



Christian Association of Youth Mentoring

Advancing Christian Mentoring...
"One Kid at a Time"

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A message from the Executive Director

Allow me to utilize this first edition of *Christian Mentoring Today* to tell you something about the **Christian Association of Youth Mentoring**; who we are and what our mission and purpose is. Perhaps our mission statement says it best, we seek to: "impact vulnerable youth with the love of Jesus Christ by equipping and supporting Christ-centered mentoring ministries."

Stated further, our goal is to:

- Communicate God's heart for the fatherless.
- Train churches and ministries to start and run safe and effective mentoring ministries.
- Provide ideas, materials and workshops that strengthen both established and emerging ministries.
- Assist in creating a sense of "community" among Christian mentoring ministries throughout North America.

For the association to fully answer God's call to labor in this harvest field of the fatherless, it is essential that existing Christian mentoring ministries claim a sense of ownership in the organization. By having the CAYM serve as a "clearinghouse" for the sharing of ideas and resources, we all grow in our effectiveness. "A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle."

For Developing Ministries we are here to assist you with such things as:

- Cost savings on securing 501(c)3 designation and mentor background checks
- Staff training materials
- Promotional materials
- Training videos

For Established Ministries seeking to expand or refine procedures there is assistance in:

- Staff procurement and training
- Resource development planning
- Improved church recruitment

For the well established **Ambassador Ministries** with long tested systems and procedures in place, the CAYM provides a vehicle to join with other Christian leaders in sharing ideas and challenges, thereby creating an increased sense of "community" and excellence in ministering God's love and truth on this mission field of the fatherless.



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Training Events

February 10-11, 2006
Advanced Training
Long Island, NY

March 2-4, 2006
Basic Training
Avon, CT

March 16-18, 2006
Basic Training
Santa Anna, CA

April 6-8, 2006
Basic Training
New York

May 18-20, 2006
Basic Training
Naperville, IL

For further details
visit our website:
www.caym.org



Christian Mentoring Institute Update

What do you get when you add called people, time-tested principles and a passion for serving the Lord? Great ministry. That is what we're seeing as faithful people start mentoring ministries across the country.

The Christian Mentoring Institute will increase the events and diversify the locations this year as we seek to help churches and ministries develop safe and effective mentoring outreaches to at-risk youth and their families. Southern California, New England, Chicago, New York and Washington DC are just a few of the regions where we will hold training events. These events are hosted by regional or national ministries with whom we hope to develop long-term cooperative partnerships.

CMI serves as the training arm of the Christian Association of Youth Mentoring. Working together, we strive to train new ministries, provide materials and consulting and act as a "clearinghouse" for ministries to share ideas. Our commitment to you is long-term. The most significant development is that through all of our efforts hurting kids and their families are being reached through mentoring relationships with caring Christians. Hundreds of youth are experiencing the hope of Christ through the lives and words of faithful believers because of the faithful efforts of those who have gone through CMI training.

Please join us in praying for the youth, mentors and leaders -- those who are currently active and those who will follow the call this year -- as God works in and through them. Our vision is that over the next few years we will speak in terms of "thousands" of youth.

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