment with Alberta Education, has worked for over twenty years to support schools in implementing welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe learning environments. In doing so, she has supported staff and worked with students with a broad range of needs, in a variety of roles including mentor, teacher, counsellor, coordinator, instructional coach, facilitator, and consultant from K-12 and division office. Mentorship has played a large part in this, focusing on relationships and connections, building resiliency and student success through a strength based approach. A significant part of this secondment role is supporting the Alberta Mentorship Partnership.

Caroline Gosling recently retired after 35 years as an educator with Edmonton Public Schools. During that time she taught at elementary, junior and senior high, was a behaviour consultant, a principal at a variety of schools and spent



time seconded to both Alberta Children's Services and Alberta Education. Here her work focused on supporting students and families who are vulnerable and creating welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments. During her last secondment Caroline's main area of focus was mentoring, including supporting the Alberta Mentoring Partnership and setting up a Corporate Mentoring initiative at Alberta Education. Caroline holds a Masters degree in Educational Leadership and more importantly is a mom and for the last six years, has been a Big Sister, learning about mentoring by 'doing'.

