Our Company

MENTOR California is an Affiliate of MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership, the unifying champion of youth mentoring across the United States. MENTOR California has a mission to increase both the quality and quantity of youth mentoring in California and close the mentoring gap for the one in three youth growing up without a mentor outside of their family.

As we fulfill our work, MENTOR California seeks to create a culture of thriving for the state’s young people, one caring relationship at a time. Building this culture through our values will allow us to invest in our community in a way that allows all members of the mentoring community to feel inspired for change, ignited for our youth and informed by our work.

Through our capacity building and advocacy efforts, we envision a time when mentoring is an on-going and central part of state discussions related to youth and is adopted in all school wide, community based and statewide strategic plans. We are working to ensure that all young people have someone they can call a mentor.
Meet the team

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Affiliate Data and Analysis Manager

Marcus Strother
Executive Director

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Director of Impact & Learning
Meet Our Board

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MENTOR CALIFORNIA BY THE NUMBERS

MENTORING CONNECTOR
Over 2500 + inquiries from prospective mentors to California mentoring programs.

FEEDBACK SURVEY
92.7% of training participants say they would attend another MENTOR California training.

MENTORING CONNECTOR
307 California based mentoring programs listed in the Mentoring Connector.

STATE OF MENTORING
100 + Mentors and Mentees participated in our State of Mentoring Research Project across all 5 regions of California.
State of Mentoring Report

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The Milestones

Technical Assistance
MENTOR California did 111 hours of technical assistance with 6 different California Mentoring Programs.

Girls of Color
We hosted over 75 Girls and Women at the Youth Power Hub for our first Mentoring Girls of Color Restoration Retreat. We also hosted a 3 day training of 38 Women of Color on what it means to Mentor Black and Brown Girls.

UC Davis School of Medicine
We supported the design of a new mentoring program for the School of Medicine. This body of work included multiple meetings, training support for mentors and mentees and an amazing opening kick off banquet during National Mentoring Month,
MENTOR California is now the official trainer for the mentoring program @ UC Dominguez Hills.

MENTOR California designed a new mentoring program for the Golden State Warriors. This program was delivered at MyClymonds High School which is the Alma Mater of Bill Russell. Bill Russell is a former NBA player and founding board member for MENTOR National.

For National Mentoring Month, the Sacramento Kings partnered with UC Davis School of Management to deliver a mentoring program in partnership with a community based program called Improve Your Tomorrow. MENTOR California led all the training for this work.
The Milestones

**SCOIE Pipeline Program**
MENTOR California trained 150 high school youth in Sacramento County on Peer Mentoring and Support. These students were all paid $1000 stipend for their participation.

**COACH by CareerVillage.org**
MENTOR California joined on as an inaugural partner with CareerVillage.org to help launch COACH, a AI Career COACH created to support youth in workforce development and career coaching.

**National Mentoring Month**
MENTOR California hosted National Mentoring Month events, recorded new videos from GSW players and took our 2 youth board members to present on Capitol Hill and at the National Mentoring Summit in Washington D.C.
Voices from the Field

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