



U.S. Department of Education Awards \$201,450 grant to Waterford School District for Mentoring Program

October 20, 2004, Waterford, Mich. - The U.S. Department of Education announced that the Waterford School District, in conjunction with Waterford Coalition for Youth, has been awarded a three-year mentoring grant totaling \$201,450. This grant will target 25 at-risk students at each middle school, 75 students total, and match them with high school students, college students, and adults.

Mentors and students will meet one day a week for homework time and structured activities with the goal of improving academic achievement, attendance, and behavior of these students. This program also contains a strong parent communication component in an effort to improve interpersonal relationships between targeted children and their peers, teachers, other adults, and family members, work to reduce the dropout rate of at-risk children, and to reduce juvenile delinquency.

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