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**The Value Of Mentoring Our Keiki**

As a full time tutor and teacher, I have found that making sure children have a positive mentor is just as important as keeping them on track academically.  We have all heard that *it takes a village to raise a child* and that little phrase is spot-on!

**Who can mentor your child?**

A coach, a family member, a neighbor, teacher, or a family friend.

**What is the need?**

Growing up is challenging and children face many first-time hurdles as they develop, from learning how to read, to navigating friendships, failure, emotional development and physical changes. It’s a lot more than we as adults can remember. Keiki need all the help and support that they can get.

**Benefits:**

A good role model, who spends one-on-one time with your child allows them to feel significant and important by others in their environment. Caregivers can provide this, however a mentor outside of the parent dynamic shows children that they have even more support and love. It gives them more comfort and validation during these critical years of their lives.

\*builds self-esteem

\*creates positive social skill development

\*builds healthy relationships with other adults and peers

\*gives the child a sense of reassurance

\*teaches children how to set boundaries

\*leads to better academic performance

\*less likely to make poor lifestyle & academic choices

This big world can be a lot for our little ones to handle.  It is easy for them to feel overwhelmed, scared, and distracted. Finding an additional mentor to spend time with your little one is a super special way for our keiki to grow and thrive and face these challenges with the comfort, confidence, and security that they deserve.

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