***CASA Youth Mentors Must:***

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* Be at least 25 years of age\*
* Reside in the service area
* Relate to and respect people from various backgrounds (economic, cultural and educational)
* Have basic computer literacy (word processing, internet search and email)
* Have mature judgment, self-motivation, and time management skills
* Able to support youth safety and well-being including being positive adult role models who:
  + Hold clean criminal histories including having never been accused, arrested, charged, or convicted of child abuse or molestation or convicted of a felony
  + Abstain from illicit drug use
  + Abstain from excessive or inappropriate alcohol or controlled substances use
  + Are not currently in treatment for substance misuse
  + Are not currently in treatment or hospitalized for mental health reasons in the past three years
* Willing to abide by program policies and procedures including:
  + Complete the screening procedure which includes signing a release of information for criminal, National Sex Offender Registry and Central Registry (CPS) checks, and providing verification of social security number and fingerprints for the National FBI criminal search
  + Commit to a minimum of one year of service (longer commitment preferred) interacting face-to-face at least four hours/month an average of four times/month with mentees
  + Support youth-directed goal setting and achievement
  + Submit complete Monthly Activity Reports by established deadlines
  + Act as mandatory reporters of suspected abuse or neglect (training provided)
  + Maintain confidential information
* Have access to an automobile and hold a valid driver’s license, auto insurance, and a clean driving record
* Transport mentees as needed

Applicants who meet the requirements complete pre-service training before being matched with their mentees.

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\*Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis for applicants at least 22 years old.