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**Kansas Mentors Awards \$10,000 in Mini-Grant Funding**  
*Mentoring programs awarded funding as part of the annual Coaches' Challenge.*

Fourteen mentoring programs across the state of Kansas were awarded mini-grant funding totaling \$10,000, for the recruitment and retention of mentors. This mini-grant funding is part of the annual Coaches' Challenge, a campaign started by Coaches Bill Snyder and Tom Osborne in an effort to connect more youth to mentors.

"Both on and off the football field, caring role models are making a tremendous difference in the lives of our young people," Snyder said. "That is what I ask every Kansan to join me in the Coaches' Challenge by signing up to mentor a young person today."

The 2014 Coaches' Challenge runs from August 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> with final results being released during the first week in December. The goal this year is to rally 15,000 new mentors.

"By connecting young people with caring adults we provide them with a powerful asset to achieve success in all aspects of their lives," said Cheri Faunce, Director of Kansas Mentors. "One out of every three youth will grow up without a mentor in their lives. Our goal with the Coaches' Challenge, and this funding opportunity, is to decrease that number."

Currently there are thousands of young Kansans, especially young males, in need of a caring role model. In as little as an hour a week, an individual can offer the support and guidance these young people need to succeed.

To find out more or join the Coaches' Challenge, contact Kansas Mentors: 785-368-6211, [mentor@ksde.org](mailto:mentor@ksde.org), [www.KansasMentors.org](http://www.KansasMentors.org).

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>PROGRAM NAME</b>	<b>COUNTY SERVED</b>
Anthony-Harper USD 361	Runner Buddies	Harper County
Basehor-Linwood USD 458	Basehor-Linwood Mentors and CareCats	Leavenworth County
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Flint Hills	Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Flint Hills	Chase, Coffey, Lyon & Morris Counties
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Crawford County	Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters	Crawford County
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Douglas County	Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters	Douglas County
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Franklin County	Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters	Franklin County



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