



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND MENTORS

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Bewhoyouwanna be (Be) hosts events that bring successful individuals from various fields into neighborhoods where hope and inspiration are hard to come by. During the events, students are given the opportunity to pair with a career mentor from a profession that is of interest to the child. This one-on-one interaction is the start of an extended relationship designed to show children there is more within their grasp than the life of a dropout. It also gives children insight into their desired profession, the tools they will need to become successful and the reason why staying in school is not an option, but a requirement.

CAREER MENTORS

- All Career Mentors will be required to sign a release waiver form and will be subject to background checks.
 - Career Mentors will act as volunteer career advisors to assist children who are interested in learning more about their career choices.
 - Career Mentors will only meet with groups of children at **Be** events and planned meetings.
 - Career Mentors may not meet with children in a one-on-one situation.
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CHILD PARTICIPATION

Each child who wishes to participate in **Be** activities shall receive a consent form that requires a parent (or legal guardian) signature before the child will be allowed to participate in the activities.

Volunteers

All **Be** volunteers will be asked to sign a release waiver.

Website

The **Be** website will be a forum to learn about various career options and will also act as a conduit for children to connect with other agencies. Any third party web links will have to be pre-approved by the **Be** committee and may be removed at the sole discretion of the committee.