

Goals of THE ROCK

Are to reduce criminal involvement and drug/alcohol involvement of foster youth, juvenile justice involved youth, and community at-risk youth targeted by GATEWAY.

Identified Risk-Factors

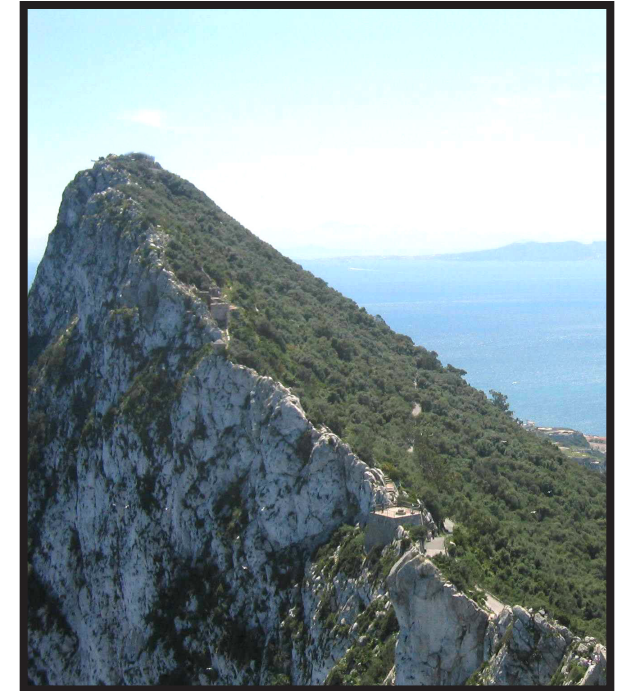
1. Youth susceptibility to alcohol and drugs heightening the possibility of hurtful and/or criminal behavior.
2. Youth who have few opportunities for engaging in prosocial, drug-free delinquency recreation activities are more likely to become involved in nonpurposeful acts, crime and delinquency. The ROCK mentoring Program addressed the need for drug-free support, leisure/active recreation activities and spiritual guidance.

ISSUES OUR YOUTH AND YOU MIGHT FACE...

- No parental involvement (especially of the Father).
- Mom or Dad (brothers or sisters) in jail.
- Past or current sexual and/or physical abuse in the home.
- Unrecognized learning disabilities.
- Youth struggle with depression, and/or other emotional and psychological issues sometimes not identified.
- Friends in gangs, abusing or selling drugs, and involved in other criminal activities such as graffiti art.
- Youth may play a large role in taking care of younger siblings, even at a young age.
- Apathy related to his/her disbelief that the future might have opportunity (school, career, etc.)

THE ROCK

RECLAIMING OUR COMMUNITY'S KIDS



“...Faith based infusion into the world of community based mentors working with at-risk populations.”

A Program of GATEWAY Youth and Family Services

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Becoming A Big Part Of THE ROCK

As a trained volunteer mentor you can help provide drug-free support activities and optional faith-based community involvement for targeted youth. The ROCK is equipped to address the need for drug-free support and activities by providing training for the ROCK volunteer mentors, along with on-going oversight and support.

Changes in risk/protective factors can produce decreased drug/alcohol involvement, decreased delinquent activities, and increased life management and purpose in the youth, all resulting from your volunteer mentor relationship.

Your Piece of THE ROCK Volunteer Mentor Commitment

To YOUTH:

- Call, write/e-mail, and/or visit once a week for one year.
- Always follow-through with your commitments to the youth.
- Relate to the youth's parent(s) and or guardian(s). Put their mind at ease and always get permission for things you and the youth do together.
- Pray for your youth.

To THE ROCK:

- Be accountable for requested documentation.
- Initiate calls whenever there is a problem or a question.
- Attend fellowships, in-service trainings, or scheduled activities.
- Tell others about what you are doing, and about THE ROCK.

To SELF:

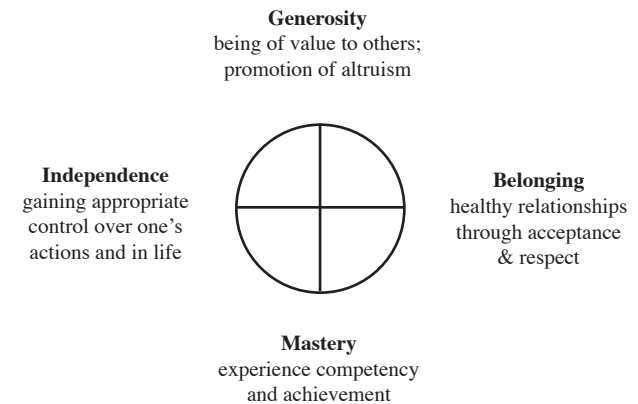
- Find spiritual and emotional nurturance.
- Pace yourself and be prepared for let down. We are working with struggling youth. Their poor choices are not your fault.
- Pray for wisdom and for God's intervention in your mentoring relationship.

To GOD:

- To whom much is given, much is required. Allow God to use you as a vessel of love to these kids.
- Let God teach you about patience, long-suffering, and grace.
- Essentially, be who God created you to be — yourself.

Mission Statement

To provide an outreach program that promotes "Reclaiming Environments" that enhance the development of youth through the provision of volunteer mentor-based role models.



Circle of Courage

Program Philosophy

To build positive character in youth, to impact change in the context of relationship, to provide linkages to various community resources, and to provide spiritual guidance.