

Imagine standing at a crossroads unable to decide on which path to take. Often, we want to choose the path of least resistance, though that path may leave one feeling unfulfilled and usually regretful. Too many young students stand at these very crossroads every day. Whether deciding on a path of violence or peace, pressure or confidence, mediocrity or education; they face challenging decisions that when faced alone can lead to destructive adult lives.

Now, imagine being a student in Operation Jump Start (OJS), with the same pressures and fears, but now you have a mentor at your side. Mentors fully support students in choosing a path of peace, confidence and education. ***Though such a path may have its challenges, students wholeheartedly believe they can venture upon it, because they are not making this decision alone.*** Our mentors truly make a difference in the lives of young students.

Becoming a mentor in OJS changes students' lives; so if you've ever considered changing someone's life, the time to decide is NOW. ***Decide to become a mentor with Operation Jump Start TODAY!*** OJS currently has many academically driven and exceptionally deserving mentees (soon to be first-generation college students) waiting to be matched with their mentor! Last year, OJS sent 100% of its program graduates to four-year universities!

Mentors are required to spend only 6-8 hours per month with their students. They must be at least 24 years old and college educated. It's easy to apply! Call OJS now **(562-988-2131)** and someone from our case management team would be more than happy to help you begin this once and a lifetime journey as a much needed MENTOR!