



## SILVER LINING MENTORING INSTITUTE

[Silver Lining Mentoring](#) (SLM) empowers youth to thrive through committed mentoring relationships and life skills development. We're taking our 20 years of direct mentoring experience for youth in foster care in Greater Boston to scale at the national level.

Through the Silver Lining Institute, we're equipping mentoring programs and state agencies with best practices while advocating for a future where mentorship is available to all youth in foster care.

## WHAT THE SILVER LINING MENTORING INSTITUTE DOES



### Training and Technical Assistance

Grounded in the *Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring* and SLM's 20 years of experience, the Institute provides training and consulting in best practices and serves as a strategic partner to organizations providing mentoring services to youth in foster care.



### Policy and Systems Change

The Institute works with service providers, government agencies, and policymakers to ensure systemic supports for youth are strengths-based, trauma-informed, and effective toward improving the well-being of youth impacted by foster care.



### Inspiring Allies

The Institute contributes to public awareness and education about youth who have experienced trauma and family disruption. The Institute seeks to grow a movement community members who will lend their skills as volunteer mentors and supporters.

## EXAMPLES OF TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES



### Mentor Training

The Institute will review your program's existing mentor training and make recommendations about curriculum content, activities, and training format that will prepare mentors to be responsive to the needs of youth in foster care.



### Mentor Recruitment and Screening

The Institute will learn about your current mentor recruitment and screening efforts and recommend formats, tools, and approaches to effectively attract and retain mentors in line with your program's youth population.



### Staff Training

Experienced curriculum developers and dynamic facilitators, our staff brings trauma-informed, population-specific knowledge to design custom, interactive trainings for mentoring program staff to build your organization's capacity in topics such as building diversity, equity and inclusion practices, utilizing youth voice, etc.

*Need a partner on something else? Get in touch!*

## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN WORKING WITH THE INSTITUTE



- You'll have a dedicated consultant working with you from start to finish.
- During initial calls, we will discuss your needs and questions to develop a custom scope of work.
- Projects can last anywhere from a few weeks to six months or more, depending on your organization's needs.

## TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Receive no-cost assistance from the Silver Lining Mentoring Institute through our partnership with the National Mentoring Resource Center.

To get started, submit an inquiry at [silverliningmentoring.org/institute-technical-help-forms](https://silverliningmentoring.org/institute-technical-help-forms) and we'll help walk you through the process of accessing no cost support for your mentoring program.

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