

Parent Permission Letter JOLT PILOT PROJECT

Dear Parent,

Your child has been chosen to participate in the JOLT Mentoring Program offered through Blue Earth County Community Corrections and the Minnesota State University-Mankato school. In the program, your child will be matched with an adult volunteer mentor who will meet them. The volunteer may provide academic help and tutoring, career exploration assistance, emotional support and participate in social experiences, as well as act as an adult role model and source of friendship and encouragement. The activities between your child and the mentor will be closely monitored and structured by the Probation Agent in charge of the relationship. We feel that your child will greatly benefit from having another positive adult role model in their lives and hopes that the relationship will lead to increased academic performance, self-esteem, and emotional development.

The mentors that have volunteered for our program have been thoroughly screened and investigated by Blue Earth County Community Corrections and the school. We respect your role as a parent and will provide every opportunity for you to meet with the mentor and be involved in the development of their relationship.

As your child goes through the program, their probation agent will be monitoring the relationship between the mentor and your child and will be meeting with the mentor at least twice per month.

If you would like for your child to participate in the program, talk about it with them. If they are comfortable with the idea of having a mentor, please grant your permission by signing below. One of our Case Managers will soon be in contact with you about your child's new mentor.

Thank you for your time. We hope this program will be of great benefit to everyone involved.

Sincerely,

I give permission for my child, _____, to participate in the JOLT mentoring program. I understand the nature and rules of the school's mentoring efforts and reserve the right to withdraw from the program at any time.

(Parent/Guardian)

(Date)