

Mentorship to Reduce Poverty

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In 2003, B.C.'s Capital Region's Quality of Life CHALLENGE convened a Mentorship Task Force to explore the role of mentoring in moving people out of poverty. The Task Force held a visioning session, which identified the need for an umbrella mentorship organization to support existing programs in the Region.



Established in 2005, this new organization, Mentorship Victoria, focuses on sharing information with member groups, organizing training and raising public awareness of the value of mentorship.

Just six months after the first training sponsored by Mentorship Victoria, five of the seven participating agencies reported improvements in their mentorship programs. One agency stated that the training had helped them to better match mentors and clients, resulting in three clients securing employment.

Building an effective mentoring relationship can be time-consuming, but evidence shows that positive effects on both the mentors and those mentored endure long after the relationship ended.



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