



CAYM Quality Assurance Program

Christian Association of Youth Mentoring



Mentoring Ministry brings the most honor to God and has the most positive impact its participants when it is done in a safe, effective, and sustainable manner. High standards of practice must exist for this type of ministry to occur. Since its inception in 2005 CAYM has been using standards that are in line with nationally accepted best practices. These “Best Practices” are guidelines for mentoring ministries; that when followed allow a ministry to stay focused on the objective of providing safe, effective, and sustainable mentoring to youth. This mentoring honors God, is Christ-Centered, and Church-Driven.

The “CAYM Quality Assurance Program” (QA) exists to ensure that ministries trained and supported by CAYM hold to these high standards in the areas of: Design and Program Elements. When a ministry receives the Quality Assurance Seal of Approval it can have the assurance that its participants are enrolled in a safe, effective, and sustainable ministry.

QA has set benchmarks, that when attained will earn a ministry the respect of its peers. That ministry will join an elite group of mentoring ministries whose shared expertise and knowledge will strengthen mentoring in churches for years to come.

QA will:

- Help your ministry maintain consistent and high standards among mentoring ministries.
- Help assure the safety of all the ministry participants by reviewing program practices
- Increase community confidence in your program by having your practices reviewed by a national program.
- Increase the visibility of Christian Mentoring in the church and the community at large that will result in more children and youth matched with faithful caring adults.
- Lend credibility to the Christian Mentoring Movement nationally.
- Create a clearing-house for mentoring knowledge and practice. FFAP members will learn from each other and the greater mentoring world will benefit.

Through QA CAYM can also:

- Provide ministries with a structure that will maximize effectiveness.
- Equip ministries with the systems required to sustain mentoring matches and the ministry for the years to come.

The Quality Assurance Program looks at the ministry:

QA will evaluate for all ministries

▪ Program Elements

- Mentor and mentee recruitment
- Mentor and mentee screening
- Mentor Training/Curriculum Review
- Matching Process
- Match Support
- Coaching process
- Match Recognition
- Match Closure
- Safeguarding of Information
- Leadership Team Development

QA can also review

▪ Design Elements

- Mission & Vision
- Strategic Plan
- Community Engagement Plan
- Nonprofit Documentation*
- Funding Model*

*These items reviewed for Nonprofit Para-church Organizations only