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**Kansas Announced Winner in the
4th Annual Coaches' Mentoring Challenge!**
*Over 5,000 new mentors sign up to make a difference in the lives of young
people in Kansas!*

TOPEKA, KS –December 5, 2011– Coach Bill Snyder, co-chair of Kansas Mentors, announced Kansas as the champion of the 4th Annual Coaches' Mentoring Challenge – recruiting over 5,000 new mentors for youth in Kansas.

The intent of the Coaches' Mentoring Challenge is to promote and encourage Kansans to become a mentor, amongst the spirit of the college football season and neighborly state competition. This year not only marks the most new mentors recruited by Kansas (5,269), but also an expansion of the Challenge, to include Iowa helping to raise awareness across the Midwest.

In total, close to 10,000 new mentors were recruited across Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa - helping to close the mentoring gap in all three states. Kansas was announced the overall winner during the Kansas State-Iowa State football game on Saturday.

“Mentoring is a cost-effective and proven intervention that gives communities and individuals a way to support their young people,” Snyder said. “I want to thank the thousands of mentors that signed up to become a mentor and also the mentoring programs that work tirelessly to serve our youth.”

Kansas Mentors, Kansas' coordinator of the Challenge, is partnered with more than 175 mentoring programs throughout the state. To view a list of programs or to sign up to mentor, visit the Kansas Mentors website at www.kansasmentors.org or call 785-296-8447.

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